

# DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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## DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

29<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

#### Present

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

#### Open Forum

An Open Forum was not held.

#### 135. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllrs Helyar, and Moore (work) Cllr Shinkins did not attend. Cllr Auger left the meeting at 9pm

#### 136. To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Broughton Item 148 Personal – Allotment Tenant  
Cllr Pelling Item 143 & 144 Personal - Payments

#### 137. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

It was proposed by Cllr Parr seconded by Cllr Barber and carried unanimously that the minutes are approved and they were signed by the Chairman.

#### 138. To receive the Clerks Report.

##### Community

There have been several reports of fly tipping and bins overflowing which have all been reported to SK. Several residents queried the recent footpath notices, which have now been signed and returned to LCC.

##### Manor Court

Sarah Bailey is back and working on the project. The specification was circulated to Cllrs Blessett, Pelling, Lindfors-Windsor, Broughton, Barber, Stevens, Parr and Neal Who were asked to send their comments to the Clerk by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.

##### Cemetery

Cllr Blessett dealt with one funeral in the Clerk's absence. The probation team are currently attending weekly again, and continue to do an excellent maintenance job.

##### Finance

The quarterly payment has been made to the IR and the VAT claim has been submitted.

##### Allotments, Footpath and Open Spaces

The last rent was finally received on 6<sup>th</sup> January, and the list of current tenants sent to the secretary.

A meeting has been planned with LCC to hopefully obtain some contribution towards Maintaining the river bank footpaths.

##### Transport

The probation service will soon be putting the speed signs up in the Spalding Road As part of the Parish Calm Scheme.

##### Youth & Community

The MAGA and Flying Saucer has been ordered from Wicksteed. Additional costs will be for the installation of the complimentary picnic tables, benches and the installation of the Spring Mobile. A site meeting has been arranged for early February with Wicksteed, and following this a meeting will then be organised with residents.

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

**(Min 131)** It was noted that the BT bill appeared to be larger. The Chairman had checked the last four bills and confirmed that they were similar amounts.

Many thanks to Cllr Barber who has collected the LCC trees and they have now been planted at Woody Heights.

Mark Warrick has now moved, and Cllr Barber has taken on the management of the Web Site.

Cllrs Stevens and Pelling gave a very positive report on the outcome of the site meeting at the Leisure Centre on 14.01.09 which was also attended by Mike Darkinson (Trustees)

Paul Stokes & Susie McCahon (SKDC), and Rachel Fox and Sue Chester from

Leisure Connections. It was noted that previous concerns had been addressed,

and it was hoped that the café would re-open on a contract basis. It was reported that the Trust is not fully set up yet, and a user forum would be set up which councillors would be asked to attend. Cllr Neal showed an interest.

**140. To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke.**

It was reported that there were no major incidents over Christmas. Seven unacceptable behaviour letters had been issued to youths causing anti social behaviour problems at Manor Court. A burglar had been caught whilst making his getaway in a taxi in East Street! There had been a recent theft of mopeds, but overall, crime statistics are lower. Traffic offences are also reducing, and it is hoped that PCSO's will be issuing tickets by April.

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

Cllr Auger reported that he had been pushing the Manor Court project, and was pleased the specification had now been received. The SKDC Local Development Framework was discussed, and Cllr Auger agreed to attend the Planning meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February. The Budgets were currently being considered. It was confirmed that the concessionary bus fare times would be reviewed in 6-9 months. Cllr Stevens then commented about the Deepings Local Forum meeting, and it was agreed to bring Item 147.1 forward. It was reported that attendance was very low due to lack of advertising, which should be improved to achieve better value for money. It was also reported that they had been asked to vote on various issues without prior warning and also felt that this was not representative of the area due to the bad attendance. Cllr Auger responded by explaining that the questions were asked at all of the forum meetings to obtain a small sample of views. It was confirmed that the Parish Council's planning responses carried no more weight than an individual comment. It was agreed that as the planning committee and council members spend considerable time consulting and representing the views of our residents, it should carry more weight than this. Karen Sinclair from SKDC was asked if this was the law or if it had just become custom and practise at SK, and was unable to respond. The Clerk was asked to clarify this question, and also to approach LALC to confirm the law. Cllr Pelling commented that SKDC were still not consistent with their decisions in some cases. After a lengthy discussion, the Clerk was asked to put "Village Design Statement" as an agenda item at the next meeting for further discussion as it was thought this would then enable us to have more say in planning decisions.

**142. To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting which is attached at Appendix 1 to this document.**

Actions:

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Items 2 & 13 School Admissions Consultation, Cllr Baxter would consider these reports and report back to the next meeting on 26.02.09.

Item 7 Community Empowerment – Cllrs Neal & Parr to be considered for attendance and dates confirmed.

Items 14 & 15 BT Payphone – It was reconfirmed that the Clerk would reconfirm our preferred options with SKDC and ask E.on to put the contract on hold pending their decision.

Item 17 Play Scheme – The Clerk was asked to write to SKDC to confirm our disappointment at funds not being available, and were disappointed funds for Youth activities were being channelled into other areas.

Item 18 Welland & Deepings Internal Drainage Board Familiarisation Visit – Cllrs Blessett, Lindfors-Windsor, Baxter and Neal would like to attend on 02.07.09.

