



Parish Clerk: Julie Fortnum

Minutes of the meeting of Deeping St James Parish Council held on Thursday 23 February 2017 at 7.30 pm at The Institute.

Present: Councillors Barber, Blessett, Bowell, Dilks, Gilbert, Green, Hall, Pelling, Shinkins, J. Stevens, T. Stevens, Thomas, Wallis and Ward.

Open Forum

County Council – Councillor Dilks advised that the full council meeting was to be held on Friday 24 February 2107 with three big topics on the agenda; Unitary Authority System with a suggestion that a consultation of the people of Lincolnshire will take place in the Autumn after plans to hold a public referendum on the same day as local elections have been said to be unlawful, Street lighting as a number of lights have been left unrepaired for months as manpower has been diverted to the changeover to LED and part night switch off and the budget as the financial difficulties due to Central Government cutting the funding available to them. An alternative budget proposal will be put forward tomorrow proposing the use of this year's 20 million underspend on street lighting adult social care and Library personnel rather placing it in reserves.

District Council – Councillor J Stevens advised that The Deepings is 1 of 31 areas chosen for a pilot scheme for starter homes and SKDC have recently undertaken an audit of all the land they own in the area which includes the Community Centre car park in Douglas Road however she could assure everyone that this site was not going to be developed. Councillor J Stevens, Carole Bremner representing The Friends of Jubilee Park and the Parish Clerk had met with Lynne Lord from SKDC at Jubilee Park to discuss and agree how to reduce ASB (including graffiti) in the park. Further hedge planting along the walls was agreed as was the suggestion not to cut the grass in the corner triangle of the park that backs onto the back garden of residences on Pendelbury Drive and Crowson Way. She confirmed that The Deepings Literary Festival was going from strength to strength, being promoted and supported well by SKDC and being received positively with tickets sales going well and over £7000 in receipts already achieved.

117.17 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Hosking.

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

Councillors Pelling and J. Stevens declared an interest in agenda item 122.17.1

119.17 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2017.

Agreed and signed by the Chair.

120.17 Clerks Report

At the request of residents 'clean up after your dog signs' have been put up in a number of locations in the Parish.

The W&DIDB have dredged the dykes on Hall Meadow Road, Linchfield Road and Spalding Road lifting a large amount of rubbish which the maintenance worker has cleared away

Reports have been received from a local parishioner regarding a number of areas in need of litter picking in the parish notably the dyke between the Open Door Church and Bowls Club on Spalding Road.

A small amount of graffiti has been cleaned off the new bus shelter on Linchfield Road.

Further reports about inconsiderate parking on Swift Close have been received and forwarded to the Headteacher at Linchfield School for his assistance.

A resident reported that a street light on the linked footpath between Bryony Way and Speedwell Court has not been working for over one

month – this was referred to LCC for explanation.

A complaint has been received via RJ Scholes about the size of a tree overhanging the new Cemetery and the mess on the memorial tablets left by the birds sitting in the tree. Councillor Barber has inspected the tree and advised that it is in the Church yard and due to the size it would need professional attention.

Action - The Parish Clerk was requested to obtain quotes for this work and a tree safety audit carried out on all trees that the Parish Council were responsible for.

Fly tipping on Hall Meadow Road has been reported to SKDC

It has been reported that there are conflicting signs relating to Cycling on PROW 7 from Spalding Road to Millfield Road. Photos of the signs have been sent to Countryside access at LCC (who are responsible for the public rights of ways) for them to investigate.

121.17 To receive a report of progress in relation to matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

- 1 Councillor Gilbert advised that no further pre-appraisal comments, other than the 3 made previously, had been received since his request last month and he urged Members to forward them so that the Staff appraisals could be completed.

To consider financial matters

1. To approve accounts for payment

122.17

It was proposed by Councillor Shinkins and seconded by Councillor Barber that payments totalling £6101.44 should be paid. **Resolved** with two abstentions.

