



DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Youth & Community Committee held on 14 September 2017 at 7.00pm in the meeting room at the Institute.

Present: Councillors Blessett, Hall, Shinkins, and Ward.

1.18 To elect a Chairperson.

Councillor Hall proposed seconded by Councillor Blessett that Councillor Shinkins should continue as Chair. **Resolved**

2.18 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Wallis and Bowell and were accepted by the committee.

3.18 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

None declared.

4.18 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 February 2017

Agreed and signed as a true copy.

5.18 To receive the Clerks report and matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Graffiti, evidence of alcohol and drug use and litter (including broken glass) continue to be reported by the Parish Council's Maintenance Worker as well as local residents reporting the recreation area being used outside of the informally requested times (9am to 10pm). The Parish Clerk has reported several incidences to the Police via 101 and directly to the Neighbourhood Policing team PCSO's and these issues were included in discussions about anti-social behaviour in The Deepings at the Neighbourhood Policing panel meeting held on Monday 4 September 2017.

- Damage to the fencing partitioning The Deepings School playing field from 'Woody Heights' recreation area has also continued to be reported by the Parish Council's Maintenance Worker as well as evidence of cannabis use and alcohol consumption, quantities of litter and broken glass.

The Clerk advised that following the independent play equipment inspections she had obtained advice regarding the foot of the A frame climber at the play area off Hereward Way. The advice given had stated that well maintained grass or turf at the entry and exit points would suffice although grass matting would offer extra protection. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council's Maintenance Worker should fill in the soil and re-seed.

6.18 To receive an update regarding skate park.

Councillor Ward confirmed that the Contractors had started on 11 September 2017 and were working at a great pace - the old skate ramps already having being removed and weather permitting the foundation concrete due to be laid on Tuesday 19 September 2017.

The Heras fencing has been damaged by the youths retrieving footballs going over from the MUGA so it was **resolved** that Councillor Ward should speak to the Contractors and arrange for the whole park to be closed off to avoid this continuing when concrete is being laid.

Any member of the public can attend all Council and Committee meetings to see the work of the Council. Full Council meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month which start with a 30 minute public forum for questions and issues to be raised.

Some of the soil from the bund will be used to heighten the new park however there will be at least half of it that can either be left as a reduced bund (height of 1.2 metres) or removed from the site at an additional cost. It was **resolved** that a reduced bund should be left in place.

- 7.18 To receive a report regarding the summer 2017 play scheme.**
 Councillor Shinkins confirmed that around 90 children per session had attended the play scheme run by Jimmy D's and held at Deeping St James Community Primary School where although the weather had not been good. As well as the usual art and crafts a variety of other had activities been available for the Children including visits from a Planetarium, Sports Coach, Dance Instructor, Drumming workshop. Councillor Shinkins also advised that the overall cost was under budget.
It was resolved to amend the order in which the agenda items were considered.

- 9.18 To consider the purchase and installation of netting near the MUGA at Woody Heights recreation ground.**
 Councillor Ward advised that after a meeting with representative from The Deeping School about ongoing damage to the School field fence he had obtained quotes for netting to be fixed to the School fence and as there was a budget for this work he proposed that this should be done as it would eliminate the footballs going over the fence into the school field. **Resolved.**

- 10.18 To consider obtaining work on the overhanging trees at Woody Heights, Linchfield Road**
 It was **resolved** that as there was a budget for this work the Clerk should obtain quotations to trim the trees on the boundary of Woody Heights recreation area.

- 8.18 To receive a report regarding the Deepings Youth Group.**
 Councillor Ward, a representative on the Deepings Youth Group Trustee Board provided a report. It was **recommended** to full council that DSJPC should continue to support the group.

- 11.18 Budget Report – To receive a report on the position to date and outturn estimates for the financial year 2017/18**
 The figures were noted, along with the cost implications of items 9.18 and 10.18.

- 12.18 To consider budget estimates for the financial year 2018/19 and make recommendations to the finance and general purposes committee**

Expenditure	
Item	Budget
Grounds maintenance	3,500
Miscellaneous repairs	1,500
Summer Play Scheme	6,000
Deepings Youth Centre	5,000
Play equipment improvements	10,000
Total	26,000

- 13.18 To agree the date of the next meeting – 6.30pm on Thursday 23 November 2017**

