

DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

29th April 2010 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Barber, Baxter, Blessett, Dilks, Helyar, Lindfors-Windsor, Pearce, Pelling, Stevens, Thompson, and Wallis, PCSO Chris Clarke

8 Members of the public attended.

An Open Forum was held when Mr Rajdev introduced himself and outlined his plans for opening a Pharmacy at Rycroft Avenue in Deeping St James. The council agreed to put an agenda item in May to discuss and to decide if the Council is able to support the development of these services in DSJ and then to consider issuing a supporting e-mail

207.10 To receive apologies for absence.

County Cllr Mike Exton, The Clerk Mrs S Kostyrka, Asst. Clerk S Ashby
Cllr Shinkins (work)

208.10 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Pelling (accounts)
The chair reminded members to raise any interests as appropriate through the meeting indicating what the interest was.

209.10 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th March 2010.

These were agreed and duly signed

210.10 To receive the Clerks Report.

The Clerk was not present but had left the following report for members

Community

A number of reports have been received concerning litter at the skate park and fly tipping on hall meadow road. The skate park area was cleared by Maurice as part of his usual round and the fly tipping reported to SKDC.

Matthew Wilson has been re-appointed by SKDC as Enforcement Ranger for Street Scene Services and he visited to talk about a scheme on dog control and fouling which should be decided by SKDC cabinet during April. This will tighten up on fixed penalty notices, dog control orders, make it easier to exclude dogs from an area, enforce dogs being on leads. A PR campaign and public consultation should take place soon.

The Street Warden Scheme commenced over Easter and continues each Friday and Saturday. Incident reports are being left at the office and are available on a Monday morning. Reports so far have been low key and include incidents of graffiti, a heated discussion and screaming and shouting by a group of youths at the Leisure centre.

Four nominations have been received for the making a difference awards.

Youth

The Finals for the Fair Play Football have taken place and the presentations were held at Peterborough United. The overall winner was Alistair Tilley who accrued the most points for fair play and sportsmanship. He was presented with a signed Peterborough United shirt..

A climbing wall has been booked for the summer holidays. On Tuesday 27th July it's scheduled to be at Woody Heights from 10.30 to 1 p.m. and will then move to the youth Centre from 2.30 to 5 p.m..

Cllr Stevens raised the issue of vandalism at the top end of DSJ – Terry Wrights . PCSO Clarke indicated that this here was information known to the police but could not elaborate

Cemetery

A visitor researching her family history has been through the Burial books.

The parents of Henry Stocker have ordered a memorial bench. The Clerk held a site meeting with Cllr Barber to agree its location near to Henry's grave. There have been queries raised concerning the size of memorials for the "plot and a half" cremated remains plot which, again after consultation with Cllr Barber, seems to be resolved.

There have been no burials or interment of ashes during April.

The community team have now moved on to clearing, tidying and weeding in the Cemetery – a skip being brought in on 27 April for the branches and weeds etc to be taken away.

Allotments Footpaths & Open Spaces

The Clerk has reported the raised manhole cover on part of the paved area at Manor Court to SKDC as it is believed to be on part of the area that is their land. They are disputing this and have requested a land registry search.

There have been four requests for allotments during April who have all been added to the waiting list along with a couple of enquiries from those already on the waiting list. One allotment has been surrendered and this has been offered to the person at the top of the waiting list. Demand continues to exceed supply.

The Riverbank has now had its first grass cut as has the Millennium Wood. Maurice has started his summer work pattern and has started cutting in the cemetery and footpaths.

Finance & General Purposes

Work continues to be done on preparing the Annual Accounts which should be presented to the next full council in May. The audit has been carried out by Carol Precey .

DSJ In Bloom

The community team have completed painting the Church Railings and have rubbed down and assisted with painting the telephone kiosk.

Manor Way hole in grassed area – possibly from a Xmas tree being sited there in the past - filled in by Maurice. Weeds around the Manor Way shops have been sprayed and Maurice will continue to spray as needed.

EM In Bloom entry sent off and licence obtained for siting horse trough. The trough was ordered, paid for and has now been delivered.

The Clerk has tried to get quotes for new signs for the Church Hall and oak trees. Unfortunately one of the business partners at Signarama – the usual suppliers – has been taken seriously ill which is affecting their ability to even provide quotes. It is likely that a new provider will have to be used.

Anglian Water have been contacted about the weeds at the pumping station on Broadgate lane and they will arrange for someone to look into it.

