

DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Mrs Sheila Kostyrka

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18th December 2008 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Barber, Baxter, Blessett (Chairman), Broughton, Dilks, Lindfors-Windsor, Moore, Neal, Parr, Pelling, Stevens, and PCSO Karen Dobson.

Open Forum

An Open Forum was not held. In the absence of the Clerk, it was agreed that Cllr Judy Stevens would take the minutes.

122. To receive apologies for absence.

PCSO Chris Clarke, Parish Clerk, Mrs S. Kostyrka (personal) Cllrs: Kate Shinkins Work), Stuart Wallis, (personal). Cllrs Auger and Helyar did not attend.

123. To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Pelling, (personal) Item 131.1.13 Finance

124. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th November 2008.

It was proposed by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor seconded by Cllr Neal and carried unanimously that the minutes be approved and they were signed by the Chairman.

125. To receive the Clerks Report.

Maintenance Operative off sick since 08.12.08, hopes to return 21.12.08

Community

Veolia - Cllr Blessett explained that having previously agreed to take mixed waste, Veolia were more not prepared to do so and it was being stored by the Maintenance Worker, while the Clerk looks for a new contractor. The previously used contractor had now gone out of business. The position with regard to dog waste and South Kesteven District Council should once again be explored.

Manor Court - It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should take on the Project Management and that in the New Year the Manor Court Working Party should be reconvened and new tenders sought.

Three incidences of fly tipping reported to SKDC.

Delivery of Newsletter will be made before Christmas

SKDC will approve our adoption of the BT box and it was agreed to go ahead.

Youth & Community

We have been successful with our application to the Welland Community Fund and have been awarded matched funding of £5,000 towards the fencing for the MAGA.

An investigation into other funding is ongoing.

Cemetery

There have been two burials this month.

Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces

The application to the Parish Paths Scheme for the balance of our funding has been made. An application has also been submitted for 2009-10 including a request for 50% towards the cost of cutting the river bank. Bulbs have been purchased and planting has started along the verges. LCC Highways have now cleared the footpath opposite number 82 Bridge Street. The maps for the footpath closures have been displayed as requested.

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Finance

The quarterly VAT claim has been paid. The bank is balanced to the end of November. The newly appointed bookkeeper is very pleased to accept the position and a trial run will take place in February.

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

To agree to contact BT regarding the restricted Broadband provision due to the exchange still not being upgraded. (Cllr Stevens Min 120.1/08) deferred

Communities & Local Government Consultation (Cllr Blessett Min 115.1/08) deferred

It was clarified that the Council meeting in the November part of the Year Planner should be 26th November 2009.

The meeting with the Leisure Connection Area Manager, Cllrs Pelling & Stevens and a Leisure Centre Trustee has been convened in January. Cllr Stevens reported that progress in relation to the female wet changing room floors and a broken window had been made since her visit in November. Cllr Barber welcomed the appointment of Rachel Fox as Manager as she was an 'old friend' of the Leisure Centre and very enthusiastic.

Cllr Baxter reported that the Changing Rooms at the All-Weather pitch, under the care of the Leisure Centre are in a disgusting state because of children playing in them when they are left unlocked. This had been reported to the Manager but should form part of the discussions in January.

127. To receive a report from PCSO Karen Dobson.

PCSO Karen Dobson reported that a new PCSO, Rachel Last, has been appointed to take over from Sue Burnett who has moved away from the area. She has taken up her appointment with great gusto and already issued 6 unacceptable behaviour notices to youths at the sports centre and approached their parents to contribute to the repair of damage.

There will be a property marking session at Market Deeping Police Station on December 29/30.

It was reported that there were 10 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported in the last month. There were no reports in the usual 'hot spots' as the colder weather seemed to be keeping the perpetrators indoors.

Although unable to attend this meeting PCSO Chris Clarke passed on his thanks for the Council's support over the last year and wished everyone the compliments of the season.

128. To receive a report from Cllr Auger on SKDC issues.

There was no report as Cllr Auger did not attend the meeting.

129. To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the schedule at Appendix 1

Item 2 Training Day - it was agreed to book a place for Cllr Moore and the new Chairman to be advised.

Item 4 It was confirmed that the definitive consultation document for South Holland, Rutland and South Kesteven will be sent out in the summer of 2009.

Item 8 Lincs Police - it was agreed to ask the Police to request a grant in the normal way.

Item 10 SKDC Forum - it was agreed that Cllrs Stevens, Baxter and Neal attend and following advice received at the recent SKDC Open Day at Bourne that a number of matters be requested to be placed on the agenda :

1. Planning and why more attention is not given to the Parish Council's views. Cllr Blessett to provide correspondence to support this ongoing dialogue.

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2. Why is SKDC not more responsive to the Parish Council?
3. How does SKDC propose to help small businesses in the light of the current economic circumstances and are there any plans to examine business rates?
4. Regarding Concessionary Bus Fares - SKDC were looking at extending the same to offering the concession before 9.30 am in line with other areas in the County, what have they concluded?

130. To consider planning related issues:

A planning meeting was not held.

1. To consider planning applications received since:

	SO8/1303/25	Mr C Harrison 49 Bridge Street Deeping St James	Erection of 4 antenna on 2 poles APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
	SO8/1290/25	Mrs L Griffiths 54 Crowson Way Deeping St James	Erection of single storey rear extension APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
	SO8/1252/25	Mr N Scimeca R/O 145 Eastgate Deeping St James	Erection of dwelling and detached double garage OBJECTION RECOMMENDED as unanimously considered to be an over development of the plot.
	SO8/1313/25	Mr J Linkhorn 58 Burchnall Close Deeping St James	Erection of two storey side extension & garage OBJECTION RECOMMENDED as it was unanimously considered that the extension was out of keeping with the rest of the estate and the double garage at the front of the property especially so.

