

DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

26th February 2009 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

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

Open Forum

Four residents attended and PCSO Chris Clarke. Residents from Linchfield Road had been invited to attend a working party at 7pm to discuss phase three of the Woody Heights project. The outcome of this discussion is reported at Item 153 below. The working party discussion then extended into the open forum session which finished at 7.50pm. The fourth resident did not wish to speak as his concerns had already been expressed regarding the speeding traffic on the Spalding Road which was discussed during the course of the meeting.

150. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received for Cllr Blessett (personal) Cllr Dilks did not attend. In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Andy Pelling, Vice Chairman, Chaired the meeting. Cllr Helyar gave apologies and left at 9.10pm, and Cllr Auger left at 10.05am.

151. To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr A Pelling Item 159.1 (166) personal

Cllr B Barber Item 159.1 (164) personal

Cllr K Shinkins SO8/1387 Planning personal

152. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th January 2009.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Baxter and carried unanimously that the minutes are approved, and they were signed by the Vice Chairman.

153. To receive the Clerks Report.

Community

Enquiries this month have included the removal of a fridge, fly tipping, litter, a faulty street light, concerns about the mobile homes at the Frognall Livery, anti social behaviour at the stairwells at Manor Court, dog mess in the Linchfield School area, and an ongoing complaint about footpath number 12.

Cemetery

One funeral has taken place this month. The Clerk and the Cemetery Chairman have visited the cemetery to identify an unmarked grave for the family. The cemetery hedge will soon be trimmed and grass seed sown in the area beneath. There is no evidence of any tipping on site. The grave digger continues to dump the soil on site, and will be asked again to distribute it, or remove the earth from site. The community team will be asked to tidy and edge the footpaths in the old cemetery.

Allotments Footpaths and Open Spaces

A meeting has been held with LCC who will be making a contribution towards the cost of maintaining the footpaths on the riverbank. Three more residents have been added to the allotment waiting list.

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Transport

The community team will be erecting the 30mph signs along the Spalding Road next Monday. The Clerk has met with the Area Engineer to discuss the Spalding Road Cycle Path. The estimates for the full scheme are beyond budget. This is partly due to a series of lamp posts which will have to be moved. To reduce the costs three options are currently being considered. The preferred scheme would be to have half of the cycle route between Hall Meadow Road and the bowls club, and the other half on the other side of the road to the Deepings school. Road markings on either side are also being considered, but this is not the preferred option due to the remaining width of the carriage way. The project could also be a phased approach. The new costs will be ready by the end of March. If the full project goes ahead, consultation will be three months and installation will be complete by October. Cllr Pelling commented that a narrowed carriageway would slow the speeding traffic down, and the Clerk was asked to pass these comments on, enquire if the cycle path needs to be either side of the carriage way, and also ask for a specification. Cllr Auger asked if Sustrans could be approached for funding.

Youth & Community

A site meeting has been held with Wicksteed Leisure. The residents who live opposite Woody Heights had been invited to a meeting that took place at 7pm tonight to be consulted about the forthcoming installation and this discussion also continued into the Public Forum session. It was confirmed that planning permission was agreed in 2002 for this phased project and that extra security was a positive way forward. It was confirmed that the consultation had been thorough, items were regularly communicated through the newsletter, and the information panels displayed at community events. Although the three residents did not support the Woody Heights development as they live opposite the site, it was agreed that the anti social behaviour element was made by a different community group, and had in fact been ongoing for many years in this area. Suggestions made by residents to help improve the anti social behaviour element included signage and limited opening hours on site and parking restrictions. It was agreed unanimously that the additional furniture would not be placed on site at this time. Cllr Baxter asked if a bylaw could be investigated, and the Clerk pointed out that these things needed to be policed. It was agreed that it was a policing issue which was not being addressed and PCSO Chris Clarke offered to visit the residents concerned. It was unanimously agreed that subject to further consultation with planning, the project would go ahead on site in March 2009.

A meeting would be organised with A1 Security, the police and a representative from the CCTV control centre.

