



# DEEPI NG ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Julie Fortnum

Minutes of the meeting of Deeping St James Parish Council held on **Thursday 26 April 2018 at 7.30 pm at The Institute.**

Present: Parish Councillors Barber, Blessett, Bowell, Dilks (District), Gilbert, Green, Hall, Halls, Pelling, Shinkins, Stevens (District), Thomas, Ward and County Councillor Dobson.

The minutes were taken by the Parish Clerk  
The Press report was prepared by Councillor Ward

## Open Forum

County Councillor Dobson had prepared a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting which provided an update about highways work, the School crossing patrol vacancy at Linchfield School and refuse collection and recycling. Councillor Dilks reminded Councillor Dobson that he had requested him to provide an explanation for the cuts to the funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau Service.

No District Councillors reports had been provided prior to the meeting. Councillor Stevens advised that some of the members had just come from a meeting where the draft local plan had been shared with the Parish and Town Councillors.

**137.18 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received, and were accepted, from Councillors Hardy and Hosking

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

Councillor Barber agenda item 141.18.1  
Councillor Gilbert agenda item 147.18

**139.18 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 29 March 2018.**

Agreed and signed as a true copy

**140.18 Clerks Report**

**141.18 To consider financial matters**

**1. To approve accounts for payment**

It was proposed by Councillor Pelling, seconded by Councillor Shinkins, that the payments totalling £14,907.53 should be paid.

**RESOLVED** (with one abstention Councillor Barber)

**142.18 To consider planning matters**

**1. To receive and consider minutes and recommendations of the planning and transport committee meeting held on Thursday 19 April 2018**

Councillor Blessett introduced the minutes from which there were no recommendations as all the planning applications had been considered under delegated powers.

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

Unity Trust	Bank charges to increase from 5 June 2018 to £6 per month	The Clerk has requested an explanation which
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	and 15p per credit and debit transaction	has not yet been received.
The Friends of Jubilee Park	Requesting confirmation that DSJPC will purchase outdoor gym equipment bundle accepting donations of funds obtained by FOJP and applying for remaining section 106 monies	It was proposed by Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Dilks that Deeping St James Parish Council would purchase an outdoor gym bundle using donations made to the FOJP and the remaining 106 monies held by SKDC. <b>RESOLVED</b>
Deepings Raft Race Committee	Invitation for the Chairman of Deeping St James Parish Council to open the raft race 2018 at 10.45am on Sunday 5 August 2018	It was agreed that the Chairman of Deeping St James Parish Council would open the raft race
Market Deeping Town Council	Invitation to attend the Mayor of Market Deeping's Civic Service at 10am on 10 June 2018	It was agreed that the Chairman or a representative of the parish council on his behalf would attend the Civic Service on 10 June 2018

144.18

**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. **South Kesteven District Council Development Management Committee on Tuesday 3 April 2018** – Attended by Councillors Ward and Shinkins and the Parish Clerk. The report which had been circulated was noted.
2. **Councillor Surgery held at The Deepings Community Library on Saturday 7 April 2018 from 10am until 12pm** – Attended by Councillor Barber and County Councillor Dobson. The report which had been circulated was noted.
3. **Age Concern Deepings Meet Ernie event at Tesco Godsey Lane Market Deeping on Saturday 7 April 2018 at 10.30am** – Attended by Councillor Howell
4. **SKDC Planning training at the Deepings Community Centre on Tuesday 10 April 2018** – Attended by the office staff and several Councillors. The PowerPoint presentation has been circulated to all.
5. **To receive and consider the minutes from the extraordinary meeting of the Allotments footpaths and open spaces committee held on Tuesday 17 April 2018** – Councillor Ward introduced the meeting from which there was one recommendation which was that the Parish Council engage a law firm before proceeding any further with this project. Councillor Ward had sourced a Solicitor who specialises in public rights of way who had advised that the parish council had the power to undertake this project under the Highways Act 1980 s. 30. It was **RESOLVED** that this firm should be engaged

by the Parish Council to complete the legal requirements relating to land ownership.

