



# DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Julie Fortnum

The minutes of the meeting of Deeping St James Parish Council held on **Thursday 29 November 2018 at 7.30 pm at The Institute.**

Present: Parish Councillors Barber, Blessett, Bowell, Dilks (District), Gilbert, Green, Hall, Halls, Hardy, Hosking, Pelling, Shinkins, Stevens (District), Thomas, Ward, County Councillor Dobson, 12 members of the public.

The minutes were taken by the Parish Clerk

The press report was written by Councillor Barber.

## Open Forum

**Friends of Deepings Library** – Louisa Crowson, the Library Co-ordinator shared a very informative presentation showing how with the support of both the Parish and Town Council's the Deepings Library has gone from strength to strength since the community took it over in 2016 meaning it was now the most successful Library in Lincolnshire and offered much more than books including clubs of all types for all ages, informative talks, theme days and competitions/challenges

**Deepings Youth Group** – One of the Trustees of the group, Si Fox, addressed the council stating that the Group now had a new Trustee body and were running two nights per week from two venues (one in Market Deeping and one in Deeping St James). He thanked the the Parish Council for their continued financial support and introduced to members of the Youth Group who explained why the continuance of the group was so important to them and other teenagers.

**The Deepings Lions** – One of the Members, Mike Drinkall, explained that the Deepings Duck Race which began in 1982 and other than a 9 year gap had taken place annually on the River Welland and had raised money for charities such as Cardiac risk in the young, British Heart Foundation and Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. A stock of new Ducks was now needed and financial assistance towards the purchase of these was requested.

**The Deepings Business Club** – Alison Ireland, a Business Club member, introduced the 'Love Deepings Campaign' which would incorporate 'Shop Local' and was intended to raise awareness of what is on offer locally to not only local people but to those from further afield. This campaign will include the use of social media to promote whats on offer, a visitor attraction guide, retail, heritage and fitness trails, a bi-annual Arts Festival starting in 2020 and a community fund where a percentage of local products purchased going to local good causes intially funded by the Business Club although the District Councillors and County Councillor present pledged some of their Community Funds.

As it was 8pm Councillor Dilks proposed that the Parish Council postpone standing orders and extend the open forum to allow time for those who had attended and not yet spoken the opportunity to speak.

## RESOLVED

One of three residents present spoke against planning application **S18/2003** refering the Councillors to a report they had written which the Parish Clerk had shared with them all, and stating that an earlier application (S15/3309) had been refused by the planning authority and this new application was on a larger scale so should also be refused. District Councillor Stevens advised that she had requested that if the District Council Planning Officer approves this application she had requested that it is called to the District council's Development Management Committee for consideration.

A resident requested that if the Parish Council intended to close the old **website** in 2020 could the parish council minutes stored on it be transferred to the new site or saved electronically elsewhere. Councillor Barber, as the Parish Council's current Webmaster, explained that the new webpage has been set up for the office staff to administer with support from LCC as he intends to stand down as a Councillor in May 2019 and the licence for the old webpage would be surrendered in 2020. Both the Parish Clerk and Councillor Barber agreed to investigate available options for electronically storing the previous minutes of the Parish Council.

Ten Members of the public left the meeting.

**Lincolnshire County Council report** – Councillor Dobson who had circulated a reprot to the members of Deeping St James Parish Council prior to the meeting added that he had attended a meeting on Friday 23 November 2018 along with representatives from Deeping St James Parish Council and Market Deeping Town Council about illegal encampments which had progressed the legal issues surrounding dealing with them.

**South Kesteven District Council** – Councillor Dilks advised that the impact of the change in the number of Committees brought in by the New Leader Councillor Matthew Lee was now being felt and scrutinised. He also stated that not all major planning developments were coming to development management committee for a decision. Councillor Stevens mentioned the loss of the tree in the Leisure Centre car park which had occurred after a routine visit from one Arboriculturalist with no consultation with District Councillor who would have likely asked for a second opinion. She proposes that a tree summit is called especially as it is one year anniversary of the signing of the Charter for Trees Woods and People. She also advised that funding is available from SKDC for Arts project and both her and Councillor Dilks will lobby them to obtain funding for future Literary Festivals and Arts Festivals.

**Neighbourhood Policing Team** - PCSO Laughton had advised the Parish Clerk of issues that had been reported to 101 and the status of each of them. She requested that the Parish Council continue to encourage individuals to ring 101 to report incidences of crime and provide any information that may help in solving crimes.

County Councillor Dobson and one member of the public left the meeting.

