

**DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**25<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

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

**Open Forum**

An open forum did not take place.

**AGENDA**

- 80. To receive apologies for absence.**  
Cllrs Auger and Broughton (personal), Barber, Shinkins, and Parr (Holiday)
- 81. To receive declarations of interest, if any.**  
Cllr Pelling, Personal, Accounts 89/08 103 and 106
- 82. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 attached at Appendix 1 to this document.**  
It was proposed by Cllr Barber, seconded by Cllr Broughton and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted and the Chairman duly signed them.
- 83. To sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct for new member.**  
The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct was signed by Cllr Miss Katherine Moore.
- 84. To receive the Clerks Report.**  
**Community**  
The Manor Court project is on hold for the moment after the tragic death of the project manager's partner, condolences have been sent. More complaints continue to be received regarding the unacceptable ongoing anti-social behaviour on this site, and another to complain about the litter. There have been various reports of problems with street lights, at The Cross, Manor Court, Church Walk and in Frognall which have all been reported to LCC. The missing sign in Hall Meadow Road has not been stolen, and has been removed by LCC for refurbishment. Church Street and Hereward Way was closed off on Monday morning as there was a body found in the river. The mobile home in Frognall has been reported to the SKDC enforcement officer.
- Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces**  
The Allotment renewal went out on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and only about half of the rents have been received. Only one Plot has been re-allocated so far, even though tenants were asked to consider giving up half of their plot. The waiting list is now over 40 again as requests continue to be received. The padlock has had to be replaced on the gate again, and there have been more reports of the theft of vegetables. A complaint had been received regarding a stock pile of stones on the allotment for the roadway laying which has now been moved, and the road will be laid shortly.
- Finance and General Purposes Committee**  
The PAT testing has recently been conducted in the Institute, and new windows are due to be installed next week. I will therefore be working from home on Monday and Tuesday.

Clement Keys the external auditor has passed our accounts which will be discussed at F&GP next week. The legally required Closure of Audit notice has been displayed. The United Charities have asked us not to display our Agendas in the window any more. The bank is balanced to the end of August and the back up of all computer files is complete.

**Cemetery**

A complaint has been received regarding the location of the earth that was removed from a recent new grave. This is usually distributed around the old cemetery, and a new location will now be found to store the earth. The cemetery is in very good condition at the moment, and the community team continue to visit alternate weeks. There have been three interments and one burial in the last month. The Council approved the marking out of ten more plots for the interment of ashes pending confirmation at the next Cemetery Meeting on 16.10.08.

**Youth and Community**

Further complaints have been received about anti-social behaviour and this has been reported to the police. The annual ROSPA inspection has also been conducted, and will be reported to the next committee. The Spring Mobile Scramble Bike has been received and in storage.

- 85. To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

The meeting has been confirmed at the CCTV Centre at the SKDC offices in Grantham on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Members who showed an interest in attending are Cllrs Blessett, Barber, Broughton, Dilks, Stevens, Shinkins, Lindfors-Windsor and Wallis. Cllr Barber responded to SKDC's Market Service Review on behalf of the Council. A response from SKDC regarding our request for activities at the Leisure Centre during the holiday period is still outstanding. Comments are still outstanding from the Deepings Club for the Visually Impaired regarding access to our quarterly newsletter in other formats. LCC are still trying to confirm the land owner regarding the encroachment on Church Street. The maintenance operative has trimmed the vegetation back to allow access along the pavement. Quotes still need to be obtained for the design and layout for future newsletters and the flyer, and Cllr Stevens and the Clerk need to agree a working programme. The payee for the agreed £50 donation for the footpaths group is still to be confirmed. Cllr Neal reported back on the proposed changes for the East Midlands Regional Plan

- 86. To receive a report from Cllr Auger on SKDC issues.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Auger.

- 87. To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 2 to this document.**

- 88. To consider planning related issues:**

The Planning meeting did not take place as there was not a quorum.

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

SO8/0939/25	Branch Bros 106 Bridge Street Deeping St James	Erection of storage racking
SO8/1057/25	29 Park Road Deeping St James	Erection of dwelling

2. Letter from SKDC regarding application S08/0780/25, land off Stephens Way, to be taken to Development Control Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> September as requested by Cllr Auger.

- 89. To consider financial matters:**

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

Cllr Barber proposed that the accounts be paid; this was seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and agreed unanimously.

**2. To consider Grant Applications.**

**90. To consider the adoption of the Public Pay Phone.**

The application to English Heritage to list the K6 red telephone kiosk in Church Street is a lengthy affair. The main principles of consideration are its age and rarity, the architectural and historic interest, close historical and architectural associations and national or local interest. An application will not be considered in time, as BT will start to remove telephone kiosks in October.

However, in response to public demand the new BT initiative allows communities, where the usage of a public payphone is limited (7 calls were made from this kiosk last year), the opportunity to take ownership of the red telephone box free of charge, ensuring the kiosk, minus the payphone equipment, is retained in situ for generations to come. The application must be made on line by 1st October. Any applications received after this date will be rejected as arrangements will already be in hand to remove kiosks.

The Clerk reported that in view of the Council's previous comments, in consultation with the chairman, and due to the short timescales, an application has been made to BT to request the adoption of the red K6 telephone kiosk in Church Street.

If successful, as already previously discussed, the cleaning and maintenance can be included in the bus shelter schedule.

**91. To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:**

- 1. To report on the "Citizens Awards" Working Party. (Min 50.08.3 - Cllrs Baxter and Stevens)**
- 2. To report on the Footpaths Working Party. (Cllr Parr)**
- 3. To report on the Deepings Management Partnership meeting 08.09.08 (Cllr Baxter)**
- 4. To report on the "Car Club" Working Party on 18.09.08 (Cllr Baxter)**
- 5. To report on the Neighbourhood Group meeting 16.09.08 (Cllr Lindfors-Windsor)**

**93. Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.**

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 at 6pm Transport Committee in the Meeting Room (Precept)**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 at 6.45pm Finance & General Purposes Committee in the Meeting Room**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 6pm Allotments Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee in the Parish Office**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 6.45pm Youth & Community Committee in the Parish Office (Precept)**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 7pm Planning Committee in the Parish Office**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 7.30 Council Meeting in the Meeting Room**