

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
27th March 2008 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

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

Open Forum

There was no requirement to have an Open Forum.

151/08 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Wallis (personal) Cllrs Walsham & Dilks did not attend. Cllr Shinkins arrived at 7.50pm with apologies (work) Cllr Augar gave apologies and left the meeting at 9pm.

152/08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Pelling 9.1 162 Accounts
Cllr Blessett 9.2 Personal
Cllr Shinkins 8.2 and 9.7 Personal

153/08 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th February 2008.

It was proposed by Cllr Augar, seconded by Cllr Helyar and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.

154/08 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke (Five minutes.)

PCSO Karen Dobson attended on behalf of PCSO Clarke who was on holiday. PCSO Dobson gave an overview of the incidents in the village over the last month which included an attempted burglary, vandalism, problems with parking in Linchfield Road and anti social behaviour notices. Cllr Parr was asked to send the Clerk details of the over weight heavy goods vehicle that was witnessed damaging the bridge.

**155/08 To receive the Clerks Report.
Youth & Community**

A large part of the work this month has been to write a Business Plan, complete the application form and gather all the evidence for the submission to WREN. The WREN Working Party has had three additional meetings in the last month, and the submission for funding for the Multi Activity Ball Area was made by Special Delivery on 25.03.08. The outcome will be known by the end of June.

Consequently, the application for a Capital Grant from LCC will now be made in August for play equipment for younger children. Meetings have been held with contractors and the quotes have been received from four companies for the identified equipment. Unfortunately the earth bund at Woody Heights will need extensive amounts of ground work to achieve the correct angle before embankment slides or climbing ramps can be considered and this has been referred back to the Youth & Community Committee.

The installation of the additional skate park equipment is due to go ahead in April.

Community

The Bus Shelter in Thacker's Way has been vandalised on four occasions, has been reported to the police, and will be an insurance claim estimated at about £600 worth of damage.

Cemetery

Thanks have been received from a visitor to the cemetery regarding the excellent condition and improvement of the area over the last year. The grass has been cut for the first time this season. The Community Team are helping the contractor to remove all of the green waste, and I have met with them again and passed on our thanks. Two site meetings have taken place with the contractor and the Topple Testing is now complete. There has been one funeral this month.

Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces

At the AA's request, I wrote to them asking tenants not to park on the roads. The submission has been made to LCC for £680 under the Parish Paths scheme for work during 2007-8, and also proposed work for the forthcoming year.

156/08 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Stevens expressed her anger at the build up of litter in the dyke opposite the new development in the Spalding Road, footpath number 10 which still had builders rubbish dumped on it, and litter in Hards Lane. It was confirmed that despite continuous complaints to the principal authorities, these areas had still not been cleared. Cllrs Blessett, Helyar and the Clerk agreed to meet at 9am on 28.03.08 to agree immediate action to resolve the problems.

A letter has been sent to the Performance Improvement Manager at Central Networks regarding the electricity supply in Station Road.

PCC have confirmed that they will be looking at improving the weight limit signs in Deeping St James Road in the new financial year.

Mr Peter Bayliss has confirmed that he is happy to continue to be a Flood Warden for the village and to receive the messages from the automatic flood warning system.

The proposed Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed.

Cllr Shinkins left the room for two minutes at 8am to take a telephone call.

157/08 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.

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158/08 To consider planning related issues:

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

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2. To consider planning applications received since:

SO8/0301/25	F&H Allen Ltd Rectory Farm Spalding Road Deeping St James	Agricultural storage building APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
SO8/0302/25	Mr A Flood 16 The Lees Deeping St James	First floor extension over garage, pitched roof to existing single storey rear extension and porch to front entrance door. It was proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Neal that the over intensification of the plot as it is a linked building would become disproportionate on the street scene. Three were in favour of the objection, and there were three abstentions therefore the motion was carried. OBJECTION RECOMMENDED

159/08 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 Barber, seconded by Cllr Shinkins and unanimously agreed that the accounts be paid.

2. To consider Grants:

As there was £1000 left in the budget for this financial year, it was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Barber and carried that the following clubs would each receive £250.00 and be invited to apply again at a later date. It was suggested that the Junior Tang Soo Do members approached the United Charities for further funding.