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

The Clerk had spoken with the Emergency Planning Officer who had confirmed that with Lincolnshire being so large, the emergency services could become very stretched. Our proposal to contact Deeping Gate and Market Deeping would be a good neighbourly way of working. He would be happy to attend a meeting to discuss the way forward with all three parishes and the Clerk was asked to contact both councils to confirm their interest and organise a meeting. Cllrs Baxter, Broughton, Moore, Neal, Stevens and Wallis agreed to form a Working Party to take this project forward.

Mark Shipman has confirmed that Parish Councils are a statutory consultee on Planning Applications as they have local knowledge. It is however the material considerations themselves that creates the weight, and not the person making it.

We have had contact again with SKDC regarding the red BT Kiosk. We have been told that they can either object to the telephone service being removed on our behalf, or they can give permission for us to adopt it. The Clerk had spoken with the Chairman, and as there

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were only 7 calls made from the kiosk last year and we did not want to lose the opportunity of retaining the box in the village, it was agreed to ask SKDC to approve the removal of the telephone service. Arrangements will now be made for the ongoing maintenance of the kiosk.

SKDC Disposal of Dog Waste policy is still outstanding, and Cllr Auger agreed to chase this issue again.

The Clerk had met with Inspector Stuart who had confirmed that MD and Deeping St James were the only councils in his area who made a contribution to PCSO funding, and if the funds were withdrawn, he could not guarantee that the PCSO would be retained within the village. He has to use what resources he has to put staff into the most problem areas. It was agreed to pay the £10,000 when a bill was received from the Police.

Cllr Baxter asked members to encourage interested parties to complete the car club survey, and it was hoped to receive 100 responses. Cllr Barber will put the survey on the web site and Cllr Pelling offered to promote it in the advertiser.

155. To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke.

PCSO Clark gave an overview of recent burglaries, the Policing Pledge, anti social behaviour at Manor Court which was confirmed by Cllr Auger, and existing powers to confiscate alcohol and stop and search. New powers for fixed penalty notices for some traffic offences were well received. Arrangements were being made in partnership with the council for further promotion of the 30mph in Deeping St James campaign which would take place 9th-13th March in the Frognall end of the Spalding Road, Horsegate and Broadgate.

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

Cllr Auger was pleased to hear the confirmation of the PCSO Powers. The Dog Control Orders was ongoing, and SKDC would be setting their budgets on Monday.

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

Item 1 – Cllr Blessett was asked to comment by 09.03.09.

Item 2 – Cllr Barber agreed to comment by 09.03.09.

Item 3 – It was agreed to invite the Bidwells representative to the next Planning meeting on 19th March 2009.

Item 8 – It was agreed to order a set of definitive maps from LCC.

Item 10 & 11 – Refer to Allotment Committee

Item 12 – Cllrs Baxter & Stevens to attend the Deeping Forum on 06.07.09 and requested this be an Agenda Item for the May meeting.

Item 13 – Cllr Lindfors-Windsor agreed to attend if possible.

Item 15 – Cllrs Stevens, Barber, Pelling, Baxter, and Lindfors-Windsor accepted an invitation from MDTC to attend a meeting on the Design Statement for the Deepings.

The council then considered an additional item that was received late, and a letter from SKDC regarding Dog Control Orders was circulated. It was agreed that the Order should include Woody Heights, and the cemetery playground. It was proposed that a volunteer is requested to come forward via the newsletter to be trained as an authorised officer. The Clerk will confirm if PCSO Chris Clarke is able to issue fixed penalty notices for offences under this order.

158. To consider planning related issues:

A Planning Meeting was not held on Thursday 19th February 2009 as there was not a

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quorum.

1. To consider planning applications received:

SO8/1387	Mr J Cooling 23 Church Street Deeping St James	Erection of extension to dwelling and erection of garage APPROVAL RECOMMENDED
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2. To consider the South Kesteven Local Development Framework Core Strategy Submission Document for consultation and comments by 27.02.09. (Deferred from Council 29.01.09 when Cllr Auger agreed to attend)

Concerns were expressed about the area of land identified as EN5 highlighted as a possible area for future development. It was also agreed that MD and DSJ should be treated as individual parishes and given their own housing allocation.

Rachel Armstrong from SKDC has invited planning committee members to meet with them and MD members to discuss the sites specific to obtain feedback prior to the summer consultation. The suggested date of Thursday 19th March 3-5pm offered by SKDC was accepted, and it was asked that the meeting go ahead independently of MD who was unable to make this date. Members attending are: Cllrs Blessett, Pelling, Barber, Shinkins, Neal.

