

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
29th November 2007 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Auger, Baxter, Blessett (Chairman), Broughton, Dilks, Lindsfors-Windsor, Parr, Stevens, Neal, Pelling, Walsham, Wallis, and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

Open Forum

PCSO Chris Clarke attended together with two members of the public and a member of the press. SKDC Officers attended and left after item 4. Concerns were raised regarding the continuing anti-social behaviour problems experienced by residents in the footpath from Spalding to Millfield Road. (Min 99/7.1a) Mr Prentice updated the PC on the skip facility usage and ongoing matters with LCC. (Min 99/07.3)

- 88/07 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllrs Barber (holiday), Helyar (sick) and Shinkins (work)
- 89/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**
Cllr Pelling, 10.2, Payment to A&M Print, Personal.
Cllrs Stevens & Neal 9.2, Planning Applicant known, Personal.
- 90/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th October 2007.**
It was proposed by Cllr Augar, seconded by Cllr Wallis and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.
- 91/07 To receive an update from the Deepings Leisure Centre Management. (Min 152/07)**
Sharon Haythorne and Paul Stokes confirmed the significant improvements in management and facilities that had been made at the leisure centre over the last six months to bring the centre up to the required standard. The inspection process was clarified. The tendering process for the new management contract was explained and it was confirmed that the contract was for a fifteen year period which would hopefully commit major investment. The decision would be know by March 2008. It was agreed to provide the PC with visitor statistics and consideration for future promotion of the facilities would be given together with setting up a new user group panel which the PC asked to be part of to ensure more local accountability. Cllr Pelling proposed that we now be supportive of the work in progress and look to the future. It was agreed that the officers would be invited back in another six months for a further update and discussion.
- 92/07 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke**
PCSO Clarke confirmed that the Shop Watch radio system was up and running which had already resulted in a penalty notice being issued and one arrest. Speed checks were ongoing in Broadgate Lane. Large groups on the Thacker's Way open space were still being monitored and although alcohol was not thought to be an issue, the group were being very noisy. It was confirmed by Councillors that cans, bottles and broken glass were an ongoing problem in this area.
- 93/07 To receive the Clerks Report:**
- Community**
The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had visits from PC Capp & the PCSO. There have been two reports of fly tipping, untidy wheelie bins and a missing road sign. The CCTV camera in Thacker's Way is due to be installed shortly and a letter has been written to SKDC regarding the link. The bins are being installed at Ryecroft Avenue, Thacker's Way and near the footpath on the Spalding Road. Both Insurance issues are still ongoing. The last grass cut has now been done, and all the benches are being painted, and equipment serviced.
- Allotments**
All Plots have now been allocated. There are now 14 people on the waiting list from MD. The quote to lay the chipping to construct a road is ongoing. All the spring bulbs have now been planted in the Millennium Wood.
- Cemetery**
The decision about the Red Cedar is still outstanding. The Clerk has met with community team and planned future work. We have had three funerals this month.
- Youth & Community**
The grant has been received from SKDC for the Youth Shelter. Wickstead Leisure will be submitting the third quote for the proposed Multi Activity Centre. Boundary repair/ land

ownership issue still ongoing on Rugby Field area. Confirmation now received from LCC and meeting with SKDC shortly. Meeting with Madcaps regarding the 2008 Play scheme at Linchfield School has full support as an extended schools organiser has been recruited. Clarification from Deeping School regarding future leisure plans. Mr Beckett suggested he hosted a meeting at the school with DSJPC, MDTC, Youth Centre and United Charities for an exchange of ideas for ongoing youth projects and future aspirations received the full support of the PC and Cllr Walsham was nominated to represent the PC.

Transport

All three schools are delighted with Slap its, excellent take up and it was agreed to repeat the order to fill the demand. Very pleased PCSO attended with me and will be participating in campaign. Deepings School very keen on working in partnership with "Too Young to Die" campaign. Brake has confirmed trainer and proposed date is 21st April 12-5pm. One of the panels in the Horsegate Bus Shelter was smashed and has been repaired together with a bus timetable board in Broadgate.

