



Parish Clerk: Julie Fortnum

The minutes of the meeting of Deeping St James Parish Council held on Thursday 21 December 2017 at 7.30 pm at The Institute. The business to be dealt with at the meeting is listed in the agenda below.

Present: Councillors Barber, Blessett, Bowell, Dilks, Gilbert, Hall, Hardy, Hosking, Pelling, T. Stevens, Ward, Dobson and two members of the public.

The minutes were taken by the Parish Clerk.

Open Forum

Two residents, Emily and Andrew, spoke about road safety issues outside Linchfield community primary School. The School, which has a roll of 400 and two nurseries, is encouraging healthy lifestyles and trying to reduce the number of cars travelling to School so many pupils walk. This along with the 20mph speed signs and the yellow zig zags is all very good but many feel there is a need for an official crossing or the reinstatement of a lollipop warden as the white lined area that is there at present is confusing for both drivers and pedestrians.

County Councillor Dobson clarified that the classrooms that were being built did not mean the School was expanding as these rooms were to replace the mobile classrooms currently on the site. LCC had recently asked him to enquire what issues needed addressing within his area and he felt that this should be pursued if the Parish Council supported it. It was agreed that Councillor Dobson would speak to LCC road safety partnership to investigate the options available and also arrange a site visit. It was also suggested that an article could be included in the newsletter reminding drivers to reduce their speed near the Schools.

Councillor Dobson advised that he was preparing a report about street lighting after being contacted by a resident.

Councillor Dilks advised that half of the street lights in the parish were the responsibility of the District Council not the County Council and the District were now looking at the savings of turning these lights off.

The structure of District Council had changed with the Head of Finance leaving his post and not being replaced by the promotion of the Assistant but by payments being signed off by a 151 Officer from Rutland.

The District Councils recent 3 million purchase of an office block in Lincoln to earn future revenue had led Councillor Dilks question why there had been no public debate about this especially as Council Tax was raised last year to cover provision of services not to purchase a building. It was noted that South Kesteven District Council were not the only local authority to have purchased buildings and the investment should be a good idea if it keeps Council Tax down and raises Business Rates but it must be transparent.

Councillor Dobson and the two residents left the meeting

- 91.18 To receive apologies for absence.**
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Green, Shinkins, J Stevens and Thomas.
- 92.18 To receive notifications of interest and consider requests for dispensations, if any.**
Agenda item 79.18.6 – Councillor Pelling
Agenda item 96.18.1 – Councillor Gilbert
Agenda item 96.18.1 – Councillor Dilks
- 93.18 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 30 November 2017.**
Agreed and signed by the Chairman after an amendment to item 82.18.7

94.18 Clerks Report

A resident a trip hazard on the paving slabs outside Manor Way shops – the Clerk will write to the owner of the land

A resident reported an overgrown hedge on the link footpath off Hereward Way around Deeping St James Community Primary School – this has been reported to LCC Highways

Work to trees in the Cemetery and at Woody Heights has been completed

A resident contacted informed the office that the street lights along PROW no. 8 (aka Church Walk) were not working – this has been reported to SKDC

A resident provided photographic evidence of a large amount of graffiti on walls and fence panels along PROW no 8 (aka Church Walk)

Damage to the bus timetable on Linchfield Road was reported to Delaines Bus Company

Councillor Jane Hill from Deeping Gate Parish Council has shared a response received from Peterborough City Council regarding damage to the Bridge over the River Welland. Peterborough City Council confirmed that although there is some damage to the stonework it is superficial, all the mortar is intact and the bell bollards are doing their job.

The grant valuing £45,000 towards the costs of the new skatepark was received from WREN on Friday 15 December 2017

The new website is going live from 1 January 2018 and all new information will be added to this one. The old one will be available to look at for 2 years.

The speed cameras have recently been re-sited on their regular 6 weekly rotation. Over the last six weeks Spalding Road showed an average speed of 34MPH and Burchnall Close 28MPH

After being contacted by Councillor Dilks, Lucy Youles, Legal Services Manager at SKDC had confirmed that she would not be acting as Data Protection Officer for any of the local councils within South Kesteven.

95.18 To consider financial matters

- 1. To approve accounts for payment** – Councillor T Stevens proposed seconded by Councillor Ward that the payments totalling £8,708.42 should be paid. **RESOLVED with 1 abstention**

			NET	VAT	TOTAL
SO & BT	Staffing Costs		£ 4,315.26	£ -	£4,315.26
BT	Viking	Bin bags, whiteboard magnets, laminating pouches	£ 67.31	£ 13.46	£ 80.77
DD	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	5 empties and 30 days rent for 100l wheelie bin from 1/11/17 to 30/11/17	£ 144.97	£ 28.99	£ 173.96
BT	B Barber	Reimbursement for cleaning products needed to clean Cemetery headstones	£ 6.33	£ 1.33	£ 7.96
BT	Prentice Bros	4 Load General Waste skips & 2 Load General waste skips for allotment site	£ 585.00	£ 117.00	£ 702.00
BT	Sign Up	Supply & Fit aluminium sign at Hereward Play Area /Header	£ 120.00	£ 24.00	£ 144.00

