

# DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

## 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 7.30pm

### MINUTES

#### Present

Cllrs: Auger, Baxter, Blessett (Chairman), Dilks, Helyar, Wallis, and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

#### Open Forum

PCSO Chris Clarke attended together with a member of the public and a member of the press. It was noted that the skip facility had been at the Recycling Centre for the last three Saturdays and the results were very pleasing and provided a valuable service for the village. PCSO Chris Clarke confirmed that his duties were usually carried out on foot, and not in the patrol car.

**76/07 To receive apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Barber and Lindfors-Windsor (holiday), Stevens and Shinkins, (work) Neal, Pelling and Walsham (illness) and Parr and Broughton (personal). Cllr Dilks apologised for being a few minutes late.

**77/07 To receive declarations of interest, if any.**

Cllrs Augar (Personal) and Helyar (Prejudicial) Item 8.2 Planning

**78/07 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007.**

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

**79/07 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke (Five minutes.)**

It was confirmed that the person responsible for the fly tipping in Church Walk was being prosecuted. The new PCSO for Market Deeping is Karen Dobson. It was noted that Halloween would be well covered to prevent any reoccurrence of last year's incidents. PCSO Clarke told the Council that he had just had his appraisal and would appreciate any feed back from the Council to enable him to take any comments on board. Cllr Wallis commented that this was an excellent principle to establish. It was agreed that the continuity of the PCSO in the village was a real benefit. The Clerk will ask for feedback via the email and compile a report.

**80/07 To receive the Clerks Report.**

#### Allotments

Persimmon have provided and delivered concrete chippings free of charge to enable the last grass track to be made into a path, quotes are awaited for laying the road. The allotments rents (bar one) have now all been collected and there are seven plots to re-allocate this year. One of the water troughs has been damaged, possibly by impact with a vehicle and is undergoing repair. The bulbs have been planted in the Millennium Wood.

#### Youth & Community

The Play scheme accounts have been submitted to SKDC for direct payment. Meetings have been held Multi Activity Centre suppliers and further quotes are awaited ready for the first meeting with the newly formed working party to look at the WREN application. Payment of our insurance claim for damage to the skate park has been approved by our insurance company although there is a £200 access on our claim.

#### Cemetery

The percussion tap and pathway is now complete. There have been four funerals this month. Fly tipping is ongoing around the play ground field and this will need to be cleared and letters sent to residents. The SKDC tree specialist has recently had a site visit to consider the work required on the Plane and Red Cedar trees. The Clerk and the Cemetery Chairman with the help and advice of the District Surveyor will be presenting an action plan to the cemetery committee prior to the topple testing exercise.

#### Finance & General Purposes

A link has been set up from our web site to the DMP. The Mandate with the new signatories has been duly signed returned to the bank. The quarterly VAT return, and NI & PAYE has been done. Moore Stevens has asked for explanations for various figures on the annual return, and I have now consulted with a qualified accountant regarding the breakdown. A staff working party has taken place and assessments are ongoing.

**81/07 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

The Clerk reported back on the recent street naming of the old concrete works site. After lengthy discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the proposal from Persimmon that the road off the Spalding Road be named Darbyshire Close. It was noted that the address of the houses on the access road would be Hall Meadow Road.

Representatives from the village who attend the Peterborough Community Church had responded to the little campaign and offered to regularly litter pick identified areas for the good of the village. It was noted that they would only discuss their own religious views when approached by members of the public. Cllr Baxter declared an interest in this item.

Rev Warrick is very grateful for the old printer which the church is now able to use as a copier. Five phone calls and a resident have called into the office to support the landfill skip at the recycling facility, as well as two letters being received.

The Slap Wraps have been received and the bike wise scheme is due to start in the schools in February.

The sand bags have been requested.

PCC and enquiries to improve the 7.5 Ton weight limit signage is ongoing.

Andy Pelling and the Financial Training session is still to be confirmed.

It was noted that the full claim and quotes for repairs regarding the village sign has been submitted and the Insurance Company has challenged the quote. I have therefore been asked to provide additional quotes and photographs of the incident.

The Standards Board have acknowledged receipt of the Council's adoption of the revised Code of Conduct and all the Personal Interest forms have been returned to the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr Blessett confirmed that Neville Wright had agreed to allow us to erect the CCTV pole on the perimeter wall of the shopping area in Thacker's Way. It was confirmed that an official order would now be issued for the CCTV equipment to be installed, and this would be reviewed in six months time.

**82/07 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting:**

It was proposed by Cllr Dilks and unanimously agreed to waive the memorial fee usually charged to enable the replacement of the Commonwealth War Grave for Sergeant W Henrfey. All other items of correspondence have been referred to other items on this agenda or were for information only.

