

# DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

17<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7.30pm

## MINUTES

### Present

**Cllrs: Barber, Baxter, Blessett, Dilks, Lindfors- Windsor, Pearce, Pelling, Thompson, Wallis, Cllr Mike Exton, and the Clerk Mrs S Kostyrka.**

**138.09 To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllr Helyar did not attend. Cllr Moore (personal) Cllrs Shinkins and Stevens (work), Cllr Barber left at 7.40pm (personal) PCSO Clarke (personal) PCSO Last (work) and future Assistant Clerk Steve Ashby (work).

**139.09 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**

Cllr Dilks, Planning SO9/2712, personal - known to applicant.

**140.09 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009.**

It was confirmed that the name of the Leisure Centre Manager was Rachel. It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Barber and all were in favour that the minutes were a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

**141.09 To receive the Clerks Report.**

#### **Community**

Two Hex drains have been installed on the newly paved Manor Court area to enable the water to drain away from the puddles that were forming. The grass has been cut. The bins and benches have been received and will be installed in the New Year. The wall beneath the stairs has been painted. One of the old bins has been relocated to the bus shelter in Broadgate, and SKDC have been asked to include it in their bin emptying schedule. The Probation Service Manager visited for discussions after two complaints were received which are being investigated. A tour of the village and discussions about future work was agreed. Flying Tipping in Hall Meadow Road, Outgang Road and Custom Road has been reported to SKDC. Two complaints have been received about the footpath work outside the post office.

#### **Finance and General Purposes**

The computer is now fully functional thanks to Cllr Barber. The quarterly VAT and NIC claims have been submitted. The Duty of Care Certificate has been completed and returned to Shanks.

#### **Cemetery**

The community workers continue to work clearing weeds in the cemetery. A complaint was received regarding the edge of a cremation plot being trimmed back and this has been addressed with sensitivity.

#### **Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces**

The Community Team have been busy clearing paths and cutting back overgrown hedges. The rest of the bulbs have been planted on the Spalding Road verge.

The grant for community cleaning has been received from SKDC. The Parish Paths grant claim for 2009 has been submitted together with projected claim for 2010. An anonymous telephone call has been received regarding an allotment holder giving a DSJ address instead of a MD address to obtain a plot, and this was referred to the committee for further discussion. The Probation Service has agreed to provide the labour to lay the flag stones on the Sense Plot in the Spring.

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

The Winter Newsletter has been distributed and the Editorial Working Party was thanked for their contributions.

The Manor Court Working Party (Cllrs Blessett, Lindfors-Windsor, Stevens and Pearce) have met and agreed the location of the bins, benches, and cycle rack. Cllr Blessett will let the Clerk have the plan.

Mr Prentice has agreed to retain the weekly skip service in the new financial year at the reduced rate on a first come first served basis. He will also have to pass on the cost of wood and green recyclables. It was agreed to include an article in the newsletter.

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

A report was not available.

**144.09 To receive a report from District/County Councillors present.**

Cllr Exton reported that The Deepings School had received an outstanding OFSTED report and it was agreed to write to the school with congratulations. It was confirmed that SKDC will be issuing 24/7 bus passes for residents over 60 from 01.04.10.

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

The correspondence was noted.

**146.09 To consider planning related issues:**

**To receive the recommendations from the meeting held on 17.12.09 at 7pm prior to Council.**

The recommendations of the Planning Committee were agreed and are attached at Appendix 2 to this document. It was clarified that any development at the Deepings School would be received via an LCC Planning Application.

**147.09 To consider financial matters:**

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

It was proposed by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor, seconded by Cllr Wallis and agreed that the accounts be paid.

**148.09 To receive & agree the proposed schedule of meeting dates and events for 2010 as attached at Appendix 4.**

The proposed dates were discussed and agreed. The Deepings Arts Festival and Summer Play Scheme were to be added with other dates as they become available to achieve a comprehensive events list. It was agreed to post this on the web site and in future newsletters.