The Appeal SO8/0119/25 for planning permission to extend the opening hours of the hairdressing salon at 53, Frognall has been dismissed.

Planning Permission has been granted on the following applications: PC APPROVED

SO8/1157/25 20 Spalding Road, erection of two storey rear extension

SO8/1147/25 14 Locks Close, first floor extension over garage.

131. To consider financial matters:

1. To approve Accounts for Payment as per the attached schedule attached at

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Appendix 2 to this document.

It was noted by Cllr Pelling that the BT bill appeared to be large if it was for a quarter and whether another supplier could charge more economically should be investigated. It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Parr that the accounts be paid. Cllr Pelling abstained.

2. To consider and approve contribution to be paid to Lincolnshire Police for PCSO cover in the village.

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Following discussions at the recent Christmas get together with Market Deeping Town Council, Councillor Baxter said that it might be considered that the area together might actually be big enough to qualify for this facility free of charge. Cllr Pelling thought that the fact that we were paying for a PCSO might actually mean that we were overlooked for conventional Police cover. In his capacity as a member of the Police Authority, Cllr Dilks thought that this would be an Operational matter to which he did not have the answer. The Chairman reported that an invoice had not yet been received for this payment and Cllr Stevens expressed the view that this could be because the area now qualified for free cover. Cllrs. Pelling and Baxter felt that the Council should have clarity under which the PCSO facility is provided which we would seek from the Police Authority; this may then trigger an invoice which should then be paid. If the response is that we don't need to pay, then we no longer have to precept for the service. This would also have the benefit of the Council being informed if cover is being withdrawn. In the past, formal notification of the withdrawal of service was not forthcoming. A dialogue would give the Council the opportunity to ask why PCSO cover is not available after 10pm - this issue was brought to the discussion by Cllrs. Neal and Parr although the Chairman reported that until recently PCSO cover was only available until 8pm. Cllr Pelling proposed that a letter be written to Police authority to request clarification of the role, this was seconded by Cllr Parr. This was agreed by all Councillors with the abstention of Cllr Dilks as a member of the Police Authority.

3. To consider Grant Applications received and allocate funds.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling and seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor to grant **£600 to the Deeping Lions Club.**

4. To consider and agree the options for community waste collection.

It was proposed by Cllr Blessett and approved unanimously that Ian Prentice should be asked to fulfil this function pro tem as had been offered. While the Clerk should look into long term alternatives.

132. To consider and adopt the revised new model approved Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act Section 20.

Following a discussion it was agreed and proposed by Cllr Blessett that the Scheme be adopted and that the Finance and General Purposes Committee look at the detail at their next meeting.

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

1. (Min120/07 deferred) To report back on the Communities and Local Government enforcement of byelaws consultation. (Cllr Pelling)

Cllr Pelling reported that the consultation aimed to make the process of obtaining a byelaw slightly easier with a 7 step rather than an 8 step approach - no longer did the proposition for a byelaw have to be referred back to central government. It was noted that the Council had the potential power to put byelaws in place.

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2. To report back on the “Common Wheels” meeting at the Deepings Community Centre on 02.12.08. (Cllr Baxter)

Cllr Baxter reported that he and Cllr Wallis attended the meeting with two members of the public and a representative from Common Wheels. Funding to the tune of £11 k was needed if a new car was to be provided under a Car Club scheme or £2k for a car currently used as a second car by a willing volunteer. It was agreed to put this issue on the January Agenda for further discussion.

3. To report back on the Youth & Community Working Party on 03.12.08 at Woody Heights and make recommendations to Council (Cllrs Blessett & Shinkins)

Cllr Blessett reported that the area in front of the bund to the extent of 24 x 12 m had been staked out and that the equipment would adequately fit between the hedge and the bund. There was also space near the front for the picnic tables and children’s play equipment that had been offered free of charge by Wickstead Leisure. After a discussion it was agreed that the equipment be ordered for April installation but a meeting should be called to which all local residents are invited in February in order that precise sighting and landscaping of the site be discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Baxter and seconded by Cllr Neal and agreed unanimously that the equipment be ordered and the meeting called. It was hoped that an even keener price might be obtained in the current economic climate.

4. To report back on the meeting at Linchfield School on 11.12.08

It was reported by Cllr Baxter that the this meeting at Linchfield School had been called because there was a real opportunity to make the schools appearance better now that the school was to have a new kitchen to provide cooked meals for its own pupils and those of schools elsewhere in the Deepings. However the area where improvement was sought contain a Hawthorne and an ash tree, both of which, it is thought have TPO’s. Cllr Baxter reported that while there was a consensus to improve the look of the school most adults present at the meeting were keen to retain the trees and while the Headmaster was not particularly concerned with the trees his desire was not necessarily to cut down the trees but to improve the look of the school. It was agreed that Cllr Baxter should attend the next meeting with another councillor to be elected to attend when the date of the meeting is known.

5. To report on the Age Concern Meeting on 09.12.08 and the Deepings Friendship Club meeting on 16.12.08.

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor reported that she had attended both meetings and was to refer Age Concern to the free ad offered to local charities by DSJ United Charities.

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

Cllr Baxter reported that he and Cllrs Parr and Stevens had attended the Market Deeping Town Council Christmas social event and that the possibility of buying and sharing an overhead projector had been discussed.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting over at 9.10 pm and wished all present a very Happy Christmas.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 22nd January 2009 Planning Committee Meeting 7pm in the Clerk’s Office at the Institute.

Thursday 29th January 2009 Council Meeting at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at The Institute.

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