

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2007, AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT** Mr D Chappell (in the Chair)

Mr P Barrett; Mr John Davis, Mrs E Firmager; Mr G Fitzgerald; Mrs L McGuinness; Mr D Branton The Clerk; Cllr B Alcock (SHDC & Crowland), and the Parish PCSO Parishioners Mrs Taylor and Mr Ruff

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Mrs G Scholes, Mr I McDonald, Mr Julian Davis, Mrs E Williams and Cllr S Williams (LCC & SHDC)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non declared

**POLICE MATTERS**

The Mobile Police Station will be visiting the village on 11<sup>th</sup> October

The Clerk has received complaints concerning mini motor cyclists causing a nuisance at the Tongue End Bus Shelter and Playing Field (where a tent had also been pitched), and informed the PCSO.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23RD JULY 2007**

It was proposed by Mrs Firmager, seconded by Mr Davis and AGREED that these be signed as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**POLLING STATIONS**

Although unable to suggest an alternative to Banks House Farm, Tongue End, the Council would still prefer two Stations (the Chapel and the Church) in Deeping St Nicholas

Adam, the PCSO now arrived at the Meeting and stated that he is aware of the motor cycles and tent at Tongue End. He generally visits Tongue End 2 or 3 times a week but has not yet seen anyone. At this stage the Council do not feel it to be too much of a problem as the Playing Field is unused, and it was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being. In the meantime, the Clerk to check the Council's public liability insurance concerning the use of bikes.

Before leaving the Meeting, the PCSO also confirmed that he usually drove through Deeping St Nicholas most days, in an unmarked car.

**TONGUE END - LAND PURCHASE REQUEST**

The owner of the Old School at Tongue End has contacted the Clerk again to ask the Council if it is willing to sell the small piece of Playing Field at the rear of his property, but the Council is still not prepared to do so.

**LUCKS ROAD/JORDANS CRADGE BANK**

A letter had been received to say that Rail Network has checked this location with the Police and Fire Services and it is not a problem, but they would be liaising with the Ambulance Services as they do not have it logged. As they stated that the name itself is unlikely to be changed, Mrs McGuinness agreed to follow the matter up.

**PLAYING FIELDS****HOP POLE**

Mr Barrett reported that he is hoping to attend a Meeting of the Lincs Playing Field Association in early October.

A site meeting has also been arranged with Karen Johnson from SHDC on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, in order to look at the Field and discuss funding.

**CAMPAINS LANE**

Mr Barrett reported removing three large fence posts and some small shears from the Field.

Mr Branton has had lengthy discussions with the Tinsleys who are quite willing to move the Field away from the rail crossing area. However, before deciding on a different site, the Council agreed to arrange a site Meeting with SHDC and LCC representatives in order to look at the overall traffic problem in Campains Lane, and to press again for a passing bay. Provisional dates set for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October or 7<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am.

**ST NICHOLAS PARK PLAY AREA**

The Clerk reported that Elmer Fischer is on sick leave, and has been for some time. Mr Alcock said it is not likely that anyone else would have taken over his work.

As there has been no response from Allison's either, it was agreed to send a monthly letter to them.

**RUBBISH COLLECTING EQUIPMENT**

It was proposed by Mrs Firmager, seconded by Mrs McGuinness and AGREED to purchase 3 *Litter Collecting Hand Tools* at a cost of £20 each..

**HIGHWAYS**

The following matters to be reported -

1. Although the grass has been strimmed at the Banks Drove junction it is still a problem, and together with the row of trees, longer vehicles need to pull forward onto the A16 in order to see.
2. No work has been carried out on the surface 'falling away' outside 12 Carrington Drive
3. A request that the 30mph outside the School be extended to the railway crossing, in order to allow the Police to enforce the limit. This would also benefit the campaign to reopen the rail stop, as access could be a problem in a 50mph limit.

Mr Barrett also reported that there is now a broken white line at Policeman's Corner instead of the normal solid one, and also no cats eyes. It was agreed to monitor this situation.

**PLANNING**

SHDC Supplementary Planning Document on Affordable Housing – Consultation version

**TRANSPORT FORUM & COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATES*****Community Centre***

Nothing to report at present, although the Committee will be holding a Meeting next week

***Transport Forum***

A Meeting had been held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Spalding Station, with Littleworth being visited, that was felt to have been informative and positive - Mr Gore, who owns land at the station, had also been present as he is willing to provide a parking area. It is hoped to have another site meeting in order to gather together everyone involved in this project.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**19<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at the CP School**ANNUAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Auditor has recommended that the Council increase its Fidelity guarantee (currently £5,000) and consider raising the level to at least the total of the balances held plus one half of the Precept. It was now proposed by Mr Barrrrett, seconded by Mrs Firmager and AGREED that the following accounts be paid:-

Clerk Aug/Sept, Salary & Expenses	410.63
School Hire – LCC	18.00
Petty Cash	25.00
Spalding Sign Service	123.38
Moore Stephens – Annual Audit	158.62
Sneath & Sons	367.78
Shelter Cleaners	300.00
LCC Allotment Rents	713.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2116.41</b>

**HALIFAX SHARES, COUNCIL ASSETS & VILLAGE FUNDS**

The Clerk to make enquiries about putting Mr Barrett's name on the share certificate (replacing Mrs Ball) together with Mr Chappell's as the Halifax will only accept two names on the Certificate. There was a brief discussion about selling the Shares, but the Market is not good at the moment. It was agreed to put these items on the next Agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*\*Various Circulars and Periodicals*

*\*Deepings Management Partnership* – The Deepings, the Future

*\*SHDC* – Recycling collection points

*\*SHDC* – small quantities of sandbags available for localised problems

*\*Methodist Chapel* – letter of thanks for recent donation

**OPEN SESSION**

~The Clerk to invite Bruce Wakelin, SHDC Economic Development Officer, to the next Meeting

~ Mr Ruff asked for some information concerning the A1073 – Mr Alcock replied that work should start next year if LCC get all quotations in on budget, as the Government has more or less given permission

~ Mr Ruff also raised a question concerning any new turbine development – Mr Alcock replied that there was nothing to stop people applying, and although SHDC had not identified further suitable sites in this area, that would not necessarily stop refused applications going through on appeal.

**CLOSURE 8.54PM**

**CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....**