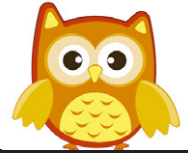


Deeping St James

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High Locks Deeping St James 1975 by David Pearson

Make a change, become a local councillor

Deeping St James Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local elections which will be held on Thursday 2 May 2019.

What do councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

How long does it take?

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live in an area that is served by a local council

How can I get involved?

Contact Deeping St James Parish Council

at The Institute 38 Church Street Deeping St James PE6 8EP or phone 01778 343266 or email clerk.dsipc@btconnect.com to find out more or visit www.nalc.gov.uk/elections

Julie Fortnum

For the last 12 years Cllr. Brian Barber has carefully looked after the cemetery, last year overseeing the pruning of all the trees in the old cemetery. He has also supervised the work of the community payback team throughout the village but especially in the cemetery. Many of the daffodils that can be seen along the riverbank were also planted by Brian. This among many other tasks he has taken on. He will not be standing in May and thanks are due for all his work.

Judy Stevens

Making play safe

The play equipment and the play areas within the Parish are inspected each year to ensure all necessary maintenance work is carried out and the play equipment remains accessible.

This of course also includes the soft play surfaces which are found in various parts of the parks. After the last inspection it was decided to invest in replacing the soft play surfaces and some of the equipment which had been damaged by the constant mowing and strimming of the play areas. The play areas in Jubilee Park, Woody Heights and Hereward Way have now all been upgraded and will hopefully continue to provide safe places to play for many years to come.

Kate Shinkins



I was impressed with how the community came together to put on the Carols on Jubilee Park just before Christmas. It was a great evening!

The Parish Councillors there made teas, coffees and mulled wine just asking for donations which were shared between the Salvation Army and the Friends of Jubilee Park. This is a great area that is used by lots of different ages. Plans are now afoot to have a trim trail installed to provide a different perspective on open areas.

Christine Halls



Signal Box update

With winter fading and spring on the horizon, the world is waking to new growth and the work on rebuilding our Signal Box at St James Deeping is no exception. During the winter months our team has been busily preparing the land for work to begin in earnest. At the moment, tree trunks have been removed and a gravel pathway laid to make access possible for large vehicles. We are now ready for Stamford College to mark out the footings and a company is ready to dig them. A large container has been moved onto the site and Anglian Water contacted to lay on water to the site thus providing facilities for the students whilst working on site and also the necessary supply for cement making. During the winter months the College has also been refurbishing the large road gates for us. If you would like more information or feel that you could help in any way, please join us at our AGM which will be held at The Methodist Church in Deeping St James on Monday 4th March starting at 7.30 pm. We hope to see you there.

Stuart Hall

WW1 Planter on the DSJ Green

Deeping St James Parish Council have had a Planter made to commemorate the end of WW1 with funds donated by the First World War Commemorative Committee and it is situated on the village green on Churchgate.

This was a joint effort, involving Parishioner's, Councillors and local businesses. The idea was put to the Council by Councillor Stevens who supported the suggestion. Then along came the local community, with Holland Wing Civil Engineering building the concrete base, Darren Mansfield and Gavin Hewitt of Garford Farm Machinery designing making and fitting the planter onto the base, Councillor Barber, Dilks and Shinkins-Hoppe filling the planter with 12 barrows of soil, ballast and compost, and finally Ann Taylor for selecting and planting the flowers. All of this would not have been achieved without the Parish Council office staff keeping the project on track. This just proves what a great team can achieve together.

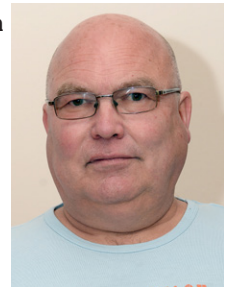
Cllr Brian Barber



WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

2019 is going to be a year of change in Deeping St James, apart from Brexit.

May is election time for the Parish Council as well as District Council, and I encourage you all to go out and vote. Also why not consider putting yourself forward for office? It can be interesting and very rewarding.



Delaine Buses are now running the 203 Service from Stamford through to Spalding, but no longer servicing Bridge Street and Broadgate Lane. The Shaws 100 Service has also ceased, thereby losing the bus service on Park Road Welland Way and Manor Way. We must ensure the new 203 service is a success, so that we do not lose it, whilst at the same time Parish Councillors are in discussions with Call Connect and Lincolnshire County Council to try and enhance this new service.

Friends of Jubilee Park have purchased gym equipment, which will be installed as a "Trim Trail" on the park.

I am sure you are all aware that Barclays Bank have announced they will be closing the last bank in the Deepings. Parish Councillors are fighting this closure, whilst also seeking a replacement Bank in the event that the closure happens.



Finally Deeping's Youth Group has a new Board of Trustees, and a new venue. The Youth Club opens on Thursday evenings at the Scout Hut on Lancaster Way in Market Deeping, whilst continuing with Friday evenings at The Cross School, Eastgate, Deeping St James. The Trustees including 4 DSJ Parish Councillors are working hard to resurrect this valuable service for young people, and it would be nice to see new faces.

All this change can be good if managed correctly, but can only be achieved if we all work together.

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

- George Bernard Shaw

Deepings Neighbourhood Plan – update

A project initiated in 2016 by Market Deeping Town and Deeping St James Parish Councils, with the support of community volunteers. Its purpose is to help make the Deepings a better place to live, work and enjoy life.