Other

A businessman has visited the Office to discuss the village and the opening of a pharmacy/alternative remedy shop in the village.

He subsequently addressed the open forum and the council agreed to put an agenda item in May to discuss and decide and if able to support the development of these services in DSJ then to consider issuing a supporting e-mail

SKDC have also been in touch concerning the Forum Review Consultation Meeting. They said that whilst the person leading the group had a strong accent which may have made it difficult to follow everything, the SKDC staff there "got a lot out of it" and hope to hold a follow up meeting when results are available.

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

The Clerk was not present but had left the following report for members

Even though a reminder had been given to SKDC about avoiding the snowdrops when

starting the grass cutting in the cemetery and Manor Court, these were actually cut back.

LCC were contacted about buses stopping on the cycle path to drop off. LCC have advised that this issue is being raised with the bus companies.

The contract for the street warden scheme has been signed by the Clerk and the scheme has already started. A testimonial has also been provided by the clerk.

SKDC have been contacted about Graffiti Kits and wipes but none are available. The advice given was to obtain them from a builders merchant or use detergent and a pressure washer.

(Members agreed the Clerk should purchase Graffiti wipes)

The Deepings school have been contacted about graffiti and they have agreed to raise the issue with pupils in assemblies. The School suggested that we also contact other local schools such as Arthur Mellows, Bourne Grammar etc. This will be done by the Clerk.

The Asst. Clerk inspected the Graffiti at Low locks and has reported this to the Environment Agency. Their response was that it had just been spotted by one of their operatives and they are arranging for it to be painted over.

Clerk to contact SKDC re graffiti at Woody Heights – also offensive graffiti noticed Church Walk – its been raised with Street Scene at SKDC but there would be a cost to residents. Graffiti also at Rectory Gardens and church property. Cllr Stevens suggested contacting Church and others.

Plus “Wet Paint” sign to be put up at telephone box as paint still wet !

The Deepings Welsh Society have been in touch to thank us for the offer of grant aid but also to say that the planned concert has had to be cancelled as they had realised that it was too large an undertaking.

It has been confirmed to Steve Fisk that he has been awarded the grass cutting contract at the millennium woods and he has already started this.

A certificate of appreciation has been prepared for Ray Auger to be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. (This needs to be signed by Cllr Dilks as Chair) Local groups have been contacted about attending the APM but little response so far. Catering has been arranged with Mrs Flegg.

A planning application has now been received for the excavations at The Mere on Station Road. The application is for a Trout Fishing Pond and will be considered by Planning Committee in due course.

212.10 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke. (five minutes)

Mostly good news – Road safety partnership camera van on Spalding Rd for 2 hrs on 28th April during which time 15 vehicles exceeded 30 mph – various sanctions applied.

There had been thefts of metal on Stowgate – offenders apprehended.

PCSO offered apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th May meeting – PC Capp and PCSO Last will attend..

Crime prevention operation at Tesco on Sat 8th May.

No major reports of ASB – all reasonably quiet excepting an incident yesterday which was interrupted.

There is ongoing investigation involving businesses nr Terry Wrights – it is tasked to late patrols

Cllr Baxter raised the point that there has been an increase in use of mopeds at Woody Heights area – PCSO Clarke confirmed that action was in place