		Graphics to Parish Noticeboard at The Institute			
BT	EON	Street Lighting Maintenance quarter ending 31/12/17	£ 10.26	£ 2.05	£ 12.31
DD	Wave (Previously Anglian Water Authority)	Water charges for Allotment site at Hall Meadow Road. (estimated reading) 15/6/17 -14/12/2017	£ 203.79	£ -	£ 203.79
BT	Market Deeping Bowls Club	Grant Aid under LG Act 1976 s.19	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
BT	Priory Church Community Hall	Grant Aid under LG Act 1972 s.133	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
BT	Stamford & Bourne District Scouts	Grant Aid under LG Act 1976 s.19	£ 500.00	£ -	£ 500.00
BT	Euan McLaren Tree Services	Reduction of trees in cemetery & Crown raising to trees in skatepark	£ 1,250.00	£ -	£1,250.00
BT	A & M Print Ltd	Size 3 Meeting adverts for 20/10, 24/11 & 15/12/17	£ 72.00	£ 14.40	£ 86.40
BT	The Walnut Tree	Supply refreshments for Christmas function	£ 65.00	£ -	£ 65.00
DD	British Telecom	Telephone and broadband charges from 1 to 31 December 2017	£ 36.00	£ 7.20	£ 43.20
BT	J Fortnum	2018 year planner, 4 tubs of heroes sweets and 3 newspapers	£ 20.00	£ 3.99	£ 23.99
BT	Ctax Management	Dealing with accounts and payroll for Oct, Nov and Dec 2017	£ 312.50	£ -	£ 312.50
TOTAL			£ 8,708.42	£ 212.42	£8,921.14

96.18 To consider planning matters

1. To receive and consider minutes and recommendations of the planning and transport committee meeting held on Thursday 14 December 2017

Councillor Blessett introduced the minutes of the meeting from which there were two recommendations.

The committee recommended approval of planning application S17/2212 in respect of the land at the rear of 34-36 Park Road as the visibility was good, the impact of adjoining driveways was minimal and the site was large enough to build 3 bungalows.

RESOLVED with 2 abstentions

The committee recommended that the following comments were sent to SKDC regarding planning application S17/2338 in respect of alterations to façade, ATM machine and external lighting at 102 Bridge Street Deeping St James – ‘DSJPC have concerns about traffic exiting the proposed site and would recommend that Highways investigate this with the possibility of vehicles turning left ONLY on exit i.e. entrance via the left gateway (closest to Branch Brothers) and exit on the right with LEFT turning only onto Horsegate. DSJPC would appreciate being consulted.’ **RESOLVED**

97.18 To receive and agree the Council’s response to correspondence received since the last meeting.

Keep Britain Tidy	The Great British Spring	It was agreed that
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	Clean 2018 to take place over the weekend of 2-4 March 2018. Registration required.	DSJPC should register to take part in this event
Lincolnshire County Council	Highways Grass Cutting 2018/19 - offering a parish agreement to take on LCC Highways safety cuts	A meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 9 January 2018 to allow for DSJPC and MDTC to discuss this
Doctor at The Deepings Practice	Requesting help with setting up a Community Garden project on land at the practice	It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should ask members of The Allotment Association if they were interested in getting involved.
Market Deeping Town Council	Invitation to The Deepings Gang Show	After some discussion it was decided that a response to this would be agreed at the January 2018 meeting

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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. **The Councillor Surgery at The Deeping Library from 10am until 12pm on Saturday 2 December 2017 attended by Parish Councillor T Stevens and County Councillor Barry Dobson** – Councillor T Stevens confirmed that no-one had visited the Surgery and suggested that an appointments system should be adopted and if no appointments were booked the surgery would not be held. After discussion it was agreed that the monthly surgeries should continue as there were useful to network with the Town District and County Councillors even if no Parishioners attended
2. **The official opening event of the wheeled sports facility at Woody Heights recreation area held at 11.30am on Saturday 2 December 2017 attended by Councillors Howell, Dilks, Hall, Hardy, Shinkins, Ward, the Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk** – report provided by Councillor Howell noted
3. **The Grimesthorpe Colliery Band performance held at The Deepings Leisure Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday 2 December 2017 attended by Councillor Howell, Green, Hall, and Thomas** – report provided by Councillor Howell noted
4. **The Deepings School Community buffet at 4.30pm on Tuesday 4 December 2017 attended by 17 attended by Councillors Howell, Shinkins, J Stevens and Ward**
5. **Parish Website training held at Lincolnshire County Council offices at 2pm on Thursday 7 December 2017 attended by Councillor Barber, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk** - report provided by Councillor Howell noted
6. **The Langtoft Deepings and region Royal British Legion meeting held on Monday 11 December 2017 attended by Councillor Howell and Councillor Dilks** – report provided by Councillor Howell noted

7. **Market Deeping Town Council Christmas buffet from 9pm at The Bull Market Deeping**
8. **Carols around the Christmas tree in the market place Market Deeping at 7pm on Tuesday 19 December 2017**

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

Councillor Tim Stevens advised everyone that it would be his last meeting as he was resigning with effect from 1st January 2018 although he would continue to update the bus timetables at the bus stops within the parish and share information from the Spalding and Peterborough transport forum with the Council.

Councillor Pelling asked all Members present if they were in agreement that the article (which he had circulated to them by email) about the proposal he wished to put forward at a future meeting regarding litter and enforcement action should be included in the upcoming Council newsletter. It was agreed that the article should be included making clear it was a proposal from Councillor Pelling and comments from the public were welcomed.

No volunteer was agreed to write January's press report - this will need to be agreed at the start of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed

Date