			NET	VAT
SO & BT	Staffing costs		£ 2,874.29	
BT	Autocross Euroshel Ltd	2 end panels for bus shelter	£ 1,645.00	£ 1,974.00
DD	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	31 Day Rental and 4 empties of 110L wheelie bin	£ 106.14	£ 21.23
BT	Cartridgesave	4 colour Ink cartridges for office printer	£ 392.37	£ 78.47
DD	British Telecom	Telephone and broadband for January 2017	£ 53.84	£ 10.76
BT	Prentice Bros	4 weekly community skips and 1 collection form allotments	£ 445.00	£ 89.00
BT	Viking	4 rolls of extra strong sacks	£ 47.96	£ 9.59
BT	Paul Hanson	Cover for maintenance man 7-10/2/17, Mileage claim and reimbursement for bin bags	£ 132.42	£ -
BT	S W Fisk	Clear and remove fallen tree at cemetery	£ 45.00	£ -
BT	K Bowles	Reimbursement for Cable ties & Padlock	£ 32.60	£ 6.51
BT	A&M Print Ltd	Print and deliver the newsletter	£ 270.00	£ 324.00
DD	British Telecom	Telephone and broadband for February 2017	£ 56.82	£ 11.36

TOTAL	£ 6,101.44	£ 2,524.92
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123.17 To consider planning matters

1. To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the planning committee meeting held at 7pm on Thursday 16 February 2017

Councillor Barber introduced the planning minutes and referred Members to application S17/0062 recommending approval but noting concerns that the gravel drive access seemed inadequate for the development. **Resolved**

The Members attention was drawn to SKDC's approval of planning application S16/2343 which the Parish Council had raised concerns about principally in respect of the loss of parking spaces for those visiting local shops. Councillor T. Stevens advised that this concern had been brought to the attention of the Transport committee by a local shop owner.

As all three of the DSJ District Councillors are members of SKDC Development Committee the need to keep them informed of the planning committees responses was reinforced as there was nothing that could be done after a decision had been approved. Councillor Barber also informed all the Members that planning application S16/1970 in respect of Mr Rogers Border Caravan Storage Back Lane Deeping St James, which the Parish Council had also raised objections to, had been approved by SKDC.

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

Correspondent	Subject	Response
The Deepings Scouts and Guides	Thanking the parish council for their offer of support with future specific ventures	No reply necessary
Anglian Water	Opening of Competitive water and waste water market for non-householders from April 2017	Noted
Local contact point of Lincolnshire Credit Union	Advising that there is now a Corporate Memberships Account that the Parish Council can deposit funds in	Members agreeable to this and requested that it is considered further by the Finance & general purposes committee
Local Business	Enquiring as to whether the Parish Council could contribute to the purchase and installation of a defibrillator in the Hards Lane area.	It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the Business advising that the Parish Council wish to support this venture and requesting that they complete a grant funding application
Biffa Waste Services Ltd	Advising of increased charges from April 2017 (approximately	Agreed to continue with the Service provided

	£3.00 per week)	
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125.17 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. **To receive an updated report from Deepings First neighbourhood plan group** – Councillor Shelton's (MDTC) report referred everyone to the page from January's SKDC Parish Update which shows the progress of the Neighbourhood Plans for the three main communities apart from Grantham, in SKDC, Stamford, Bourne and the Deepings. Councillor Ward advised that to date there had been 658 responses to the consultation.
2. **To receive the minutes from the Neighbourhood Policing community panel meeting held on Monday 23 January 2017** – Councillor Howell referred to the minutes which had been circulated by email prior to the meeting highlighting the issue of hare coursing which had been raised by several members of the public attending the meeting. It is intended to hold two awareness events in the foyer of Tesco on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 March 2017 to raise the profile of the issue and get the public on board so incidences are reported to the Police.
3. **Meeting with a representative from the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society on Friday 3 February 2017** - Councillor Pelling confirmed that a meeting had taken place between representatives from Norwich and Peterborough Building Society, Deeping St James Parish Council, Market Deeping Town Councillor, SKDC and LCC and The Deepings Business Club. The meeting had confirmed that the closure was not reversible however the N&P were open to the idea of an estate agent or Solicitor becoming an agent for them and advised that their staff were helping individuals with the transfer of current accounts so everyone but especially the elderly and vulnerable should be directed to the branch for advice.
4. **Councillor Surgery at The Deepings Library on Saturday 4 February 2017** – Councillor Hall represented DSJPC and advised that there was one visitor.
5. **Meeting with the Police agreeing a strategy for dealing with hare coursing held on Monday 6 February 2017** – A meeting with Chief Inspector Jim Tyner and Inspector Michael Burnett and DSJ Councillor Howell, DSJ and SKDC Councillor J Stevens and DSJ, SKDC and LCC Councillor Dilks confirmed that the Police were taking this matter very seriously and resources were being directed to dealing with it. Councillor Dilks advised that hare coursing is illegal, although not currently an arrestable offence, so pressure needed to be applied to change the law. He intends to put forward a motion to SKDC that a Public Spaces Protection Order is raised so that it does become an arrestable offence. Councillor Gilbert stated that whilst hare coursing itself was not an arrestable offence other activities involved were, such as not displaying number plates, speeding, threats of violence, so all these should be reported.
6. **To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the Youth and community committee held on Thursday 9 February 2017** – Councillor Ward confirmed that he was working with the Clerk to write a tender document to be placed on the