213.10 To receive a report from District/County Councillors present. (five minutes)

None were given

- 214.10 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence Received since the last meeting as attached at Appendix 1.** Enc 1
 Item 2 – Cllr Dilks to attend
- Item 3 - Cllr Stevens complained of non communication as she would have wished to see this letter
- Item 5 - SLCC course agreed in principal if clerk thinks attendance is appropriate he should attend
- Item 12 - details need to be supplied re cost comparison last year
- Item 13 - not to attend
- Item 14 - would like to accept offer
- Item 19 - Cllr Blessett confirmed site meeting is planned and resident has been informed – some views from Cllr Baxter and Cllr Stevens regarding speeding up process. Council agreed to put the thorny issue of benches on the next agenda.
- Item 24 – Cllr Stevens – Bourne 18/5/10
 Cllrs Wallis, Baxter, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling, Pearce, to confirm attendance with the Clerk
- Item 26 - place to be reserved attendance to be confirmed
- 215.10 To consider planning related issues:**
1. To receive the recommendations from the meeting held on 22nd April 2010 as per the schedule attached at Appendix 2. Enc 2
 All applications had been dealt with under delegated powers
- 216.10 To consider financial matters:**
1. To approve Accounts for Payment as per the schedule attached at Appendix 3. Enc 3
 These were approved with Cllr Pelling abstaining.
- 2. To receive the minutes and consider recommendations of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of 15th April 2010.** Enc 4
 Cllr Pelling presented the minutes to the meeting. The internal audit has been received with no issues raised.
 £3K from bus stop improvements was not spent in 2009/10 and clarification as to whether this had been absorbed into costs or kept separate was requested from the Clerk.
 Budget setting process and timings now documented process attached – Cllr Blessett raised amendment 20:10 committee chairs will be members of FGP after SO amended at AGM.
 Hall Meadow estate in order
 Annual Return – figures were with accountant so will go to Full Council in May.
 Councillors sought who can cover key activities if staff are absent
 Clerk to send weekly update on planned activities and movements to FGP
- 217.10 STAFF Matters – discussed in private at end of meeting**
To consider the final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Making a difference awards on 11 May 2010. Enc 5
 Cllrs to consider the nominees at home and to ensure that confidential information is returned to the clerk
- 218.10 To consider the written applications for the three Casual Vacancies for Parish Councillors and to co-opt three new members onto Deeping St James Parish Council.** Enc 6
 Those attending the meeting were invited to make a short statement – Cllrs did not ask questions.
 Members then dealt with the selection of co-opting Councillors in private session (reported separately) and the following were co-opted in as new Councillors:-
 Lesley Coulson, Michael Pagella, Colin Gamble.
- 219.10 1. To report and update members on the DSJ in Bloom initiative and events. (Cllr Stevens)**

Horse trough has arrived and is "gorgeous"
 Baskets delivered this week
 Rotary looking at areas for cleaning etc Rotary / Community Payback / Maintenance Worker & DSJIB to work together
 Flyer sent sponsored by Waterside Garden Centre
 Various works in place for Manor Way
 £200 agreed for hornbeam hedge
 Chewing gum removal machine due
 Bins in Rycroft now changed
 Shop front at Sam's supermarket– proof viewed. Shop to make a contribution – unspecified
 Discussion being held with Royal Mail about moving pouch boxes at Rycroft Avenue shops– planning permission waived by SKDC
 Avenue of trees – outside of school to be re-instigated as permission has been given to plant 3 trees in autumn
 JS in contact with construction companies about getting Church Hall car park resurfaced
 Flower Tower – on Church St.
 Canoe ready to be planted
 Contents of information boards being revamped and updated
 Book launch 25th Jun at Rose and Sweet Pea show mini flower festival and soiree
 Cllr Pearce introduced some leaflets used in Mkt Deeping and requested photos of DSJ

220.10 To discuss Deeping St James Profile / Public Image (deferred 25.03.10)

A discussion took place on promoting DSJ, (which was being done within DSJ in Bloom) including should there be a DSJ Mayor? Should Mkt Deeping and DSJ be joined together to raise our local area profile as there are joint issues concerning residents
 Feelings were expressed that we have a low profile and that DSJ is pushed to one side.
 It was agreed that the Parish Council needed to "up our game" within our own parish and also improve communications with Mkt Deeping.

Identified that protocol covers Mayoral visits from M Deeping which has now been raised with the clerk in Mkt Deeping.

221.10 To discuss the issue of a Community Bus (deferred 25.03.10)

Deferred

222.10 To consider forthcoming Press Releases.

DSJIB

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

1. To report on attendance at the official opening of the outdoor classroom and Trim Trail at Linchfield School – Cllr Lindfors-Windsor had attended

2. To report on attendance at the Deepings School Easter Concert and Service – Cllrs Pearce and Stevens attended – Cllr Pearce raised the benefits of sending an e-mail after the event thanking and commenting – all saw this as good practice

3. To report on attendance at the workshop on 29.03.10 – a written report had previously been submitted by Cllr Thompson and had been included with the agenda.

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

Cllr Baxter raised Welland River Trust meeting - 11 May
 17 May Police Community forum – Cllr Wallis to attend
 Bourne Town Council Civic Service to be held on 16th May
 SKDC Standards Committee to be held on 7th May 2010
 Carers Sitter Service AGM 18 May at Stamford Red Cross Centre – Cllr Pearce to attend
 SKDC Training on Planning and S.106 Agreements on 18th May 2010
 Emails which had been received from Claire Patrick were noted. It was also noted that Cllr Stevens had responded.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday 11th May 2010 Annual Parish Meeting, Priory Hall 6.30pm for 7pm

Thursday 20th May 2010 Planning Committee 7pm

Thursday 27th May 2010 Council AGM