The team of volunteers have been busy collecting data (you may recall a survey from 2017), trawling through information, carrying out character assessment walks, speaking to developers and experts. A lot of information has been gathered, studied, assessed and discussed. Most chapters of the plan are now well under way and we have a view of the issues and opportunities ahead. We would like to do some further testing of the conclusions arrived at so far and thus we will soon be asking for the local community to participate in a set of surveys.

Although a lot of the focus is on housing the plan will also consider aspects such as Leisure, Health & Wellbeing, Transport, Heritage, the Local Economy & Employment.

If you can spare a little time to complete one or more of these questionnaires it would be greatly appreciated, and it gives you the opportunity to have your input to the future of the Deepings. We are launching the surveys mid to late February and that will take us close to the end of producing the documented plan. Following that, there are many statutory hurdles to cross before it becomes binding and most of those have lengthy fixed time periods, thus to be realistic, we are aiming for an approved plan around spring of 2020.

If you would like to know more please visit our website www.deepingsfirst.org.uk *Andy Pelling*



SPALDING BUS SERVICE CHANGES

The Deeping - Spalding bus service changed from 2nd January. The Shaws 100 bus has been withdrawn and replaced by Delaine 203 which has extended to Spalding. The 203 runs direct along Horsegate and Spalding Road, not serving Church Street or Broadgate Lane.

Lincolnshire County Council cannot afford to continue subsidising the 100 service, so Delaines have kindly stepped in to provide a Spalding service on a commercial basis. It may not be as comprehensive as some would wish, but it's better than no service at all.

Please support the new service by using it whenever you can, and leave the car at home!

Alternative transport services are also available. These include:
CallConnect Service - contact 0345 2343344 (Lincolnshire) 0345 2638153 (Stamford Peterborough Nene and Welland) or 0345 2638193 (North Lincolnshire)
Age Concern Deepings Mini Bus – contact 01778 345558
The Deepings and Glington Patient Participation Group Voluntary Car Scheme – contact 07858 373912 *Tim Stevens*



Image: John Parsonage

DSJ's Airbnb has a guest!

Illegal encampments? What to do ...



Dealing with unwelcome visitors is never easy – but what do you do if you wake up to a travellers encampment on your land...?

Following numerous incidents in the Deepings over recent months, your Parish Council has set up a working group with Market Deeping Town Council as well as district and county councillors so we can be best prepared to effectively and quickly resolve any future similar problems.

The group has identified possible sites in the Deepings and is drafting advice to local farmers and other landowners on ways to legally deal with unwanted encampments – and hopefully prevent them occurring in the first place!

Meantime, the Country Landowners Association offer the following tips:

Make your land as secure as possible using ditches, boulders, fences and gates – but do not erect anything that could cause injury or obstruct public rights of way

Make sure you can contact your solicitor – including out of hours.

Photograph any unwanted encampment on your land to show numbers of vehicles, caravans, people, and any damage – but be careful not to intimidate and be mindful of your obligations under the 2018 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Consider insuring yourself for legal costs – do check exactly what's covered in the policy.

If you need to take legal action, you must prove ownership and legal rights to your land. To prevent delays, keep an up to date plan of your land handy and copies of deeds or land registry documents, as well as any tenancy and grazing agreements. *Phil Dilks*

The Deepings - Where Community Matters!

Please watch out for our LOVE DEEPINGS campaign coming soon.

We, like you, value community and recognise healthy communities require engagement, support and a thriving local provision of services and businesses. We will be focusing on raising awareness of and promoting the LOCAL offering to encourage retention of local spend thus supporting employment and the economy in the DEEPINGS. The more money spent elsewhere the weaker local provision and services will become. LOVE DEEPINGS is a community campaign, being facilitated as a non-profit project by The Deepings Business club, supported by local groups and local Councillors.



We are lobbying SKDC for improved provision across the Deepings, working hard to support local businesses and amenities. Local businesses employ local people, support local causes and help sustain a thriving local economy.

If every adult across the Deepings chose to spend £5 locally, each week, rather than elsewhere or online it would inject an additional £3 million per year into our local economy securing more jobs, businesses, services and without doubt benefiting local causes. Makes you think doesn't it! We can all make a difference.

Alison Ireland & Andy Pelling

Deepings Business Club – with the support of local Groups and Local Councillors (Building community together)
www.deepings.co.uk – info@deepings.co.uk – A local business?
Join us – help us help you!



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings take place on the last Thursday of the month 7.30pm at the Institute, 38 Church St., members of the public are very welcome to attend and an open forum takes place in the first 30 mins of the meeting.



Find us on Facebook - search: **Deeping St James Parish Council**

Making a Difference

Everyday in Deeping St James someone goes above and beyond the call of duty with a kind word, a gesture that suddenly makes the world a better place to be in. Some people devote their lives to making a difference to others and Deeping St James Parish Council celebrate those individuals and groups with their Annual Making a Difference Awards ceremony to be held during the



DSJ Annual Parish Meeting & Making a Difference Awards

Tuesday 23rd April - 7.30pm

Conference Centre, The Deepings School, Park Rd DSJ



Young Person (aged 11-19) to most make a difference	Citizen to most make a difference	DSJ organisation to most make a difference	Difference in the course of doing their job
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Whether working for the community at large or making a difference in a more personal way, provided that the nominees live or lived in Deeping St James in the last year and the organisation is based or operates here, then we want to hear from you!



Nominations by 29th March 2019

call 343266

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



**IF YOU CARE ABOUT
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

**JOIN US AND MAKE A LOCAL CHANGE
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