

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MON 19TH MAY 2008 AT THE CP SCHOOL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr D Chappell (in the Chair)

Mr P Barrett; Mr John Davis; Mr Julian Davis; Mrs G Scholes; Mrs E Williams; Mrs E McGuinness; Mr I McDonald and Mrs E Firmager

The Clerk and Cllr S Williams (LCC, SHDC)

The Council agreed to include the following on the Agenda - a request for sponsorship for the Church Flower Festival and an update from Mr Julian Davis on his Turbine noise campaign

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mrs Scholes, seconded by Mr John Davis and carried that Mr Barrett be appointed Chairman. Mr Chappell thanked fellow Councillors and handed over the Chain of Office.

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Branton

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr John Davis, seconded by Mrs Firmager and carried that Mrs Scholes be appointed as Vice Chairman. Mrs Scholes thanked the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non declared

REVISED STANDING ORDERS

Proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs Scholes and AGREED to adopt the current Standing Orders and Chairmanship (September 2003 edition)

POLICE MATTERS

A serious accident was reported at the Banks Drove section of the A16.

Mr Williams reported receiving complaints from residents over speeding. However, he stated that when the road is eventually down graded the Village will be able to have additional traffic calming; in reply to Mrs McGuinness, he also said that the speed limit cannot be altered whilst the road is still a trunk road. The request for an extension of the 30mph limit at the School is still being considered.

As it is considered a low crime area, the funding is also low, and there will be no extra policing. The recent dispute over additional Police funding from the Council Tax has gone to Parliament.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Proposed by Mr John Davis, seconded by Mrs Firmager and carried that the Standing Committees remain unchanged, with Mr Chappell remaining on the Playing Fields Committee.

Following a query from Mrs Williams concerning local allotments, it was proposed by Mrs McGuinness, seconded by Mrs Firmager and AGREED to write to the Chief Executive at SHDC in an attempt to claim the allotment land at the rear of Chappell Road under the recent Local Government Act 2000.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 17TH MARCH

Toll Bar lay by rubbish

The Clerk had written to SHDC; Mr Williams had also contacted Howard Johnson and confirmed that we should get a bin at this location.

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It was AGREED that the Minutes be signed as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING**Gateway Sign**

LCC had written to say that signage has now been replaced at the correct location, but they would not be replacing the gateway structure.

The Clerk to write to LCC to request that a second 50mph speed limit sign be placed at Policeman's Corner, in accordance with legal requirements.

Letter received concerning Turbine noise

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk reply to a recently received letter to say that it had received only a handful of complaints concerning disturbances, from residents living close to the Turbines, and depending on prevailing weather conditions. However, that was not to lessen the seriousness or impact that the disturbances had on those affected

Carrington Drive Street Light

Mr Fitzgerald had reported to the Clerk that this has now been replaced

Electrification of Railway

Mr Williams reported that this was due to be completed by 2010, producing a high speed link.

Banks Drove Level Crossing

Letters had been received from The Office of Rail Regulators and Department of Transport, the latter stating that they saw no need to change the name as they did not feel it likely to present a safety risk, this being the main criteria.

PLAYING FIELDS, NOTICE BOARDS & BUS SHELTERS**Annual Playing Field Inspection**

Due to the closure of the railway crossing, the Inspection could not go ahead. Mr Barrett, Mr John Davis, Mrs Scholes and the Clerk assembled at **Littleworth Field**, later to be joined by the Chairman, who had inspected Hop Pole. A length of fencing and posts had been knocked down and was in need of attention. A large amount of rubbish was collected, and the Chairman thanked the Clerk for her efforts. A brief inspection of **Campains Lane** was also carried out.

Mrs Williams sent her apologies, having set out, and returned home again.

St Nicholas Park

The Clerk had been contacted by SHDC to say that after further site meetings with the Contractors, it had been agreed to reseed the green on top of approx. 4" of top soil. He said that they were unable to take out enforcement as there had been no conditions set in the original planning agreement. As Portfolio Holder, Mr Williams said that he would look into this further.

Demolition of Tongue End Bus Shelter and 2 slides

Monksview Demolition Ltd – Gedney Hill

Shelter £690

Slides £450

Richard Brown Ltd – Spalding

Shelter £683

Slides £490

Mr Chappell proposed, seconded by Mr John Davis and AGREED to accept the quotation from Monksview for all work.