**149.09 To consider forthcoming Press Releases.**

It was agreed that this would be a monthly agenda item. It was also agreed that due to the good response from the public for the appeal for donations for the Sense Allotment Plot, especially TNS Nurseries, a press release would be issued.

**150.09 To clarify the situation with the proposed Arts Centre. (Min 137.09.5)**

Concerns had been expressed regarding comments on the Deepings Arts website which said "We have the support of DSJPC". The Parish Council had actually objected to the whole outline scheme as it had not included an open space within the development. It was agreed that the proposal is supported in principle but we would like clarification and a better understanding of the full proposal and ongoing scoping, costing and process. It was proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Wallis and agreed that the comments on the web site would be clarified. The Parish Council welcome the opportunity to also attend future meetings.

**151.09 To agree the attendance & topics for discussion at The Deepings Local Forum at Deepings Leisure Centre on 11.01.10 at 7pm.**

It was noted that the Clerk had not received any correspondence from Paul Morrison, and the new email address would be confirmed. Cllrs Baxter, Dilks, Lindfors-Windsor, Pearce, Blessett and Thompson agreed to attend the next meeting. It was agreed that it would be requested that the following items be on the agenda:

1. Deepings Leisure Centre future management clarification and outstanding snag issues e.g. the repairs of the Astra turf, the shower for people with disabilities, and the

- replacement of the rails into the small pool.
2. Support to re-open the station in Deeping St James.
  3. Has a final report been produced for the Tallington Crossing?
  4. Please confirm the 2010 Summer Activities in the Deepings as promised.
  5. Please confirm any funding for the 2010 Summer Play Scheme.
  6. What is the % of Council Tax collected in Market Deeping and Deeping St James, and what % of this money is actually spent by SKDC in the area?

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

**1.To report on the meeting at the Leisure Centre regarding disabled access/equipment on 27.11.09 (Cllr Lindfors-Windsor)**

Concerns regarding the replacement hand rail in the small pool and the shower were noted and clarification would be requested regarding the repair/replacement schedule.

**2.To report on attendance at the Deepings School Christmas Concert on 30.11.09 (Cllr Stevens)**

A report was not available.

**3.To report on attendance at the Rotary Club Concert on 05.12.09 (Cllr Dilks)**

Cllr Dilks apologised that he was unable to attend.

**4. To report on attendance at the Thank you evening at Deepings School on 09.12.09 (Cllr Dilks)**

Cllr Dilks was unable to attend due to work commitments.

**5. To report on attendance at the Carol Service on 12.12.09 (Cllr Barber)**

It was reported that Cllr Barber had enjoyed the concert.

**6.To report on attendance at the presentation evening at Deepings School on 16.12.09 (Cllrs Dilks & Baxter)**

It was reported that it was an excellent event which acknowledged achievements of pupils at the school. Unfortunately, no acknowledgement was made regarding the attendance of the Chairman of the Parish Council within our own Parish, regardless of the Chairman explaining the situation, although the Mayor of Market Deeping was introduced.

**To report on the British Red Cross Deepings Centre (Cllr Pearce)**

It was confirmed that The Unit used by the Red Cross for events in the Deepings was no longer road worthy and £21,000 was needed for a replacement. Therefore the tea/coffee caravan or a tent would be used at future events. Cllr Pearce was asked to remind them that small grants are available from the Parish Council on application.

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

Cllr Baxter asked that MDTC members could be invited to DSJ for an evening in December 2010.

On behalf of Cllr Stevens, the Clerk requested editorial items for the January Newsletter. Clarification was required regarding the Newsletter budget for 2009-10 as it was thought that this had been fully spent for this year. It was noted that a Newsletter had just been circulated. It was suggested that an advert or flyer in the Advertiser be considered as an alternative to promote the Snowdrop Event. The next Newsletter should be issued in the spring promoting the Annual Parish Meeting.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

**Thursday 21st January 2010 Planning 7pm in the Clerks Office**

**Thursday 28th January 2010 Council meeting at 7.30pm in the meeting room at The Institute.**

**The meeting finished at 8.30pm**