159. To consider financial matters:

1. To approve Accounts for Payment as per the schedule attached at Appendix 2

It was proposed by Cllr Shinkins, seconded by Cllr Neal and carried that the accounts be paid.

160. To receive the minutes of the Transport Committee held on 12th February and to agree the recommendations made therein as attached at Appendix 3 to this document.

Concerns were expressed regarding bus shelter advertising in residential areas, and the £90 fee for advertising consent which was noted. It was then proposed by Cllr Wallis, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to contact bus companies regarding making alternative arrangements to update timetables. It was agreed to appoint N. Parmenter to construct three hard standings at bus stops and also to approach bus companies regarding identifying stops that would benefit from a shelter and also to enquire if a contribution could be made towards the cost. It was also resolved to carry £10,200.00 forward into the new financial year to allow completion of the Spalding Road cycle/footpath and the purchase of the cycle racks for the Manor Court Project.

161. To receive the minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 12th February and to agree the recommendations made therein as attached at Appendix 4 to this document.

It was then proposed by Cllr Barber, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to allocate 16 new cremation plots in sections D & E. It was then agreed to place a bench in the cemetery and a pic-nic table in the cemetery play area. It was agreed that investigations would be made into future burial space in the village.

162. To update members on the Manor Court refurbishment position and to consider further suggestions and agree (Cllrs Auger and Lindfors-Windsor)

The agreed specification was circulated on 29.01.09 for confirmation and the project officer was asked to take the project forward as soon as possible to avoid any further delays. However, further comments which will increase the costs of the project were received by Cllr Auger and Lindfors-Windsor and have therefore been referred back to Council for agreement. Cllr Lindfors-Windsor had no further comments to make.

Two small areas of the open space fall outside of the SK adopted area, and as it now

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appears that permissions have not been approved and the land registry have been contacted to confirm ownership. One of these areas is the agreed location for the cycle rack. Cllr Auger was concerned about the paved area to the east fronting Hereward Way becoming a secondary car park.

In view of the time, it was proposed by Cllr Pelling and unanimously agreed to implement standing order 1d and to continue the meeting until 10.10pm to conclude business.

Cllr Stevens then declared that in her view, Cllr Auger had an interest which had not been declared, as he lived opposite Manor Court. Cllr Auger disagreed and said he did not have to declare an interest to the Parish Council. At this point, Cllr Stevens proposed that the Parish Council report Cllr Auger to the Standards Board, this was seconded by Cllr Neal. The Vice Chairman Cllr Pelling then asked who was in favour, and who was against this proposal. There were five councillors in favour of this action, 3 against, and 4 abstentions. Cllr Auger left the meeting at 10.05pm.

- 163. To consider a Village Design Statement for Deeping St James (Min 141 Cllr Stevens)**
Cllrs Stevens, Barber, Pelling, Baxter, and Lindfors-Windsor had already accepted an invitation from MDTC to attend a meeting on the Design Statement for the Deepings and to find out more. The date is to be confirmed.
- 164. To consider the "Quiet Lanes Initiative" for Back Lane (Min 143.2 Cllr Neal)**
This was deferred to a future meeting.
- 165. To consider the following matters in order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:**
1. To report back on the Schools Admissions Consultation (Min 142 Items 2&13 Cllr Baxter)
It was agreed that Cllr Baxter would comment on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Cllr Stevens stated that she would be working on the Newsletter over the next four weeks, and could councillors please send her any editorial.

Cllr Barber asked if the web site www.dsjpc.org.uk could please be promoted in the newsletter.

Cllr Neal asked that the footpath near Ryecroft Avenue be litter picked as soon as possible.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 12th March 2009 Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee Meeting at 6pm in the Parish Office.

Thursday 19th March 2009 Youth & Community Committee Meeting at 6.00pm on site at Woody Heights.

Thursday 19th March 2009 Planning Committee Meeting 7pm in the Clerk's Office at the Institute.

Thursday 26th March 2009 Council Meeting at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at The Institute.

The meeting finished at 10.15pm

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