**Junior Tang Soo Do
Deepings Tennis Club
Deepings Arts Festival
Phoenix Junior Netball Club**

3. To agree expenditure for Badges of Office.

The Clerk was asked to obtain an additional badge with "Parish Councillor" on, and it was then agreed unanimously to pay an additional £200 for the artwork and the broaches.

4. To consider quotes and agree expenditure for a long armed hedge trimmer.

Cllr Stevens commented that other areas of work e.g. litter picking needed to be improved prior to any additional work being taken on. It was agreed to continue to use contractors and the purchase of a hedge trimmer was deferred.

5. To consider quotes and agree expenditure for a lap-top.

Five quotes had been obtained all with a similar specification and it was unanimously agreed to spend £400 on a lap top. It was noted that there would be additional costs for setting up and soft ware.

6. To consider expenditure for the Annual Parish Meeting on May 8th.

It was agreed to allow £150.00 for expenses for the Parish Meeting which

Enc 3

would include a ½ page advert in the Advertiser.

7. To consider expenditure for the Annual Parish Walks.

It was agreed to allow £90 for refreshments for the Annual Parish Walks.

160/08 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:

1. To receive the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 6th March 2008 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 4 to this document.

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It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that the Council continues to bank with Barclays and that the recognised earmarked funds be transferred to the next financial year to allow projects to be completed being £10,000 for Manor Court and £200 for the Too Young to Die Campaign.

It was noted that Cllr Auger was waiting for confirmation on the implementation of the Manor Court project subject to a restructure of the department. The Clerk confirmed that she was in touch with another officer as there were still several items outstanding. Cllr Auger then gave apologies and left the meeting at 9pm

2. To receive the minutes of the Transport Committee held on 6th March 2008 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 5 to this document.

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It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that Cllr Neal, Wallis and Baxter would attend the "Too Young to Die" initiative. It was also recommended that MDTC be asked to consider our observations together with the possibility of walking buses through in the future during a road closure. Cllr Baxter asked for it to be noted that Delaine Buses offered an excellent service. Due to the recent complaint received from a resident about lack of access, Cllr Lindfors-Windsor confirmed that she had been able to gain access on her mobility scooter at the Ryecroft Avenue shops. It was also agreed to promote the Voluntary Car Scheme in the forthcoming newsletter and Cllr Pelling agreed to write the article.

161/08 To discuss the Deepings Recycling Centre.

It was proposed by Cllr Blessett and unanimously agreed to continue the service for a further six month period once PLI for 5million was confirmed. Due to the recent increases in land fill tax and due to the precept already being set the contribution was agreed at £100 per week. This would be reconsidered in six months time subject to budget availability.

162/08 To discuss the design and costing for the Manor Court refurbishment.

It was agreed that the Clerk would talk to SKDC before the next meeting to clarify the situation.

163/08 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.

Cllr Pelling confirmed that the seminar had been excellent and would be of great use in matters of biodiversity when considering planning applications. An information pack was available.

2. To receive a report from Cllr Blessett on the Deepings Management Partnership meeting on 11.03.08.

Cllr Blessett confirmed that John Lawrence of Deepings Travel was now Chairman on a trial basis. The funding of the DMP had been confirmed at £15,000 for the forthcoming year. SKDC had appointed a post holder

specifically for Section 106 monies as previous funds had not all been allocated. It was agreed that the Planning Committee would consider this at their next meeting. The Business Club has launched a "Deepings Green Campaign".

164/08 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Cllr Broughton commented that he was surprised there was not a footpath at the new Persimmon development.

Cllr Barber confirmed that Leisure Connections have been given the contract for a further six month period.

Cllr Stevens asked for this to be an agenda item for the next meeting and would approach Sharron Haythorne for an update. The Clerk confirmed that the six monthly meeting would be in June.

Cllr Pelling gave apologies for the next Planning meeting as he would be on holiday.

Cllr Neal gave her apologies for the Allotments meeting and agreed to meet the Clerk on site beforehand.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 3rd April 2008 6.00pm Allotment, Footpaths & Open Spaces Committee meet at the allotments.

Thursday 3rd April 2008 7.00pm Youth & Community Committee meet at Woody Heights.

Thursday 17th April 2008 7.00pm Planning Committee in the Clerks Office

Thursday 24th April 2008 7.30 Council Meeting in the Meeting Room

Cllr J Blessett

24th April 2008