**76.19 To receive apologies for absence.**

No apologies were received.

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

Councillor Stevens – agenda items 80.19.3 and 81.19.1 & 2

Councillor Thomas – agenda item 80.19.3

Councillor Green – agenda item 80.19.3

Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe – agenda item 81.19.2

Councillor Barber – agenda item 80.19.3

Councillor Pelling – agenda item 80.19.3

Councillor Dilks – agenda item 80.19.1

**78.19 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 25 October 2018.**

These were agreed and signed as a true copy

**79.19 Clerks Report**

**80.19 To consider financial matters**

- 1. To agree the donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal 2019** – it was **RESOLVED** (with one abstention - Councillor Dilks) that a donation of £250 should be made
- 2. To consider a grant application from The Deepings Lions** – It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £250 should be given
- 3. To approve accounts for payment** – It was **RESOLVED** that payments £14,173.19 totalling should be paid and one payment of £1197.31 should be withheld pending the receipt of a credit note.
- 4. To receive and consider the minutes and any recommendations from the Finance and general purposes committee meeting held on Thursday 22 November 2018** – Councillor Ward introduced the minutes from which there were the following three recommendations to Council:  
**Item 34.19** – It is **RECOMMENDED** to full council that what should be included in a strategic plan should be added as an agenda item for consideration on the next agenda of each committee.  
**Item 37.19** - It is **RECOMMENDED** to Council that the contract with the community rehabilitation company should continue providing either a volunteer Councillor could be found to schedule the work and set them to task or this role is included in the duties of a future employee.  
**Item 38.19** - It is **RECOMMENDED** to Council that a job

description should be written for an additional part-time maintenance worker to be employed from April 2019.

It was agreed that the scheduling of work for the community rehabilitation team should be included as one of the duties of a new member of staff. Taking this in account the three recommendations were **RESOLVED**.

81.19

**To consider planning matters**

1. **To receive and consider minutes and any recommendations of the planning and transport committee meeting held on Thursday 22 November 2018** – Councillor Blessett introduced the minutes from which there were four recommendations to Council:

**S18/1841 102 Swift Close** - To make the following comments to SKDC. DSJPC have concerns re the projection of proposed front porch partially blocking access to the garage. **RESOLVED**

**S18/1920 43 Park Estate** - Recommend refusal reiterating the comments made against the previous planning application S18/0799 24/5/18 which were – DSJPC object to this planning application on the grounds of Back Land development and Over development of this estate. Potentially it will spoil the form and character of the area. **RESOLVED**

**S18/1715 110 Eastgate** - Recommend refusal making the following comments - DSJPC have concerns on the basis that the proposed dwelling would be too close to and undermine the integrity of Hives Bank. The applicant's correspondence with the Environment Agency in March and April 2018, raising their many concerns over this proposal and especially flood defence consent do not appear to have been addressed. **RESOLVED**

**S18/2003 21 Village Streets Frognall** – The recommendation from the planning committee was to approve this application however Councillor Pelling offered a counterproposal after listening to residents objections, stating that the parish council should object on the same grounds as they had done to the previous application (S15/ 3309). DSJPC object on the grounds that the detached garage is in front of the building line and will impact on the street scene. In making this objection Deeping St James Parish Council refers to South Kesteven District Council's decision to refuse permission for a similar application at the same site on 23 March 2016 (S15/3309) stating that, 'the proposed garage by reason of size, design, materials and siting, would have a detrimental impact on the visual amenities of the site and street scene through the introduction of a large outbuilding forward of the dwelling, occupying a prominent visual location' The counter proposal was **RESOLVED**.

Councillor's Dilks and Stevens abstained from voting as they are members of SKDC Development Management Committee

**2. To consider the following planning application**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
S18/2094	A Taylor 3 Eastgate, DSJ	Crown reduce, Silver Birch by one third <b>DSJPC approved this application</b>

One member of the public left the meeting.

