



DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Julie Fortnum

Minutes of Deeping St James Parish Council Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 7:45pm at The Institute.

Present: Councillors Bowell, Hall, Ward and Thomas.

Geoff Hurst (Allotments Association Chairman) Carole Bremner (Treasurer of Friends of Jubilee Park) and Assistant Clerk

- 23.18 To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Councillor J Stevens
- 24.18 To receive declarations of interest, if any**
None received
- 25.18 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held 21 September 2017**
Agreed by all and signed by the Chair.
- 26.18 Clerks report and matters arising not considered elsewhere on the agenda**
An expression of interest in the Parishes and Town Councils Self Help Scheme was sent to LCC and a response received saying that the proposal has not yet been rolled out as an official function.
- 27.18 To receive any comments from the Allotments association and make any recommendations to Council**
The local farmer has been asked to cut the hedge at the allotments, as in previous years and Geoff Hurst will contact him again to ask when this can be done. It was resolved at Full Council on 21 December 2017 that a request from Dr Wade at The Deepings Practice for suggestions and volunteers to help with setting up a community garden project at the back of their premises be forwarded to The Allotments Association for their consideration – Geoff Hurst confirmed that they were waiting for more information from Dr Wade and ways that help could be offered will be discussed at the Allotments Association meeting on 5 Feb 2018. The person who has tended council plot 32B for a number of years has recently notified the council that they are no longer able to continue. It was agreed by everyone that this plot will be handed to The Allotments Association to grow flowers in the raised beds and then use the plot as an extended area from the Club House; an ideal spot for the summer BBQ and prize giving event held each year. The control of vermin on the allotment site has been very successful with DSJPC providing bait and bait boxes for tenants to place on their plots. It was agreed that the provision of bait will continue but to ensure protection to wildlife a night vision camera will be sited to ensure that vermin are indeed present and taking the bait. Geoff Hurst informed the committee that the Allotments Association AGM will be held on 20 March 2018 at The Institute.
- 28.18 To receive any comments from Friends of Jubilee Park**
The Carol service held on Jubilee Park on Friday 22 December 2017 was very well attended and Carole Bremner thanked DSJPC for their help with organising this event. A bucket collection raised £166.00 which was split between The Salvation Army and The Friends of Jubilee Park. The fund raising for the Trim Trail has been slow but a recent donation from Deeping St James United Charities has been gratefully received and other sources are being explored. SKDC have listened to concerns about the antisocial behaviour on the park and have agreed to trim the

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base of some trees, remove one yew tree and turn others into 'columns', thereby keeping the foliage within an open area. There are currently only 7 members on the Friends of Jubilee Park committee which makes organising events very hard – a recruitment drive is to be held this year. The Dog Show on Jubilee Park will be held on 17 June 2018.

29.18 To consider quotation received for pot hole repairs at the allotment car park entrance.

It was agreed by everyone that the quote received be accepted and Councillor Ward will contact the contractors to make arrangements for the work to begin as soon as possible, asking them to liaise with Geoff Hurst.

31.18 Dates of the next meeting – June 14 2018 on site

Copy sent to: Geoff Hurst/ Hilary Gentle (Allotments Association)
Treasurer Friends of Jubilee Park – Carole Bremner