

DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

19th May 2009 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Auger, Barber, Baxter, Blessett (Chairman) Broughton, Dilks, Helyar, Lindfors-Windsor, Neal, Parr, Pelling, Shinkins, Stevens, Wallis, Inspector Gary Stewart, PCSO Chris Clarke and the Clerk Mrs S Kostyrka.

196. To receive apologies for absence and welcome Police Inspector Gary Stewart.

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Stewart and PCSO Clarke, and thanked them for attending the meeting to mainly discuss the long standing anti-social behaviour in the village. Apologies were received from Cllr Moore (personal) from Cllr Brian Barber who arrived at 7.45pm due to a previous engagement, from Cllr Neal who left at 7.45pm due to another meeting and Cllr Shinkins who left at 8pm (work). Cllrs Baxter and Helyar did not attend.

197. To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Dilks asked for it to be noted that he was a Member of the Lincolnshire Police Authority. Cllr Auger asked for it to be noted that he was a Member of the South Lincs Crime and Safety Partnership Team.

198. To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th April 2009.

It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and all were in favour that the minutes were a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

199. To discuss long standing anti-social behaviour in Deeping St James as per the review attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

Cllr Blessett confirmed that PC Capp and the PCSO's are doing a very good job locally within their working hours but there has been an overall lack of additional Police provision and disappointment in police response both over a long period of time and to the many recent situations especially on Friday and Saturday nights. This had resulted in the Parish Council having to fund a community warden scheme in 2009 at their expense. The Inspector explained that Operation Rabat was now working successfully, and the deployment of the police had been changed to meet these needs. A lengthy discussion took place regarding these and other issues and it was concluded that:

The Inspector would investigate the breakdown in communication, especially the sixteen day period without any response and the non receipt of emails. It was confirmed that PC Capp and PCSO Clarke would be the main line of contact for any future problems.

The alleged areas for drugs/alcohol abuse were ongoing and would be investigated further. The level of alcohol consumed by the public, prior to being served by publicans when customers were already intoxicated was illegal and this needed addressing seriously as alcohol abuse was perceived to be the prime cause for most of the problems late at night. The law needs to be enforced and the Inspector agreed to talk to the Licensing Officer.

The Parish Council would continue with their "Where are your kids tonight" awareness campaign in their quarterly newsletter with the emphasis on the responsibility of not

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giving/selling alcohol to our youths and also the importance of passing on community information to the police to prevent this happening. A summer activity events listing was also being organised. Additional funds were also being invested in funding a youth leader with extra activities and outreach work. The Inspector confirmed that there is now a strategy for the neighbourhood police team to monitor and report future incidences, and reassured the Council that the level of policing would continue to be adequate even after Operation Rabat came to an end.

200. To discuss the financial arrangements for funding the PCSO. (Cllr Blessett)

The Inspector confirmed that the PCSO's were operationally deployed as and when they were needed, and he was unable to make any response to the cost. Our contribution did mean that the post was kept in the sector and he was unable to state whether the pc's possible withdrawal of funding would change the situation.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 21st May 2009 Planning Committee Meeting 6.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Institute.

Thursday 28th May 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Council at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at The Institute.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm