

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
3rd January 2008 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

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

Open Forum

PCSO Karen Dobson attended and one member of the public who asked for clarification on the Manor Way landscaping project.

- 102/08 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllr Auger (sick) Cllr Dilks did not attend. PCSO Chris Clarke (holiday) and Lincs Free Press.
- 103/08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**
Cllr Pelling, 9.2, Payment to A&M Print, Personal.
- 104/08 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th November 2007.**
It was proposed by Cllr Broughton, seconded by Cllr Baxter and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.
- 105/08 To receive a report from PCSO Karen Dobson**
PCSO Dobson gave a comprehensive report and confirmed that anti-social behaviour problems included plant pot damage, car racing in the leisure centre car park, and an incident in the Spalding Road/Millfield Road footpath which an officer attended. It was recommended by PC Capp that the resident of number 22 put anti-graffiti paint on his fence to prevent it being used as a seat by local youths. Three ASBO's had been issued, and PCSO Dobson informed the Council that the Data Protection Act prevented the culprits being named. An arrest had been made after a high value metal burglary. A list of business addresses and contacts was requested by Monday, and the PCSO was referred to the DMP. It was confirmed that PCSO Karen Dobson has replaced Helen Hibbitt and that Karen works with PCSO Clarke covering the two parishes working between 8am-10pm Monday to Friday and 9am-6pm at weekends.
- 106/08 To receive the Clerks Report.**
Community
Reports of fly tipping have increased, and SKDC have been very busy. Complaints have been received regarding Mr Prentice now having to charge for recycling of some items. Mr Prentice has now received a letter from LCC which was circulated to members. We are still waiting for a reply to our letter and the Clerk was asked to invite Cllr Strange and representatives from LCC/SKDC and MDTC to attend the end of January meeting when this will be an Agenda Item. The Clerk was asked to ensure the Frognall to Ryecroft footpath was litter picked. New arrangements with the maintenance operative have now been confirmed and will commence in April.
The waste transfer note which is a legal requirement for commercial waste has been completed and returned. The CCTV should be installed at any time.
Finance
Accounts have been signed off. Quarterly return for HM Custom & Exercise is complete. Hall Meadow Estate Annual Return has been submitted on line and all the new Councillors are now registered.
Both insurance claims have now been settled, and Tom Clare has started to make the new sign.
Cemetery
There were 3 funerals in December.
Met with Melvyn Crooks who does not feel it necessary to prune the Red Cedar, and has confirmed that it is very healthy.
Allotments, Footpath & Open Spaces
Mowing/strimming equipment is being serviced.
All the allotment plots are now allocated.
Transport
Attended an "Arrive Alive" presentation at Deepings School as part of the road safety initiative. "Too Young to Die" training to take place on Monday 21st April 12.00 -5pm is now confirmed
Youth & Community
The application for funding for the two additional pieces of equipment in the skate park have been successful and thanks to Cllr Helyar for attending the meeting next Tuesday.

The Thacker's Way Goal Posts are on order with SKDC.
 The WREN working party has now met twice, and all the quotes for the multi activity centre have been received.

107/08 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 another letter has been sent to PPC about our concerns about the lack of signage for the 7.5 ton weight limit on the bridge. The newsletter is still outstanding and Cllr Stevens and the Clerk will do this as soon as the work load allows. A response to our letter to SKDC about financial help with the CCTV installation is still outstanding. SKDC had refused to help with the repair of boundary fences at the rugby field site and the Clerk confirmed that she had already written to LCC as the tenant and requested a site meeting, and his will also be an agenda item for the next meeting. The community meeting at Deepings School is still to be organised.
 PCSO Dobson left the meeting at 8.10pm

108/08 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting:

1. Cllrs Wallis, Stevens, Pelling, Baxter, Neal, Broughton and Lindfors-Windsor agreed to attend the Deepings Local Forum at Tallington Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 14th January 2008.
2. LCC Grant Aid application pack has been received and this was referred to the Youth & Community Committee for further discussion.
3. It was agreed that Cllrs Pelling and Wallis would attend the Finance Seminar at Rippingale Village Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2008 at 7pm.
4. It was agreed that the timings for the South Kesteven Assembly should have alternating arrangements, and therefore have a degree of flexibility to suit all attendees. (e.g. Mon-Fri, Sat, day or evening meetings) It was also confirmed local meetings are best.
5. A survey had been received from LCC regarding the Parish Council views on council tax and public services. The Parish Council agreed that they do like to be consulted but they did not feel the format of a choice of three option tick boxes was a genuine or useful consultation.