Government's Contracts Finder website and that he had also contacted WREN and obtained a time extension to 30 April 2017 for submitting the further paperwork required to them. Councillor Shinkins also made all Members aware that she would have a pecuniary interest in the Summer 2017 play scheme as she would be acting as the Play Leader

7. **To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the Cemetery committee held on Thursday 16 February 2017** – Councillor Barber proposed that the revised fees and regulations document should be accepted which clarified the wording rounded up the fees and confirmed the residency and non-residency rules. This motion was seconded by Councillors Pelling and Dilks who also requested that an increase in the fees should be considered at a future Cemetery Committee meeting.
Resolved
8. **To receive the minutes and any recommendations from the transport committee held on Thursday 16 February 2017** – Councillor T Stevens proposed that a hand held speed gun is purchased if its use is supported by the Police. The Clerk had obtained a large amount of information and documentation from North Somercotes Parish Council who have a hand held speed gun and as it had raised a number of issues that need to be taken into account it was agreed that the transport committee should look at this information and give the proposal further consideration.

126.17 To consider erecting a plaque, acknowledging the designer, on the Village sign near The Deepings Library – Councillor Howell proposed that a plaque be attached to the back of the Deeping St James sign situated outside the Library (maximum spend of £50). This was seconded by Councillor Dilks and **resolved** with. The wording was agreed as follows:

‘This sign was designed by Claire Jackson to commemorate the centenary of Deeping St James Parish Council in 1994’

127.17 To consider the monthly Councillors surgeries – Councillor Gilbert asked for feedback from all those Councillors who had volunteered to do a surgery to gauge the benefit. Overall the Members agreed that it was a good opportunity to engage with the community however it did need to be promoted more and the Councillors volunteering needed to be proactive. It was agreed that representatives of Deeping St James Parish Council should continue to attend the monthly surgeries and that they should be promoted through an advert in The Advertiser, on the Parish Council's Facebook and webpage and that a sign should be purchased to place outside the Library on the day of the Surgery to encourage people to come in.

128.17 To finalise the volunteers for The Great British Clean up (Sunday 9 April 2017) and opening event of The Deeping Literary Festival (Thursday 27 April 2017) – A number of Councillors volunteered to take part in the ‘Clean up’ event and all were asked to promote it. The Clerk confirmed that the full council meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 27 April had been moved forward one week so that Councillors could attend and/or volunteer to help at The Deepings Literary Opening event.

129.17 To receive an update about the Welland footbridge project – Deferred until the meeting scheduled for Thursday 30 March 2107 prior to which Councillor Blessett will circulate a paper.

130.17 To receive an update regarding the amenity grass cutting and weed spraying service – Councillor Barber advised that the 3 contractors who had provided quotes based on earlier maps had been approached again with revised maps and had been given until 13 March 2017 to return their revised quotes.

131.17 Parish Pump and to agree a volunteer to write the press report for next month’s meeting.

Councillor Shinkins requested that the community rehabilitation team carry out some clearance work on the link footpaths around Deeping St James Community Primary School when they visit the Parish during 2017/18.

Meeting closed at 10pm

Signed

Date