### **County Councillor Dobson left the meeting**

6. **To receive and consider the minutes from the youth and community committee meeting held on Thursday 19 April 2018** – Councillor Shinkins introduced the minutes of this meeting from which there were two recommendations firstly to recommend that the quotation for £4459 to heighten the fencing around the MUGA to 12 feet to reduce the likelihood of the balls going over the fence was accepted and secondly to purchase at a cost of £300 and install on the grassed area 4 posts to use as goal posts. **RESOLVED.**
7. **38<sup>th</sup> Charter Dinner of Deepings Lions held at The Deepings Sports and Social Club on Saturday 21 April 2018** – Attended by Councillor Howell
8. **The annual spring Clean held on Sunday 22 April 2018** – Several Councillors had been involved in this along with a number of other organisations and members of the public. Special thanks were given to The Old Bakery Church Street Deeping St James who had provided doughnuts to all involved.
9. **Leisure Centre working party (MDTC/DSJPC) held on Monday 23 April 2018 at 7.30pm in MDTC Chambers** – Councillor Pelling reported on this item as both himself and Councillor Stevens had attended the meeting along with representatives from Market Deeping Parish Council. The group had established a minimum requirement of what should be included in a new leisure facility, agreed the building should be iconic in design, ideally located on Linchfield Road and that the current leisure centre car park should not be lost. The Parish Councillors agreed that this sounded like the group were making progress.
10. **LALC Allotment training held at Gedney Village Hall on Tuesday 24 April 2018** – The Clerk had attended this training provided by a representative from The National Allotment Society. It was a well presented and informative course. It was agreed that the parish council should join this society at a cost of £55 per annum to obtain access to resources and advice.
11. **Drop-in session regarding South Kesteven food waste recycling trail between 2.30pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 24 April 2018 at The Deepings Community Centre** – Attended by Councillor Howell who advised that information on this was available on South Kesteven District Council's website
12. **Presentation to the Market Deeping Town and Deeping St James Parish Councillors of the draft SKDC Local Plan 2018 at The Deepings Community Centre on Thursday 26 April 2018** – Several Councillors had attended this which had been both interesting and useful.

**145.18 To consider how to utilise the Stowgate Road pay phone kiosk** – This item was deferred to allow the Clerk to confirm with DRUFC whether they wanted the kiosk to house a defibrillator.

**146.18 To consider the appointment of Parish Council representative on Deeping St James United Charities** - Councillor Shinkins led this item proposing that Councillor Dilks is reinstated as Deeping St James Parish Council's representative on Deeping St James United Charities. The Chairman asked Councillor Dilks if he wished to be reinstated.

Councillor Dilks explained that his resignation from DSJUC had allowed him to speak at the SKDC Development Management Committee held on 3 April 2018 (he shared a copy of his resignation letter for information) on behalf of the people of the Deepings which he felt was a necessity. If it is the Parish Council's wish that he is reinstated he is agreeable however if the need to speak again about the development arose he would resign again Councillor Stevens thought to be unlikely as once the United Charities had sold the land he should not be required to resign to speak. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Ward and **RESOLVED**

**147.18 To consider the quotation received from the original Publishers to update the Staff Handbook.**

It was proposed by Councillor Shinkins, seconded by Councillor Pelling, that the quotation should be accepted and the staff handbook updated. **RESOLVED** with one abstention (Councillor Gilbert)

**148.18 To consider and agree to accept one of the insurance renewal quotations which have been received.**

The Parish Council's insurance is due for renewal on 1 June 2018 and Came and Company insurance brokers had provided 3 quotations which had been shared with members. It was proposed by Councillor Dilks seconded by Councillor Shinkins that the parish council enter into a 3 year agreement with Inspire underwritten by AXA. **RESOLVED**

**149.18 Parish pump.**

- Volunteer to write May's press report – Councillor Shinkins
- The Clerk was requested to share the National Citizens Service information with Councillor Thomas so it could be shared with The Rotary.
- Councillor Stevens advised everyone that she continued to put cones out on the grass verges along Spalding Road on Sunday mornings to stop people parking there and damaging the grass bulbs and trees.
- Councillor Gilbert requested someone swop their Councillor Surgery date with him. Councillor Halls volunteered to cover 2 June 2018
- **Councillor Shinkins requested that an item be added to the May agenda to cover the general data protection regulations as herself the Clerk Councillors Ward and Barber had done a lot of work to make the council compliant by 25 May 2018**
- Councillor Bowell asked if there was any interest in investigating the re-opening of DSJ station. Councillor Pelling told him to speak to the Spalding and Peterborough Transport forum who have spent 10 years trying to put together a feasibility study to re-open Deeping St Nicholas before pursuing this idea any further.

Meeting finished at 9.35pm

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