94/07 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

The sandbags are still outstanding and PPC have not replied to our concerns about the lack of signage for the 7.5 ton weight limit on the bridge. These issues will be chased again.

95/07 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting:

1. Copies of the correspondence from MDTC and Delaine Buses were circulated for information and this was referred to the next Transport Committee for further discussion.
2. Cllr Stevens agreed to attend the Priory Church on Sunday 23rd December 2-4pm.
3. Cllr Wallis agreed to complete the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Risk Management Plan and report back to Council at their meeting on 03.01.08.
4. Cllr Walsham agreed to attend the presentation in the sports hall at the Deepings School on 18th December at 7pm. Cllr Wallis agreed to attend the Christmas Concert on 4th December at 7pm and Cllr Stevens would attend the Carol Concert in the Priory Church on 17th December at 7pm. Cllr Blessett would attend the Rotary Club Christmas Concert at the Deepings Leisure Centre on 8th December at 7pm.
5. It was agreed to promote the SKDC energy efficiency programme and the Lincolnshire assembly promotion in the newsletter.

96/07 To consider planning related issues:

1. **To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 22nd November and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 1.**

Enc 1

It was agreed to endorse the Planning Committees recommendations. Clarification was given on planning decisions.

2. To consider planning applications received since:

S07/1534/25	Mr G Smith Land Adjacent to 10 Broadgate Lane Deeping St James	Erection of dwelling APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
S07/1567/25	Mr & Mrs Wilde 106 Swift Close Deeping St James	First floor extension to dwelling APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
S07/1586/25	Mr P Savage 65 Froggnall Deeping St James	Conversion of garage, barn and outbuilding to 3 dwellings OBJECTION OVER INTENSIFICATION OF SITE AND UNNECESSARY CHANGE OF CHARACTER

97/07 To consider financial matters:

1. **To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 22nd November 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 2 to this document.**

Enc 2

Due to the sensitivity of the Private and Confidential nature of this report it was proposed by Cllr Pelling and unanimously agreed to refer this item to the end of the meeting and to exclude the public and press.

2. To approve Accounts for Payment as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix three to this document.

Enc 3

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Stevens and unanimously agreed that the accounts be paid.

3. To consider any further requests for the forthcoming budget setting.

None.

98/07 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:

1. To receive the minutes of the Transport Committee held on the 8th November 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 4 to this document.

Enc 4

Cllr Pelling has once again observed parking obstruction in Linchfield Road and had taken photographs. It was unanimously agreed to reinvestigate the parking issue.

Enc 5

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein.

2. To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on the 8th November 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 5 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Auger and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein.

99/07 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:

1. To Feedback on Working Parties and confirm dates for forthcoming meetings:

a. Footpaths (Cllr Pelling)

It was agreed that Cllr Pelling would organise another working party meeting to expedite measures to resolve the situation. It was confirmed that the land owner of the land between the bowling club and Charities Orchard had not been traced after many enquiries and investigations were still ongoing. PCSO Chris Clarke confirmed that he regularly visited the area and had not witnessed any problems. The resident was given mobile telephone contact numbers to ease contact with the Police. Cllr Walsham agreed to contact the Head teacher at the Deepings School regarding lunch time patrols.

b. Manor Court (Clerk)

It was confirmed that the design and costing had gone to an outside company and Anthony Hardy had agreed that they would be made available at our meeting on 03.01.08. If the consultation was agreed, work would then start in March to fit in with expenditure in this financial year.

c. WREN (Clerk)

The Clerk confirmed that the second working party would take place on 4th December. The group were sharing the work and were on track to submit the application in April as planned.

d. Play Scheme (Clerk)

An update on this item was presented in the Clerks report.