Item 20 Cllr Katherine Moore would be asked to attend the Standards Training for Parish Councillors on 19.02.09 at 7pm at West Deeping Village Hall.

143. 1. **To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein. The minutes are attached at Appendix 2 to this document.**

Cllr Auger agreed to represent the Parish Councils views with the objections to applications SO8/1371 and SO8/1404.

**To consider planning related issues:**

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

Cllrs Neal and Wallis declared an interest as members of the caravan club.

<b>SO9/0112/F ULL/PC1</b>	Mr Keith Rogers Keal Lodge Back Lane Deeping St James	Change of use of land from rally field to licensed touring site. <b>THE PARISH COUNCIL DO NOT OBJECT TO THIS PROPOSAL BUT DO HAVE ONGOING CONCERNS REGARDING THE LAND REMAINING NON COMMERCIAL. WE ASK THAT MORE TREES ARE PLANTED TO OFFSET THE IMPACT. IT IS INTENDED TO LOOK AT THE QUIET LANES INITIATIVE FOR BACK LANE AT OUR NEXT MEETING.</b>
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3. **To note correspondence received:**

- 1) **To receive the South Kesteven Local Development Framework Core Strategy Submission Document for consultation and comments within 16.01.09-27.02.09.**

This was deferred to the Planning Committee meeting on 19.02.09 and Cllr Auger agreed to attend.

- 2) **To receive the appeal by Mr G Smith regarding the erection of two dwellings at 10 Broadgate Lane this has been DISMISSED.**

Noted.

144. **To consider financial matters:**

1. **To approve Accounts for Payment as per the schedule.**

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Baxter that the accounts be paid and this is attached at **Appendix 3** to this document.

2. **To retrospectively agree to appoint a new contractor to collect the community waste.**

The Clerk re-confirmed that there is no law to cover the disposal of dog waste. After a conversation with South Holland District Council, it was confirmed that we have good procedures and risk assessments in place. After consultation with the Chairman, arrangements were made immediately for Shanks to remove the waste on a weekly basis within the current budget. Shanks offer best value and an excellent knowledgeable customer

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service. Veolia have since removed the full bin from the Millennium Wood but no verbal or written contact has been made as requested. The Clerk wrote to Mrs Temple the Policy and Business support manager at SKDC on 06.01.09 regarding confirmation of the reasons why the district council do not make any provision for the disposal of dog waste and a reply is outstanding. The Clerk circulated the three quotes received and it was retrospectively unanimously agreed to appoint Shanks as the contractor.

**145. To consider the Emergency Plan suggestions as per the presentation made at the SKDC Parishes Conference and confirm our participation. (Cllrs Baxter, Neal and Stevens)**

The Clerk was asked to confirm our interest with SKDC to participate in their pilot scheme which should be in partnership with Deeping Gate and Market Deeping.

**146. To confirm the way forward for the “Common Wheels” project. (Cllrs Baxter & Wallis – deferred Min 133.2)** A report is attached at **Appendix 4** to this document.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Dilks and carried unanimously that the Council authorise the working party to undertake the following actions:

- 1) To undertake a community survey to assess demand for the scheme from businesses and individuals.
- 2) To work with the clerk to submit grant applications to funding bodies.
- 3) To approach SKDC to discuss the possibility of promoting car club through the planning process.
- 4) To continue to promote the concept locally.

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

**1. To report back on Deepings Local Forum meeting on 12.01.09. (Cllr Baxter, Stevens and Neal)**

This item was reported at Item 141.

**2. To report back on the “Deepings in Bloom” initial meeting on 13.01.09. (Cllr Stevens).** A report is attached at **Appendix 5** to this document.

It was agreed that bulbs would be planted in the areas mentioned. The Parish Walk dates would be considered at the next Allotment meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Stevens and Baxter would organise a talk about Poultry Keeping. Cllr Lindfors-Windsor confirmed that she would like to join the Steering Group.

**3. To report back on the Deepings Neighbourhood Policing Team meeting on 26.01.09.(Cllr Wallis)**

It was reported that parking and cyclists on pavements were the main issues brought to the group. Concerns had also been expressed about bikes without lights, and the Bike Wise initiative is continuing. The next meeting is at the end of March.

**148. To report on the recent comments of the Monitoring Officer and ongoing issues with the Allotment Association. (Cllr Blessett)**

It was proposed by Cllr Blessett, seconded by Cllr Dilks and carried that due to the sensitive nature of this item, the Council enforce Standing Order 62 to go into private session. There were no public and press present at this time.

A Private and Confidential document is attached at **Appendix 6** to this report.

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

Cllr Stevens asked if she could design a form for the Best Citizenship Award.

The Clerk circulated two letters that had been received too late to be included with the correspondence.

1. Lincolnshire Police Authority – comments to be made on their website [www.lincolnshire-pa.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire-pa.gov.uk) about the budget by 25.02.09.

2. Nominations for the High Sheriff's Award to be made by 09.02.09 were considered to be too late for consideration and recommendations to be made.

## **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 Transport Committee Meeting at 6pm in the Meeting Room at the Institute**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 Cemetery Committee Meeting at 6.45pm in the Meeting Room at the Institute**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 Planning Committee Meeting 7pm in the Clerk's Office at the Institute.**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 Council Meeting at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at The Institute.**