109/08 To consider planning related issues:

1. **To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th December and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 2.**

It was agreed to endorse the Planning Committees recommendations

2. **To consider planning applications received since:**

SO7/1638/25	Mr Butler The Boundary Fish Bar 62-64 High Street Market Deeping	Advertisement Consent OBJECTION
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The Parish Council were very unhappy with the increased signage at the Boundary Fish Bar. The existing signage, especially the neon lighting, is already felt to be an intrusion in a rural location adjacent to the Peace Memorial Garden. Cllr Barber agreed to take photographs showing the environmental impact to send in with the objection. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Butler expressing our concerns.

110/08 To consider financial matters:

1. **To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 6th and 20th December 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 3 to this document.**

Cllr Pelling explained the formation of the proposed budget figures for the precept. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling seconded by Cllr Shinkins and unanimously agreed to accept the committee's recommendations and to set a precept of **£90,352 for 2008/9.**

2. **To approve Accounts for Payment as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 4 to this document.**

It was proposed by Cllr Baxter, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and unanimously agreed that the accounts be paid.

3. **To consider and agree the annual donation to the Royal British Legion wreath.**

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and unanimously agreed to make a donation of £50.

4. **To consider Grant Aid Applications as per the attached schedule at Appendix 5 to**

this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Shinkins and the majority agreed to give grant assistance to Joshua Bishop (£200) and the Deepings Lions Club (£600). The Clerk was asked to write to the Deepings Lions to confirm that we would like to support them in a positive way and help publicise the event. Concerns were expressed that the route of the Carnival and the location was mainly in Market Deeping, although local parish groups did benefit from the fundraising.

5. To consider Badges of Office for the Clerk and Councillors.

It was agreed that Cllr Stevens would consider suitable name badges for Councillors to a value of £200 and this would be reported back at the next meeting.

111/08 To discuss the design and costing for the Manor Court refurbishment.

Deferred to next meeting.

112/08 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:

1. To Feedback on Working Parties:

a. Footpaths 19.12.07

Cllr Pelling reported on the outcome of the recent meeting and It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Walsham and unanimously agreed that the following recommendations be actioned as soon as possible:

- To ask LCC to repair the boundary fences
- To install a staggered barrier at the Millfield Road end of the path
- To litter pick regularly
- To remove graffiti
- To write to Mr Alan
- To encourage the police and school to continue observation of the area

113/08 1. To receive feedback on the Christmas activities attended (Cllrs Blessett, Stevens, Neal, Walsham and Wallis.

All the events were well attended and received by Councillors who were very impressed by the content of the various Christmas events.

2. To report back on the Fire & Rescue Risk Management Plan

Cllr Wallis confirmed that a different standard currently applied to rural and non rural areas, 79% of fires were attended within ten minutes. By further investment of £630,000 and the appointment of further fire fighters it was agreed to support the proposed adoption of a new standard across Lincolnshire for 80% of fires to be attended in ten minutes.

3. To receive a report from Cllr Dilks on the small road works project.

Deferred to next meeting.

114/08 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Cllr Neal asked for the Leisure Centre to be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Stevens asked that we consider the facilities available in DSJ to reconfirm areas of need and it was agreed to discuss this at the March meeting.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday 8th January 2008 9.30am WREN Working Party in the Clerk's Office

Thursday 10th January 2008 6.30pm Allotments Committee in the Meeting Room

Thursday 10th January 2008 7.15pm Youth & Community Committee in the Meeting Room

Thursday 24th January 2008 7.00pm Planning Committee in the Clerk's Office

Thursday 31st January 2008 7.30 Council Meeting in the Meeting Room

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
3^{1st} January 2008