2.To report on the Community Panel Meeting on 29.10.07 (Cllr Wallis)

Cllr Wallis updated the PC on the ongoing anti-social behaviour problems in the area. A request had been made to support the "Archer Survey" campaign that the Police were proposing and this was transferred to the Transport Committee for further discussion. It was confirmed that warnings can now be issued by the PCSO for speed offences.

3. To report on the Deepings Recycling Centre. (Cllr Dilks)

Cllr Dilks had been in contact with LCC regarding the withdrawal of payments for recycling credits and confirmed how disgusted he was that a small business could be treated in this way. It was unanimously agreed to write to the LCC Chief Executive to express the concerns of the PC and copy the responsible officers into the correspondence.

4. To report on the DMP meeting 05.11.07. (Cllr Blessett)

Cllr Blessett confirmed that the new web site was now up and running. The PC was thanked for their comments on the recent consultation. The Blue lights on the roundabout had now been replaced with white lights.

5. To consider adding "Environment" as a key project area to the Deepings Community Plan. (Cllr Baxter)

Cllr Baxter brought to the attention of the Council, that although the DMP has an Environment and Communication sub committee, the environment was not mentioned in the plan. It was therefore unanimously agreed to put forward a proposal to the Deepings Management Partnership to consider adding "Environment" as a key project to the Deepings Community Plan.

6. To report back on the Remembrance Gardens Ceremonies (Cllrs Baxter & Blessett)

Cllrs Baxter and Blessett were delighted with the attendance, organisation and arrangements

for the ceremonies and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to MDTC. Discontent was expressed at the vast amount of lighting and advertising now dominating the Seafare premises. This was considered to be totally inappropriate in this setting. It was proposed by Cllr Dilks and seconded by Cllr Stevens that a letter should be sent to the owners requesting some reduction in the signage.

7. To report back on the Town & Parishes Conference 08.11.07(Cllr Baxter)

Cllr Baxter reported that he had enjoyed the conference and two main issues were discussed. It was noted that the Lincolnshire Police were set to be the worst funded police authority in the country. Cllr Dilks volunteered to obtain the appropriate information for discussion on 03.01.08. Presentations on the environment included the new Caythorpe recycling facility. In accordance with Standing Order 1d It was unanimously agreed to extend the meeting to 10.15 in order to conclude the business set out in the agenda.

9. To discuss arrangements for the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church.

Councillors were asked to contribute recycled decorations to Cllr Stevens before 15th December and Cllr Neal offered to help Cllr Stevens with the Christmas tree.

10. To discuss the content of the Winter edition of the Newsletter.

It was agreed that the content of the Winter Newsletter would include the following items:

Before and After pictures of the work in the cemetery
Results of the Pride in our Community Campaign
Slat Its and children on bikes
"Brake" Campaign
Proposed multi-activity centre with picture
Topple testing notice
Articles from the correspondence on the Lincolnshire Assembly and efficiency.
Recycling
Leisure Centre

In accordance with Standing Order 63, it was proposed by Cllr Pelling and unanimously agreed that in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings Act) 1960 the public and press be excluded for the meeting during the following item of business due to the confidential nature.

100/07 To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 22nd November 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 2 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Dilks, seconded by Cllr Augar and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to appoint Mt Chris Cottee from Tax Assist Accountants to give help and advice throughout the year and to review the accounting records prepared for audit. It was also agreed to accept all the proposals put forward in the private and confidential report attached to this document.

101/07 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Badges would be an Agenda Item for the next meeting.
It was reported that a street lamp was out in Hereward Way
The Clerk was asked to contact Persimmon regarding an update on the trees & hedges
Cllr Dilks would report on proposals for the small road works project

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 6th December 2007 6.30pm Finance & General Purposes Committee in the Parish Office to make recommendations to set the 2008-9 Precept

Thursday 20th December 2007 7.00 Planning Committee in the Parish Office

Thursday 3rd January 2008 7.30 December Council Meeting at The Institute

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
3rd January 2008