

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
28th SEPTEMBER 2006 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Blessett (Chairman), Chambers, Dilks, Fisk, Lincoln, Lindfors-Windsor, Pelling (Vice Chairman) Shinkins, Stevens, Wallis, Warrick, and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka. Cllr Shinkins left the meeting at 9.30pm.

Open Forum

PCSO Chris Clark gave a presentation on the ongoing problems at the Thackers Way shops. The Council then went back into public session at 7.50pm after item 5, to allow a local businesses man to also address the Council on this matter. One member of the press was present.

56/06 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Auger, Barber, (Holiday), Thomas and Helyer (illness) Cllr Dilks did not attend.

57/06 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

8.1 (97) Cllr Pelling – Personal
Item 7 (Planning 041/06 SO6/1128) Cllr Shinkins- Business reasons
8.2/1 Cllr Shinkins- Business Reasons

58/06 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 31st August 2006.

It was then proposed by Cllr Pelling, seconded by Cllr Chambers and carried unanimously that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, and the Chairman duly signed them.

59/06 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Fisk is in the process of clearing the Council plot at the allotments. SKDC have confirmed that we will need to take eight samples for soil analysis of PAH's which would cost in the region of £2,500. The Council were not in favour of incurring this expenditure, and this was referred to the Allotments Committee for further discussion. Cllr Chambers agreed to continue with enquiries regarding a Footpaths Map. The new waste bins are due to be delivered within the next two weeks.

60/06 To receive the Clerk's Report

Allotments

The majority of the allotment rents have now been received with many people visiting the parish office to pay their rent. A representative from the Allotments Association will be attending the forthcoming meeting on 12th October.

Cemetery

Five Companies have been approached regarding the maintenance contract for the old cemetery, and so far no quote had been received. Church Walk should be resurfaced shortly.

Transport

The timetable notice boards, and bus flags have been fitted and the bus shelters repaired. The £1000 Grant has been received from LCC and a letter of thanks sent. Castle Cleaners have added the new stop to their list and there will be a small increase in quarterly cleaning costs.

Playing Fields

Huddlestone Landscapes should be starting work at the skate park next week.

Finance

Cllr Pelling has backed up all the office files. The Insurance Schedule has now been updated with additional items added and the water bowsers removed, and there is a small increase in the Insurance cost. The precept has been received and banked.

PCSO Chris Clerk continues to be a regular visitor and the clerk has also seen the Area Inspector Phil Swinton and the Anti Social Behaviour Officer Jason Hall.

61/06 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting:

This is attached at Appendix 1 to this document.

Appendix 1

- 62/06 To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 24th August 2006 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:** Appendix 2
The report is attached at Appendix 2 to this document.
To consider planning applications received since:
SO6/1257/25 Nottingham Housing Association, 30-38 Spalding Road, Amended Porch
Approval recommended.
SO6/1293/25 Mr & Mrs Catt 17 Bridge Street, Ground and first floor extension
Approval recommended.
- 63/06 To consider financial matters:** Appendix 3
To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2006 and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein.
The report is attached at Appendix 3 to this document.
1. **To approve accounts for payment.** It was then proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Fisk and carried that the accounts be paid. This is attached to Appendix 4 to this document. Appendix 4
 2. **To consider Grant Aid assistance.**
It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Fisk and carried by 6 votes in favour, three against, and one abstention to award £200.00 to the Deeping Welsh Society providing the event proceeds.
All were in favour of awarding £100 to Deeping St James Primary School towards the costs of the visiting theatre company.
- 64/06 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**
1. **To receive feedback from Cllr Dilks regarding the ongoing Recycling issues.**
Referred to October meeting.
 2. **To receive feedback from Cllr Blessett on the Deepings Management Partnership meeting held on 12.09.06.**
The Market Deeping Health Check is currently being revisited. A new website in partnership with the Deepings School is being planned. Five new pillars in the Deeping St James area outside the town boundary are to be considered. The Council agreed the costs of £2500 to provide five pillars and flower baskets with summer and winter plants and maintenance costs. Cllr Stevens asked that provision for an electricity supply could also be considered as part of this project. Cllr Blessett to report back to the Deepings Partnership.
 3. **To receive feedback from Cllr Lincoln on the Deepings Local Area Assembly meeting held on 20.09.06.**
It was reported that the meeting was well attended. Concerns were expressed that although the improvements at the Leisure Centre have been greatly received, a large investment needs to be made. There was some confusion about the Trust. The Wheelie Bin roll out was well explained and an item will be included in the Newsletter.
 4. **To receive a report from the Manor Court Working Party site visit on 15.09.06 (Cllrs Pelling, Stevens, Lindfors-Windsor and Warrick,)**
All were in favour of the proposals presented by Cllr Warrick on behalf of the group. The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with SKDC and to also ask if the trees in-between the church and the shops could have a sensitive tree crowning as they were obscuring the CCTV cameras.
 5. **To receive an update on the Deepings Leisure Centre meeting on 22.09.06. (Cllr Pelling).**
Cllr Pelling reported on the meeting he had attended with the Leader of SKDC and the MP. Finances were considered for the next financial year and quotes were presented for various aspects of work. It was reconfirmed how strongly the Deepings residents felt about a new facility being provided, or a substantial improvement to the existing one. Knowledge of other proposals would be made public within the next six months.
 6. **To consider the provision of a CCTV camera at the Thackers Way Shops. (Cllr Warrick)**
The long term ongoing problems at the shops were discussed in full. It was proposed by Cllr Warrick, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried that we pursue the CCTV requirement urgently along the same lines as the one at the Manor Way shops, and that a working party be formed to investigate the lighting requirement to the rear of the shops. As an interim measure, it was suggested that the landlord be contacted regarding CCTV and automatic lighting security. It was also suggested that a security company be put in place to assist with the problems. It was agreed to put an article in the forthcoming newsletter asking residents to monitor their children. Cllr Blessett agreed to visit the headmaster at the Deepings School. The Clerk asked if she could please liaison with the Anti Social Behaviour Officer to ensure a partnership approach and good communication channels, which was agreed.
 7. **To receive a report from Jimmy Dee's regarding the Summer Play scheme.**
The Clerk reported on the success of the Summer Play Scheme, although concerns had been expressed regarding the number of "no shows". The SKDC play scheme officer had organised a meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd November at 10am in the Clerks office, and Cllr Lincoln agreed to attend as a working party representative.

8. To agree bringing forward the annual allowance for the maintenance operative and to consider the specification for the purchase of a van. (Cllr Fisk)

It was proposed by Cllr Fisk, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried that part of the allowance be brought forward to allow for repairs. Cllr Fisk agreed to bring forward proposals and costs for a second hand van for discussion at the November meeting.

65/06 Parish Pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Cllr Warrick read a letter from a resident regarding traffic calming measures in the village. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter and the matter was referred to the Transport Committee.

Dates of Forthcoming Meetings:

Allotments Committee – Thursday 12th October 2006 6.30 pm in Meeting Room
Playing Fields Committee- Thursday 12th October 2006 7.15pm in Meeting Room
Planning Committee – Thursday 19th October 2006 7pm in the Clerks Office
Council Meeting – Thursday 26th October 2006 7.30 in the Meeting Room

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.01pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett
26th October 2006