

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
28th February 2008 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Auger, Barber, Blessett (Chairman), Baxter, Lindsfors-Windsor, Parr, Shinkins, Wallis, and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

Open Forum

PCSO Karen Dobson attended with one member of the press.

- 131/08 To receive apologies for absence.**
Cllrs Pelling and Stevens (Holiday), Dilks and Broughton (work), Neal and Walsham (personal) Cllr Helyar did not attend.
- 132/08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**
None
- 133/08 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st January 2008.**
It was proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Lindsfors-Windsor and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.
- 134/08 To discuss the Deepings Recycling Centre issue (meeting 20.02.08 Cllr Blessett).**
It was proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Barber and carried that under Standing Order 22d, the order of business be changed to permit Agenda Item 4 to be discussed at the end of the meeting due to its sensitive nature with a member of the press still present.
- 135/08 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke (Five minutes.)**
PCSO Karen Dobson gave a comprehensive report on the recent incidents and successful arrests in the village and the success of the Shop Watch scheme. It was confirmed that the anti social behaviour on the Thacker's Way open space was ongoing. There had also been incidents of stone throwing at Woody Heights which has been addressed by PCSO Clarke. Cllr Wallis requested that a statistical comparison over a two year period be provided in the future to assess the success of different schemes.
- 136/08 To receive the Clerks Report.**
Community
It was reported that the mess left by contractors in Spalding Road had been reported to the SK inspector who had visited the Persimmon site manager. Also complaints about pathway 10 to Frognall regarding tipping of rubble and obstruction, and pruned branches on the verges in the Spalding Road. Footpath 8 Church Walk reported and now cleaned. Request has been made to slurry the pathway.
Complaint about speed and dangerous driving in Station

Road, confirmed that this is a 60mph area.
More sand delivered, asked SK to remove it.
Station Road, Custom Road signs damaged and reported.
PCSO concerned about lighting at Manor Court and reported this to Mark Haynes at SK CCTV.
Now compiled a list of shops and businesses in the village.
SKDC have held their hands up regarding ownership of the boundary fences.
Matthew Wilson is back at work. Jason Hall has transferred to another department and Anthony Hardy is leaving.
The Mobile home in the fields at Hall Meadow Road has now been reported to Building Control.

Cemetery

Cemetery Hedge has been trimmed and burnt hedge removed and replanted. Met with Community Team who will be watering the trees weekly. They are levelling the graves. Topple testing complete, and Hatchers expected to carry out repairs next week.

Met with the new Probation Manager, Nigel Harris.

There have been two funerals this month.

Complaint about Red Cedar again from resident.

Youth & Community

Met with representatives from Russell Leisure and Wicksteed. Russell Leisure agreed to move the existing equipment within their existing quotes. SKDC want us to sign a contract regarding the forthcoming funding from the BLF and return it by 10th March. It was clarified that SKDC would not be responsible for funding in the unlikely event of the BLF withdrawing funds. **It was then proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Barber, and agreed unanimously to sign and return the document.**

Telephoned Youth Centre and spoke to Paul Hanson. Centre running at half capacity due to staff shortages, hence no publicity. **It was agreed to make contact with the Youth provider to discuss the shortfall in funding. Cllr Shinkins agreed to talk with the United Charities.** It was noted that the programme run at the Open Door Church provided an excellent facility.

WREN group met twice and submission on target.

Cllr Parr has identified the preferred additional equipment for Woody Heights, and quotes will be received shortly.

Allotments

Padlock stolen and new one purchased with new combination.

The road has been laid at the allotment site. Additional chippings will be needed.

- 137/08 **To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**
None.
- 138/08 **To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 1 to this document.**
- 139/08 **To consider planning related issues:**

140/08 **1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 21st February and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 2**

141/08 **2. To consider planning applications received since:**

SO8/0170/25	Mr D Rickard 19Hereward Way Deeping St James	Single storey rear extension APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
S08/0164/25	Mr C Marriner 16 Locks Close Deeping St James	Single storey rear extension APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
SO8/0172/25	Mr S Andrews 10 Spalding Road Deeping St James	Demolition of bungalow & erection of dwelling OBJECTION RECOMMENDED DUE TO BEING PROUD OF THE CURRENT BUILDING LINE
SO8/0167/25	Peterborough Homes Ltd Land at 49 Bridge Street Deeping St James	Erection of 8 apartments APPROVAL RECOMMENDED

142/08 **To consider financial matters:**

1. To approve Accounts for Payment as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 3 to this document.

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

2. To agree the contribution of the Employer Pension Fund Contribution Rates.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the employer pension fund contribution for the next three years at the reduced rate of 19.3%.

143/08 **To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**

1. To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 7th February 2008 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 4 to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Barber, seconded by Cllr Baxter and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that repairs identified in the recent topple testing be carried out as soon as possible within the agreed budgets. Expenditure is approved for repairs to the fence at £140, and the trimming of the hedge and replanting of bushes up to an agreed cost of £500. Additional plots for ashes have also been identified. It was agreed to bring the

- cemetery fly tipping to the attention of the SKDC Officers for appropriate action.
- 144/08 **To discuss the design and costing for the Manor Court refurbishment.**
It was reported that Anthony Hardy is leaving SKDC and this item was referred for the third time.
- 145/08 **To nominate a Flood Warden at the EA's request and to also participate in the Automatic Flood Warning Service.**
Contact is to be made with Flood Warden Peter Bayliss to confirm new arrangements.
- 146/08 **To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:**
- 1. To receive a report from Cllr Pelling on the Natural England Seminar attended on 07.02.08.**
Referred to March.
 - 2. To report on the Deepings Community Youth Meeting On 25.02.08 (Cllrs Shinkins & Walsham)**
A report was not available.
 - 3. To dissolve the Youth Council and recover the funds. (Cllr Shinkins)**
It was proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Barber and unanimously agreed to disband the Youth Council and transfer half of the funds to the Youth and Community Committee. It was noted that the Rotary Club had confirmed they did not want any monies returned and that MDTC had agreed this motion at their meeting last week.
- 149/08 **To discuss the Deepings Recycling Centre issue (meeting 20.02.08 Cllr Blessett).**
It was proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Barber and unanimously agreed to resolve under Standing Order 62, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960, the public and press should be temporarily excluded from the meeting in the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. There were no public present, and the member of the press left the meeting.
A Private and Confidential Document is attached at Appendix 5 to this report.
- 150/08 **Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.**
PC Prize for Youth & Community referred to May meeting.
- FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**
- Tuesday 4th March 2008 9.30am WREN Working Party in the Clerk's Office**
- Thursday 6th March 2008 6.30pm Transport Committee in the Clerk's Office**
- Thursday 6th March 2008 7.00pm Finance & General Purposes Committee in the Clerk's Office**
- Thursday 20th March 2008 7.00pm Planning Committee in the Clerks Office**
- Thursday 27th March 2008 7.30 Council Meeting in the Meeting Room**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
27th March 2008