



# DEEPI NG 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 14 June 2018 at 6:30pm at The Allotments, Hall Meadow Road.

**Present:** Councillors Bowell, Hardy, Stevens, Ward, Thomas and Halls.

Geoff Hurst (Allotments Association Chairman), Hilary Gentle (Allotments Association Secretary) and Carole Bremner (Treasurer of Friends Of Jubilee Park)

Assistant Clerk.

**6.19 To elect a chairperson**

It was proposed by Councillor Stevens, seconded by Councillor Bowell and agreed that Councillor Ward would be Chairman for the year 2018/2019

**7.19 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Councillor Hall

**8.19 To receive declarations of interest, if any**

None received

**9.19 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held 17 April 2018**

Agreed by all and signed by the Chair

**10.19 Clerks report and matters arising not considered elsewhere on the agenda**

In keeping with the tenancy agreement with DSJ Parochial Church Council the rent has been reviewed and since there has been no increase in Agricultural rents the payment to DSJ Parochial Church Council will remain the same.

DSJPC will apply for annual membership of The National Allotment Society to benefit from the wide range of services they can provide. 3 rubbish skips have been provided at the allotments to allow plot holders to clear up following the stormy weather in the winter months. An earlier inspection of allotment plots has been made this year and letters sent to 20 tenants who have not controlled their weeds. On a second inspection, 4 weeks later, most had cleared their weeds with only 8 tenants needing to be written to again and 4 voluntarily giving up their plots.

**11.19 To receive any comments from the Allotments association and make any recommendations to Council**

Geoff Hurst thanked DSJPC for providing extra skips at the allotments this Spring - each had been full to overloading so were a necessity. The BBQ will be held on 19 August 2018 and all were invited to attend. Councillor Bowell, Chairman of DSJPC was invited to present the trophies. Councillor Stevens offered to arrange for a photographer to take photographs.

The pot holes in the car park are still to be filled and Geoff Hurst will contact contractor who agreed to carry out these repairs.

As in previous years the farmer will be asked to cut the allotment hedge and include the hedge to the left of the allotment entrance.

Councillor Ward will arrange purchase of a new half sized plastic water tank to replace the leaking one.

DSJPC have agreed to lend the strimmer to Geoff Hurst for the allotments association to trim the borders at the allotment site.

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.

**12.19**

**To receive any comments from Friends of Jubilee Park**

Carole Bremner showed the committee a poster of the styles of equipment hoped for on the trim trail. Fund raising for the trim trail is going very well with money having been promised from The Rotary, Deeping St James United Charities, Section 106, The Lions and Tesco Bank and a good response from sponsors at the forthcoming Dog Show to be held on Sunday 17 June 2018. Councillor Stevens advised that SKDC are running a funding lottery and The Friends of Jubilee Park have been put forward for consideration.

SKDC have agreed to cut the grass on Jubilee Park prior to the Dog Show.

Following a request from a resident that the planting along the remaining section of wall along the side of Crowson Way be extended, it was agreed that hedging will be planted during the autumn to further enhance the park and encourage wildlife.

**13.19**

**Dates of the next meeting – 20 September 2018 at 7.45pm at The Institute**

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