

DEEPING ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
24th April 2008 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Cllrs: Auger, Barber, Baxter, Blessett (Chairman), Broughton, Lindfors-Windsor, Neal, Parr, Pelling, (Vice Chairman) Stevens, Wallis, and the Clerk, Mrs Sheila Kostyrka.

Open Forum

PCSO attended with two members of the public. Concerns were expressed regarding minutes not being fully available in the library or on the website. The Parish Council agreed to revisit their Publication Scheme and to give the matter their consideration. Cllr Barber offered his help as a back up to the web site. Concerns were also expressed regarding a recent incident where they were still some tidying up to be completed.

165/08 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllrs Helyar and Shinkins (work) Cllr Walsham (Personal) Cllr Dilks did not attend.

166/08 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

Cllr Pelling Accounts 9.1.162 (personal)
Cllr Baxter Allotments 10.1 (personal)
Cllr Broughton Allotments 10.1 (personal)
Cllr Auger Manor Way 14 (personal)

167/08 To adopt the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th March 2008.

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

168/08 To receive a report from PCSO Chris Clarke (Five minutes.)

PCSO Clarke updated the council on the successful Bike Wise scheme, and the Too Young to Die Campaign. A training session was currently being organised with the Police Cadets for the Too Young to Die Campaign. Several arrests had recently been made regarding recent thefts from shops. There are ongoing problems with students from the Deepings School causing a nuisance with their cars in the Manor Court area during the lunch break. PCSO Clarke was in contact with the school.

169/08 To receive the Clerks Report.

Youth & Community

SKDC have agreed to install a palisade fence to the rear of the skate park area. SKDC have confirmed a grant for the play scheme of 33%, the same as last year.

Finance

Preparation is being made to submit the annual return to Clement Keys by 7th July. The bank and budgets have been balanced to the end of the financial year and cross referenced and balanced. The VAT return has been submitted. The return has been submitted to HM Revenue and Customs. The P60's have been issued. The Hall Meadow Estate account has been reconciled and checked by the Internal Auditor who has commenced the audit.

Community

A site meeting took place to consider the ongoing litter problems, and footpath number 10 which has now been improved. The replacement value of The Cross has been estimated at £43,000 for insurance purposes. The

Environment Agency has agreed to cut the river bank monthly, and we are giving additional cuts as agreed by the council. SKDC have agreed to install palisade fencing across the gap opposite the footpath in the Spalding Road. The barrier has been installed across the footpath. The street lights in Church Walk have now been repaired.

Cemetery

The cemetery fence has been repaired underneath the London Plane tree. The Probation Service will soon be ending their time in the village as they are needed in other areas. They have said they will be happy to return if we need them again. We received a complaint regarding debris from shredding ending up in one of the gardens near the cemetery when the contractor was clearing the waste. Maurice has attended to clear up the mess, and will be returning to complete the job.

Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces

We now have 25 people on the allotment waiting list. The goal posts have been installed on the Thacker's Way open space. The Millennium Wood has had its first cut.

Transport

The Bus Shelter in Thacker's Way has been vandalised on four occasions, has been reported to the police, and an insurance claim has now been made for just under £1000.00 which has been acknowledged. The bus shelter company are able to go ahead with the repairs pending receipt of the claim, as we have had many complaints from concerned residents, and this was agreed by the Council. The bus shelters have all been cleaned and inspected. Maurice will be carrying out general maintenance.

170/08 To receive the report of progress in relation to matters arising from these Minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

The Clerk has been meeting with Maurice daily since the new schedule started on April 1st, and it is working well. The schedule was circulated and Councillors were asked to be mindful of the various routes and make the necessary observations. It was confirmed that Edna Gauches and Bert Cutmore have been nominated to LCC for an award. The PLI cover has been received from Prentice Brothers.

171/08 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 1 to this document.

Enc 1

172/08 To consider planning related issues:

1. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 17th April as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 2 to this document and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:

Enc 2

It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that the Council writes to SKDC regarding the approval of R/O 12 Church Street, and also to contact Persimmon regarding additions to the tree planting scheme.

2. To consider planning applications received since:

SO8/0477/25

2, New Row,
Deeping St James

Proposed extension and dormer window

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED.

