



# DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Julie Fortnum

Minutes of the meeting of Deeping St James Parish Council held on Thursday 20 December 2018 at 7.30 pm at The Institute.

Present: Parish Councillors Barber, Blessett, Bowell, Gilbert, Green, Hall, Halls, Hardy, Hosking, Pelling, Shinkins-Hoppe, Stevens (District), Thomas and Ward.

The Minutes taken by the Parish Clerk.

Press report written by Councillor Hosking.

## OPEN FORUM

### Changes to Bus Services

Local resident, Tim Stevens, who volunteers to keep the bus information and time tables up to date in the parishes bus shelters and liaise with LCC the bus companies and the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum advised of the changes to the bus service from 2 January 2019 and confirmed that discussions were ongoing with LCC regarding improving the CallConnect service. He advised that the Age Concern minibus and the Patient Participation voluntary car scheme were available as alternatives methods of transport to the shops and medical appointments and that he would suggest other non-conventional schemes using the subsidy savings (such as add on services to the Delaine 203 or providing a shuttle bus) at a meeting with LCC to be arranged in January 2019.

### Lincolnshire County Council

Councillor Dobson offered his help and support with the bus services.

After the recent change in Chief Executive Officer and Senior Management he assured everyone that LCC was in a healthy position and able 'to weather a storm'

He was pleased to advise that the decision to cease offering funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau had been reversed and payment would be made in 2019/20

He confirmed that the traffic regulation order restricting parking times outside Rycroft shops would come into force in the near future and a traffic regulation order on Spalding Road was also being considered.

### South Kesteven District Council

Councillor Stevens advised that a design Officer had recently been employed to work within the Planning department

She confirmed that application S18/2003 for the development at 21 Frognall which DSJPC had objected to had been recommended for approval by the Planning Officer but would now be decided by the Development Management Committee. Whichever way the final decision went there would be enforcement action taken regarding the container.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Deepings Literary Festival will take place from Thursday 23 May until Sunday 26 May 2019 with funding of £254,000 from SKDC. The website and programme had been completed and Local venues will be used to host 20 nationally known Authors who will attract Visitors to the area so benefitting local businesses. A number of other Arts events in the Deepings were also on the agenda for 2019.

### **88.19 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Dilks.

### **89.19 To receive notifications of interest and consider requests for dispensations, if any.**

Agenda item 94.19 – Councillors Bowell, Halls and Stevens.

### **90.19 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 29 November 2018.**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true copy.

## 91.19

### Clerks Report

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Contact has been made with the Red Cross to run a first aid training session.

Councillor Hardy's details have been forwarded to the Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer at LCC to be included in the text alerting trail.

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On Tuesday 4 December 2018 Councillor Barber and Steve Fisk planted over 650 bulbs along the riverbank and the land at High Locks, raised the Weeping Willow canopy, cut down the self-set elders and strimmed down the weeds and reeds on the water's edge.

The Clerk has renewed the parish agreement urban highway verge cutting for 2019/20 with Lincolnshire County Council and has requested a quotation from the new company set up by South Kesteven District council as well as negotiating with the contractor who has completed the work this year.

## 92.19

### To consider financial matters

#### 1. To approve accounts for payment

Including additional invoices received since the agenda had been issued it was proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** that

payments totalling £7433.60 should be paid

**93.19 To consider planning matters**

**1. To receive and consider minutes and any recommendations of the planning and transport committee meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2018**

Councillor Blessett introduced the minutes which included the following three recommendations:

S18/211 153 Eastgate – recommendation is to approve this application **RESOLVED**

S18/2176 Broadgate House Church Street – recommendation is to refuse this application **RESOLVED**

S18/2192 29 Park Road – recommendation to refuse this application **RESOLVED**

District Councillor Stevens did not vote on the above

**94.19 To receive and agree the Council's response to correspondence received since the last meeting.**

Deepings Youth Group	Requesting that the Parish Council provides the grant funding in one payment at the beginning of 2019/20	After some discussions Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe proposed that as DSJPC receive the precept in two half yearly payments in April and October that the grant should be released in two half yearly payments. Seconded by Councillor Ward and <b>RESOLVED</b>
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**95.19 To receive and consider minutes and recommendations of committees, reports from advisory committees, members reports from external bodies, members reports of meetings, seminars, training and events attended on the Council's behalf:**

**1. Grimethorpe Colliery Band Concert at The Deepings Leisure Centre on 1 December 2018** – Councillor Bowell's report was noted although Councillor Thomas stated that she was disappointed that no mention had been made of The Rotary organising the event

**2. The Deepings School Community buffet on 6 December 2018** – report noted.

**3. Meeting about changes to bus services affecting DSJ held on Tuesday 11 December 2018** – report noted.

**96.19 To consider the budget paperwork prior to agreeing the precept at the next council meeting on 31 January 2018**

Councillor Ward introduced the paperwork that had been circulated to all members explaining that the budgets had been calculated and to keep the precept at a minimum he proposed transferring £5000 from reserves. This would keep the increase in the precept at 1.90%. It was noted that the budget had not taken into account the costs involved in relocating three bus shelters that will become redundant when the Shaws 100 service ceases to operate from 2 January 2019 – this item will be discussed at the planning and transport committee on Thursday 24 February 2019. Councillor Stevens proposed, seconded by Councillor Pelling that unless any significant changes were required the

precept should be set at an increase of 1.90%. **RESOLVED**

**97.19 Parish pump – items for information or inclusion on future agendas**

- Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe volunteered to write the press report for the next meeting
- Councillor Hosking advised that she had spoken to a PCSO who had asked that the Parish Council encourages residents to report criminal activity via 101 rather than posting on social media
- Councillor Gilbert requested that people are encouraged to be vigilant after he had noticed some suspicious vehicles parked on Station Road
- Councillor Stevens requested everyone to prepare articles for the next newsletter no later than 20 January 2019

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**Signed .....**

**Date.....**