

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 23RD JULY 2007 AT GRAYS FARM, NORTH DROVE BANK AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Mr D Chappell (in the Chair)

Mr P Barrett; Mr John & Mr Julian Davis; Mrs G Scholes; Mrs E Firmager; Mr G Fitzgerald; Mr I McDonald;

Mr Branton arrived at 7.07pm, Mrs E Williams & Mrs L McGuinness arrived at 7.13pm

The Clerk

Cllr S Williams (LCC, SHDC) Cllrs B Alcock & P Przystlak (Crowland & SHDC)

APOLOGIES

Non received

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non declared. Interest, **Personal** or **Prejudicial**, must be declared, together with the reason, and minuted. Councillors must make their own decision, but advice can be obtained from the Standards Board. If a **Personal** interest is declared the Councillor may remain in the Meeting, debate and vote in the normal way. If **Prejudicial**, Councillors are entitled to speak on important issues, but having done so, must immediately leave the room.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE & NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillors not present at the AGM in May now completed and signed the Acceptance of Office and New Code of Conduct forms

POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that visits by the Mobile Police Station would continue

MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 14TH MAY 2007

Minutes of the AGM were signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

Mr Branton arrived at the Meeting with apologies

MATTERS ARISING

Polling Stations

SHDC had written to say that it will be carrying out a full review of all polling stations in the district and that the Parish Council's comments will be noted. Julie Edwards will be looking into the Parish Council's suggestion of Church and Chapel for suitability; and although not ideal, no one was able to suggest an alternative to Banks House Farm at Tongue End.

Complaint to the Spalding Target Newspaper

The Council had received a reply to say that the matter was being looked into, and would be answered more fully in due course.

ACCOUNTS

2006/07 AUDIT

The Accounts had been checked by Mr Barrett, audited by Mrs M Robinson (Clerk to the Welland & Deepings Internal Drainage Board) and it was proposed by Mr Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs Scholes and AGREED that the Chairman sign the completed accounts and Audit document.

Income £13413.98 Expenditure £13222.62 Balance £9025.13

PLANNING

H03/0791/07 Mr & Mrs Woodworth Single storey ext. to rear at 11 Wren Close

NO OBJECTIONS

PLAYING FIELDS***Campains Lane & Hop Pole Improvements***

Following the Meeting of the Playing Fields Committee in June, the Clerk had received a quotation for new swings and a slide at Hop Pole and Campains Lane, in addition to safety fencing along the front of the field at Campains Lane. Before proceeding any further, it was proposed by Mrs Firmager, seconded by Mr McDonald and AGREED that Mr Branton suggest a site meeting with Mr Tinsley to discuss the possibilities of moving the field further along the Lane away from the risk posed by the rail line and crossing, and also the fixed term and peppercorn rent offered by Mr Tinsley. It was also agreed that Mr Barrett have a site meeting at Hop Pole Field with Paula Hill (LCC Community Grants Officer) before going ahead with the fund application.

St Nicholas Park – grass verges and Play Area

The Clerk to write again to SHDC and Allisons as no reply had been received from 2 previous letters concerning the play area.

Persimmons are responsible for the grass and verges, and Allisons had provided the Clerk with a contact.

Traffic Warning Signs & Community Land Sign

Ross Signs from Spalding had quoted £30 + VAT per sign. The Council AGREED to go ahead with 2 traffic warning signs at Hop Pole and a Parish Council Notice for the Community Centre land.

COUNCIL'S RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

All members having received a copy of this Report, it was proposed by Mr Fitzgerald seconded by Mr Barrett and AGREED to adopt it.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on 17th September at 7.00pm at the CP School

TRANSPORT FORUM & COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATES

Community Centre -Nothing further to report other than that Mrs Branton had been chasing the Lawyer for some time for a letter of the recommendations put forward at the Meeting. In reply to queries about the possibility of going ahead with a different or cheaper building, Mrs Scholes replied that it was not just a case of having a building, but of getting a committee together willing to run one.

Transport Forum – Mrs McGuinness had attended Meetings in London at which Littleworth had been discussed, and at Spalding Station, (also attended by LCC, Network Rail, The Transport Forum and John Hayes), when a site meeting at Littleworth had been agreed. Network Rail will also be having a look at the Station. Following a further meeting at Peterborough to look at the £5000 cost of a feasibility study for Littleworth, the group will re apply for funding to the Wind Farm Committee. Mrs McGuinness has also now joined the Travel Watch Steering Group.

CORRESPONDENCE

Banks Drove Level Crossing Inspection -Recommended the removal of vegetation partially obscuring traffic signal and to rectify worn road markings.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Network Rail concerning the site being called Lucks Road/Jordan's Cradge Bank Road which is very confusing.

Best Kept Village Competition – Deeping St Nicholas had made it through to the second round this year.

LALC – Invitation to a full area Meeting at Boston Borough Council on 4th September

Circulars & Periodicals

OPEN SESSION

- Reported matters - A16/Banks Drove Junction** -overgrown hedge/grass
- Littleworth to the Beaches** – trees overgrowing pavement
- Harrow Road Drain Cover** – broken

Halifax Shares, Village Funds & Assets

It was agreed to put this item on the Agenda of the next Meeting

Flood Risk

Mrs Williams queried the safety of the area with the continuing heavy rains, and was reassured by the information provided by other Members regarding local drainage procedures

There being no further matters to discuss, the Chairman thanked Mr John Davis for his hospitality and closed the Meeting at 9.28pm

Chairman.....

Date.....