**83/07 To consider planning related issues:**

- 1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 18th October and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 1.**

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**2. To consider planning applications received since:**

SO7/1362/25	Manor Roofing Ltd Old Station Yard Station Road Deeping St James	Business Park (Reserved Matters) <b>Approved. It was noted that the trees that are to remain have been identified on the plan.</b>
SO7/1343/25	Mrs H Clegg 2 Crowfields Deeping St James	Erection of 1.8 meter fence <b>Approved.</b>
SO7/1351/25	MDN & AC Fisher Land r/o 74 Manor Way Deeping St James	Change of use of land to domestic garden

The recommendation from the Planning Committee was to object to this application of loss of a public open space. Cllrs Auger and Helyar declared an interest and therefore abstained. Cllrs Dilks and Wallis also abstained, and Cllrs Blessett and Baxter proposed that although we are sympathetic with the anti social behaviour problems suffered by the residents, the selling of this land would not necessarily solve the problem as similar behaviour has also been identified in other footpath areas in the village and is therefore a Police matter. Objection carried.

**3. To consider correspondence received since:**

- 1. To inform the Council that an Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the erection of one dwelling off Stephens Way, Deeping St James following the refusal of outline planning consent. (SO7/0066/25)**

The Council agreed to stand by their original comments and make no further representation.

- 84/07 To consider financial matters:**
- 1. To approve Accounts for Payment as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 2 to this document.** Enc 2  
It was proposed by Cllr Baxter, seconded by Cllr Helyar and carried that the accounts be paid. Enc 3
  - 2. To re-consider the Grant Application for the Community Centre as per the attached report at Appendix 3 to this document.**  
It was proposed by Cllr Baxter and agreed unanimously that this application for Grant Aid will be looked at favourably once the fundraising committee have raised £9,000, and they were therefore asked to contact us again when this position had been reached.
- 85/07 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**
- 1. To receive the minutes of the Youth & Community Committee held on the 3rd October 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 4 to this document.** Enc 4  
It was proposed by Cllr Baxter and agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein, and agreed £3000 be allocated for the 2008-9 Play Scheme subject to confirmation of the % grant from SKDC. It was further agreed that a working party be established to take the WREN application forward, and Cllr Baxter asked if he could also sit on the group. It was also agreed to employ a maintenance person at Woody Heights, although it was confirmed that we had now moved on from here and a full report would be made to an extra meeting being called by F&GP on 22.11.07 which was addressing these issues. Enc 5
  - 2. To receive the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 5 to this document.**  
It was proposed by Cllr Wallis and agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein, and confirmed that an extra meeting was being held on 22.11.07 to discuss ongoing issues. The estimates were accepted and would be given further consideration by the F&GP Committee on 06.12.07 prior to the final draft being considered and recommendations being made to Council on 03.01.08.
- 86/07 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:**
- 1. To Feedback on Working Parties and confirm dates for forthcoming meetings:**
    - a. Footpaths (Cllr Pelling)**  
The Clerk confirmed that she had written to LCC regarding ownership of the strip of land between the Bowls Club and Charities Orchard. It was confirmed that a staggered barrier could be erected at the Millfield Road end of the path, and we could make our representations to LCC. Observations made by LCC were noted. It was also confirmed that No Motorbike signs would be inappropriate as it was illegal to ride them on footpaths. These findings were referred back to the Footpaths Working Party for further discussion.
    - b. Manor Court (Clerk)**  
It was confirmed by the SKDC Legal Services Manager that in pursuant to the provision of the Open Spaces Act 1906 it would be contrary to the purpose if the land was used for the provision of car parking. In addition, the land is fettered by a covenant not to damage the land due to a system of pipes and storage tank within the land. It was unanimously agreed to move forward and to ask Anthony Hardy to carry out the final designs and costings as per the original proposals.
  - 2. To give an overview of the "Pride in Our Community" Campaign on 30.09.07 as per the attached report at Appendix 5 to this document.**  
It was agreed that this had been well received and the Clerk confirmed that she had thanked everyone for their involvement. The Clerk was thanked for her part in the organisation.
  - 3. To report on the Community Panel Meeting on 22.10.07 (Cllr Wallis)**  
The meeting was postponed to 29.10.07.
  - 4. To report on the Saturday Skip Service provided by the Parish Council at the Deepings Recycling Centre. (Clerk & Cllr Blessett)**  
This item was discussed in the open forum.
  - 5. To report back with comments on the DMP Consultation. (Cllr Baxter)**  
Cllr Baxter gave an overview of the working party findings, and was asked to consolidate this within the report to enable Cllr Blessett to take to the DMP meeting on 29.10.07.

**87/07 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.**

Cllr Baxter agreed to attend the Opening of the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm and Cllr Blessett agreed to attend the closing ceremony on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm at the Riverside Park in Market Deeping.

Cllr Dilks confirmed that LCC had £500,000 allocated for highway repairs across south Kesteven and could members please email any proposed schemes to him before 16<sup>th</sup> November for consideration.

Cllr Auger reported that the contract for the refurbishment of the wet change area at the Deepings Leisure Centre had now been agreed.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

**Thursday 8th November 2007 6.30pm Transport Committee in the Meeting Room**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 7.15pm Cemetery Committee in the Meeting Room**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 6.30 F&GP Committee in the Parish Office**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007 7.15 Planning Committee in the Parish Office**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007 7.30 Council Meeting at The Institute**

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM SKDC HAVE AGREED TO ATTEND THE NOVEMBER MEETING REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE LEISURE CENTRE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed Cllr Jim Blessett  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2007