82.19

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

Lincolnshire County Council Emergency Planning and Business Continuity	Trialling a new government backed emergency text alerting system currently used to alert strategic and tactical commanders but wanting to extend to all voluntary sector groups and parish councils. Are DSJPC interested?	<b>Councillor Hardy volunteered to be the named contact for this trial</b>
British Red Cross	Offering to provide a 2 hour everyday first aid session designed to support communities become more resilient confident and willing to act when a first aid emergency occurs AED training can also be included. Is DSJPC interested?	<b>It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact the British Red Cross and arrange a session which would be made available to the public</b>
Keep Britain Tidy	‘We’re watching you’ campaign claiming to reduce dog fouling by 77%. Ten A3 glow-in the dark correx signs. Is DSJPC interested?	<b>As it was unclear where these would be located and that permission to attach them to LCC lampposts maybe required (as with speed signs) it was agreed that Planning and transport committee should consider this.</b>

83.19

**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:**

3. **Pumpkin carving Festival held at Swines Meadow Nursery on Saturday 27 October 2018 – Councillor Bowell’s report was noted**
4. **Re-opening of the refurbished Walnut Tree Public House on Saturday 27 October 2018 - Councillor Bowell’s report was noted**
5. **Commonwealth War Graves tour on Sunday 28 October 2018 - Councillor Bowell’s report was noted**
6. **Spalding to Peterborough Bus Service meeting held at South Holland District Council Offices on Monday 29 October 2018 - Councillor Bowell’s report was noted**
7. **Deepings Raft Race cheque Presentation evening held at The Deepings Rugby Club on Monday 29 October 2018 - Councillor Bowell’s report was noted**
8. **Councillors Surgery held at the Deepings Community Library on Saturday 3 November 2018 - Councillor Bowell’s report was noted**
9. **Joint remembrance event working party meeting held on 30 October 2018 – The minutes were noted**

10. **The re-opening of the Deepings Youth group on Thursday 1 November 2018** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
11. **Opening of the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 4 November 2018** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
12. **Presentation of a picnic bench from Deepings Lions to celebrate 100 years since the formation of The Lions International Foundation** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
13. **100 years on! Music Hall event held in The Priory Community Hall on Saturday 10 November 2018** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
14. **Remembrance Service at St Guthlacs Church Market Deeping held on Sunday 11 November 2018** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
15. **Remembrance Service at Priory Church Deeping St James held on Sunday 11 November 2018** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
16. **The blessing of the Lest We Forget planter at the Green Churchgate Deeping St James** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
17. **Battle's Over: A Nation's Tribute - Lighting of the beacon at Jubilee Park Deeping St James on Sunday 11 November 2018** - Councillor Bowell's report was noted
18. **Closing of the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 18 November 2018** – Noted

**84.19 To consider the refurbishment of the Village Cross and agree a budget** – Councillor Gilbert provided some information about the history of the Village Cross and Lockup including what materials had been used to construct it. Councillor Gilbert proposed that the stonework should not be cleaned as it may remove the engravings and may damage the stone making it more porous and therefore more susceptible to future damage. He did however propose that some repair work is undertaken on the door and that the spotlights are upgraded and volunteered to write the specification required by Historic England to allow this work to be approved by them and to look to research lighting options. Councillor Ward seconded this proposal and confirmed that a figure of £1000.00 had been included in the budget for 2019/20 to cover the costs. **RESOLVED**

**85.19 To consider applying to extend or re-applying for planning permission for the River Welland Footbridge (S15/1922)** – Councillor Blessett proposed that the Parish Council re-apply for the planning permission adding that a figure of £10000 should be included in the 2019/20 budget to cover any further costs as the next 18 months were crucial to the success of the project becoming a reality. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Hosking and **RESOLVED**

**86.19 To consider improving the format of the newsletter and agree a budget** – Councillor Pelling advised the members of the costs involved in printing the newsletter in high resolution colour on heavier white paper and the advantages and disadvantages of doing so. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should obtain alternative quotes for printing and delivery of the newsletter and that Councillor Pelling would investigate alternative formats for consideration too.

**87.19 Parish pump – items for information or inclusion on future agendas**  
Councillor Hosking volunteered to write the press report for the next

meeting

Councillor Pelling asked if it could be arranged for the weeds on the Riverbank to be cut. Councillor Barber advised that he was working alongside a contractor on Tuesday 4 December 2018 to do this along with planting some more Daffodil bulbs.

Councillor Hall suggested that if the Parish Council were consulted in the future about suggestions for street names that the names of those lost in WW1 should be considered.

Councillor Dilks as Chairman of the Langtoft Deepings and District Royal British Legion thanked the Parish Council for their support during the recent remembrance events.

Councillor Hosking advised that both she and Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe had attended a training session on safeguarding and in the light of it they would be looking at the parish council policies and reviewing them.

Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe asked for an update regarding the Shaws 100 bus service contract which ends in January 2019. Councillor Bowell advised that it would be going out to tender and this process was still ongoing.

**Meeting closed at 9.55pm**

**Signed .....**

**Date.....**