



DEEPING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Deeping St James Parish Council Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2017 at 7.00pm at The Allotments, Hall Meadow Road.

Present: Councillors Bowell, Hall, J Stevens, Ward and Thomas and Assistant Clerk

1.18 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 2017/2018

2.18 To receive apologies for absence

None received

3.18 To receive declarations of interest, if any

None received

4.18 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held 12 January 2017 (enclosed)

Agreed by all and signed by the Chair

5.18 Clerks report and matters arising not considered elsewhere on the agenda

A double plot was voluntarily given up in March which has now been split into 2 smaller plots and allocated to new tenants. Following an inspection of the allotments in May, eleven plot holders were contacted asking if they wish to keep their plot and if so they need to clear them and start cultivation. A further inspection will be held on 21 June. It was agreed that there will be further advertising to promote the allotments and hopefully gather more names for the waiting list.

After obtaining quotes and advice from pest control companies they would not wish or be able to offer pest control at the allotment site for a short period and would require DSJPC to enter into a 12month contract. The cost of this is not viable therefore it has been agreed by the committee that if rat traps and bait are purchased, allotment holders can use these to help clear their plots of vermin. A guide on 'good plot housekeeping' has also been sent to all plot holders by Councillor Bowell.

The Allotment Association AGM was held on 21 March 2017 at The Institute, Councillor Hall and the assistant clerk attended.

The penguin litter bin, child's springy and picnic bench were installed on Jubilee Park during March along with a new beacon shield. New locks for the two noticeboards on Jubilee Park are to be fitted as the present ones are not locking properly, one key will now be kept by the Clerk at The Institute.

A litter pick of the parish held on 9 April was well supported.

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

Councillor Stevens thanked the Chairman of the Allotments Association for taking part with the recent litter pick. It was agreed that the assistant clerk is to order a rubbish skip for one week in October for the allotment plot holders to dispose of rubbish and the farmer will be asked to cut the hedge again this year. Pot holes in the car park are to be filled with ballast and cement by the Allotments Association.

The Allotment Association BBQ will be held on 20th August 2017 and all committee members are invited to attend. The Chairman of DSJPC will present the cups.

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.

7.18 To receive any comments from Friends of Jubilee Park

The dog bins that had recently been vandalised have been returned to their sites and set in concrete. A small area of grass on Jubilee Park has been left uncut to discourage antisocial behaviour and this idea seems to be working well. Councillor Stevens has been made aware of SKDC's Community Cleaning Fund and asked the assistant clerk to find out more.

The Friends of Jubilee Park are in the process of organising the Dog Show which will take place on 30th July 2017, proceeds from which will go towards a Trim Trail. Councillor Ward intends to audit the green areas and look at utilisation, opportunities and potential issues of these areas.

8.18 Date of next meeting – Thursday 21 September 2017, at 7.45pm at The Institute.

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