- 173/08 To consider financial matters:**
- 1. To approve Accounts for Payment as per the attached schedule attached at Appendix 3 to this document.** Enc 3
- Approval of an additional £469.99 was given for the purchase of the agreed lap top and word, excel and power point programme.
It was then proposed by Cllr Auger, seconded by Cllr Lindfors-Windsor and unanimously agreed that the accounts be paid.
- 2. To approve cost of £60 for a contractor to clear the dyke of rubbish from the footpath on the Spalding Road to the Froggnall turning.**
- It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously agreed to approve this expenditure.
- 174/08 To receive the following reports and resolve upon the recommendations contained therein:**
- 1. To receive the minutes of the Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee held on 3rd April 2008 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 4 to this document.** Enc 4
- It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that the Council agreed to reintroduce "The Best Allotment Plot" and to provide a prize. It was agreed by a majority of votes to accept that Planning Permission should be applied for immediately by the Allotment Association and that the metal "container" type structure should be moved and placed adjacent to the original allotment association hut, in the corner by the bordering hedges, sheltered from view and painted dark green as advised by SKDC. The Chairman then invited Mr Chambers to speak, and he disagreed that planning permission was needed. Cllr Blessett confirmed that the SKDC enforcement officer had confirmed this information.
- 2. To receive the minutes of the Youth and Community Committee held on 3rd April 2008 as per the attached schedule at Appendix 5 to this document.** Enc 5
- It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations contained therein and to confirm that that an application for Lincolnshire Capital Grant Aid be submitted in August for the identified "Flying Saucer" equipment as three quotes had now been received.
It was also recommended to Council and agreed to obtain a quote to continue the new fencing across the top of the playing field, and re-site the access gates near the entrance.
- 175/08 To discuss the design and costing for the Manor Court refurbishment.** Enc 6
- After a lengthy discussion, it was confirmed that Sarah Bailey would now be leading the project and the Chairman and the Clerk would be meeting with her on 30th April to obtain costs, amend the design and to take the project forward as soon as possible.
- 176/08 To distribute the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 8th May 2008 at 7pm in the Priory Church Hall and discuss arrangements.** Enc 7
- The Agenda and Posters were distributed and the format of the evening was discussed. The Clerk was asked to chase up the badges.
- 177/08 To consider the following matters in the order upon which notice of resolution or recommendation has been given:**

1. To receive a report from Cllr Pelling on the Finance Seminar attended on 08.04.08.

Cllr Pelling was pleased to report that the training session had confirmed that we were conforming to all regulations. It was confirmed that the Public Liability Certificate now had to be kept for 40 years. Accounting and VAT would also be an agenda item for the next Finance meeting.

2. To receive a report from the Clerk on the arrangements for the Summer Play scheme. (Meeting with Sue Bell 21.04.08)

The Clerk confirmed that the arrangements were progressing well and an excellent Play Scheme with a full programme of activities was being arranged to take place at Linchfield School from 11th – 24th August.

3. To receive a report from Cllrs Neal and Wallis on the “Too Young to Die” Campaign attended on 21.04.08.

It was reported that overall the presentation was good, and the DVD very powerful. Thirteen people, with a good mix of abilities attended the course and there were tips and guidance on how to deliver the training. It was agreed that the Transport Committee would consider the outcome and make any further recommendations at their next meeting.

178/08 The Role of the District Councillor (Cllr Stevens)

Cllr Stevens expressed her ongoing concerns regarding the distance between Grantham and Deeping St James geographically. After a long discussion Cllr Auger offered to summarise any SKDC events and decisions relevant to Deeping St James at the monthly meetings when appropriate. Everyone was in agreement that a five minute slot should be allocated for this purpose. Cllr Auger impressed upon everyone that an individual or the Parish Council must make a request to one of the District Council representatives to take issues up on their behalf, and he would be more than happy to do so.

179/08 Parish-pump: Report of urgent information and notice of agenda items for the next meeting.

Cllr Lindfors-Windsor requested that her papers be compiled in a different format which was agreed.

Cllr Stevens requested that The Rose and Sweet Pea Show is an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr Stevens also requested that an article on contact with District Councillors be included in our next newsletter.

Cllr Auger confirmed that the “Designated Public Order Act” had now been adopted by SKDC, which included the whole Parish.

Cllrs Pelling and Auger confirmed that they would be absent for the May AGM and gave apologies.

Cllr Broughton commented that the pavement was now being laid at the Persimmon site.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday 1st May 2008 6.00pm Cemetery meeting on site. Meet in the new Cemetery.

Thursday 8th May 2008 6.30 for 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting in the Priory Church Hall.

Thursday 22nd May 2008 6.00pm Planning Committee in the Clerks Office followed by an explanation and tour by Mr Melvyn Crooks from SKDC at 6.30pm on Tree Preservation Orders. This will take place in the conservation area of the village.

Thursday 29th May 2008 7.30 Annual General Meeting of the Council in the Meeting Room

The Meeting finished at 10.00pm

Cllr J Blessett
29th May 2008