



DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Julie Fortnum

The minutes of the Youth & Community Committee meeting held on 15 September 2020 at 7.00pm using the virtual meeting code and password below:

<https://zoom.us/>

Zoom Meeting ID: 989 8150 9976

Passcode: 673571

Present: Councillors Hall, Halls, Shinkins-Hoppe.

1.21 To elect a Chairperson.

It was proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe remain the Chairperson of this committee.

2.21 To receive apologies of absence.

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Councillors Kornfeld and Lilley.

3.21 To receive declarations of interest if any.

None declared.

4.21 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2020.

Agreed and signed.

5.21 Clerks report.

Anti-social behaviour continues to be a problem at all the parks and open spaces including large amounts of general litter, smashed glass, graffiti, evidence of small fires and cannabis use and damage to school fencing, boundary walls, planting and some play equipment.

The Police have been investigating the damage at Jubilee Park and fire at Hereward Way but have been unable to pursue the cases as no eye witnesses have come forward and CCTV footage isn't available. The Police have assured the parish council that they will increase their patrols within the Deepings. Evidence of further fires at Woody Heights over the weekend of 5/6 September are also being investigated and the CCTV footage is being reviewed

At present the Parish Council's maintenance staff visit Woody Heights at least 3 times a week and clear the area and make it safe. Whilst some of the equipment at the play areas on Thackers Way, Churchfield Close and Hereward Way belong to the parish council these areas are currently being cleaned and inspected by District Council contractors.

6.21 To consider the Deepings School's request for financial support towards repairs to damage to the school field fencing near Woody Heights.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Business Manager at the School to find out how much had been spent in the last year on repairs. Once the figure was known a recommendation to consider a contribution to the ongoing cost could be made.

7.21 To receive an update regarding the installation of additional or the relocation of some of the present CCTV at Woody Heights recreation area.

Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe stated that it had become apparent that there was a blind spot at Woody Heights which was not being covered by the CCTV in its present location. At additional cost the Contractors are able to complete the groundwork, install an additional mast and move 2 of 4 cameras on the current mast. It was agreed to **recommend** to full council that this work should be carried out as soon as possible.

8.21 To consider plans for a playscheme during 2021.

Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe explained that due to the Covid restrictions the playscheme had not taken place during this year's school summer holidays and in the previous year it had been run by Madcaps and held at Market Deeping Community Primary School as neither of the two primary schools in Deeping St James had been able to organise and accommodate it. Market Deeping Town Council playscheme had also been at the same place held in the morning whilst Deeping St James Parish Council's was held in the afternoon. Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe proposed that a meeting with a representative from Market Deeping Town Council should be arranged to discuss a joint venture in 2021. It was agreed to **recommend** this proposal to full council

9.21 To consider the repair and possible replacement of play equipment referring to the contents of the recent operational inspection reports.

Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe introduced the reports, which despite the Clerk making it clear what equipment the parish council were responsible for, also reported on the equipment owned by South Kesteven District Council. The reports were very thorough and the recommendations were risk based and in respect of the equipment owned by the parish council minor and could all be corrected by the in-house maintenance team. Councillor Shinkins-Hoppe confirmed that she was happy to investigate grant funding for new and additional equipment for Jubilee Park and was aware that Councillor Stevens had been in touch with young who wished to get involved too however this park was not owned by the Parish Council which made funding applications, future maintenance responsibility and insurance liability more complicated. It was noted that play equipment was due to be considered at the full council meeting on 24 September and it was agreed that under this agenda item consideration should be given to requesting South Kesteven District Council gift the land to the Parish Council as they had made a number of improvements to the area and held a number of events there and wished to continue to do so.

10.21 To receive a budget report on the position to date for the financial year 2020/21.

Item	Budget 2020/21	Spend to date	Further known expenditure
Grounds Maintenance	2000.00	931.70	Grass cutting, tree and hedge maintenance
Repairs	3000.00		Minor repairs to some play equipment and surfaces

Summer Playscheme	6500.00		
Play area improvements	10000.00	3787.87	If resolved further costs relating to CCTV

11.21 To consider budget estimates for the financial year 2021/22 and make recommendations to the finance and general purposes committee.

Item	Budget 2021/22
Grounds Maintenance	2000.00
Repairs	3000.00
Summer Playscheme	6500.00
Play area improvements	10000.00

12.21 To agree the date of the next meeting – 14 January 2021