



# 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 12 January 2017 at 7.00pm at The Institute.

**Present:** Councillors Bowell, Hall and Ward.

Geoff Hurst (Chairman Allotment Association), Councillor Adam Brookes (Market Deeping Town Council) and Assistant Clerk

- 21.17 To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Councillor Stevens
- 22.17 To receive declarations of interest, if any**  
None received
- 23.17 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held 22 September 2016 (enclosed)**  
Agreed by all and signed by the Chair
- 24.17 Clerks report and matters arising not considered elsewhere on the agenda**  
DSJUC have been asked if they would consider allowing DSJPC to erect a flagpole on The Riverside Park, Church Street, DSJ. This is to be discussed at DSJUC next meeting and their clerk will report back to the council.  
DSJPC has obtained 30 free saplings from The Woodland Trust which will be delivered early March 2017 for planting around the parish.
- 25.17 To comment on the proposed extinguishment of parts of public footpath No 4 Market Deeping (enclosed)**  
Councillor Adam Brookes from Market Deeping Town Council was invited by the Chair to speak to the committee to explain his concerns about the poorly laid path when leaving Tesco and heading to the Persimmon housing estate, which has been moved from its original line due to houses being built and a private drive now forming part of the old route. Persimmon Homes have agreed to tarmac the path but it will still be no wider than 2m and a fencing panel at the end of the footpath causes a chicane.  
**Recommend to Full Council that DSJPC agree to write to LCC supporting Councillor Brooke's suggestion that the fencing panel be removed to make a more direct route.**
- 26.17 To receive any comments from the Allotments association and make any recommendations to Council**  
Rats are becoming a problem with many plot holders having crops eaten by the vermin. Ways of pest control need to be discussed and following a recent inspection by councillors, letters have been written to plot holders who need to tidy their plots and greenhouses. (see attachment from Allotment Association Chairman)  
**A further inspection will be made on 1 February 2017 to see if there has been any improvement on the problem plots before further letters are sent. Councillor Bowell has spoken to the workmen in the barn on the adjoining land and Geoff Hurst was asked if he could speak to the farmer to ask if vermin are a problem for him. The assistant clerk was asked to obtain quotes from pest control companies.**  
**The assistant clerk is to arrange for the removal of a derelict trailer and tank from 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.

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

A request has been made for a key to the notice boards on Jubilee Park to be kept by the clerk, so that DSJPC can take ownership for updating the noticeboards regularly.  
To decide on a date for the penguin bin, springy and picnic bench to be installed on Jubilee Park.

**As there was no representation from The Friends of Jubilee Park at the meeting no decisions were made.**

**28.17 Date of next meeting – Thursday 15 June 2017, at 7.00pm at The Hall Meadow Allotment Site.**

Meeting finished at 7.40pm

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