Annual Mole Contract 2008

This had been awarded to Complete Weed Control for £500

HIGHWAYS**Campains Lane Passing Bay**

Further to a query to LCC for when the expected work would start on the above, Paul Rusted had written to say that following the site meeting and the agreed further investigation, LCC will not be pursuing this further. The Clerk had replied that the Council had understood and been informed that the bay would indeed be going ahead and that funds were available. Mr Williams suggested that the Council use a new Call for Action Law if they are not satisfied, with a request that the matter go to scrutiny. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr Williams after hearing from LCC.

Rail Closures

Littleworth level crossing is due to be closed again on 16th/17th July. It was agreed that the Clerk write to LCC to ask that they remove the various closures signs once work has been completed.

PLANNING

H03/0540/08 Mr D Wakefield Installation of new UPVC windows at Methodist Chapel
The Parish Council agreed to support this application with a request that it goes to the Planning Committee. The Chapel has been told that, although the new windows are on site with one already having been fitted, they should be timber.

Applications dealt with between Meetings

Proposed rear single storey orangery at Woodview, Main Road, Hop Pole – on objections

Proposed ext. to dwelling to form annex, offices & triple garage at Poplar Farm Boarding Kennels
Banks Drove – No Objections

Refusal – Conversion into 6 self contained residential units at Old Filling Station, Main Road

SHDC Planning – Details of 3 new centralised Teams to deal with **Tree Preservation, Compulsory Purchase Orders and Planning Casework**

ACCOUNTS**Annual Accounts Approval**

Proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs McGuinness and AGREED to adopt the Annual Accounts of the Parish Council and the Wind Farm Committee

Parish Council – INCOME £11125.66 EXPENDITURE £10011.99 C/F £10138.80
Wind Farm Committee - INSTANT ACCESS A/C £13837.42 TREASURY A/C £49.00

Accounts for Payment

Proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs McGuinness and AGREED that the following accounts be paid

Clerk – salary & expenses April/May	411.51	
LCC School Hire	18.00	
Petty Cash	25.00	
Welland & Deepings Drainage Board – Rates	134.89	
Community Consultation Ltd – Annual Insurance	533.58	
Parish Magazine Donation	50.00	
Parish Church – Donation for Flower Festival	100.00	<u>£1272.98</u>

TRANSPORT FORUM

Mrs McGuinness was disappointed that nobody from the Parish Council had attended the recent AGM, but pleased to report that the Forum had 2 new Patrons. It had received some recent good publicity on local radio and coverage in the local press for flower decoration at Spalding Station. There is to be a Meeting at Westminster on the 21st May, and Littleworth will be on the Agenda. In support of a Feasibility Study, a Draft Survey is due to go in the Parish News to every household. The Group are also trying to recruit Committee members.

FUNDS

Community Centre – The Funds have been reinvested as Mr Branton is still having discussions with the LALC.

REQUEST FOR DONATION

Mr Chappell proposed £100, seconded by Mrs McGuinness and AGREED, to sponsor the Flower Festival at Deeping St Nicholas Parish Church

TURBINE UPDATE FROM MR JULIAN DAVIS

Mr Davis had prepared a report in order to bring Parish Councillors up to date regarding the ongoing noise nuisance at his property. Whilst they have tried to settle problems through existing channels ie SHDC, the Turbine Company and Defra, after 2 years they have made little progress and are looking for ways forward without going to the High Court. At this stage the Local Government Ombudsman and Parliamentary Ombudsman are also involved.

It would seem that, among other things, the presentation of data and information is seriously flawed or prejudiced, in not allowing a true representation of likely or actual disturbances to be shown. It would also seem that the Turbines erected were not the ones put through the planning process, a legal aspect that is now being looked into.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st July 2008 at the CP School

CORRESPONDENCE

*SHDC – Consultation Community Cohesion Policy

*SHDC – Lifeline, including pilot visiting service

*SAVILLS – Notice on behalf of the Landlord (LCC) in order to protect their position to look at Allotment rents next year.

OPEN SESSION

Several complaints having been received concerning overgrown hedges and verges it was agreed to put this item on the Agenda of the next meeting

Mrs McGuinness requested that the Parish Council Minutes be posted on SHDC's website.

CLOSURE 9.40pm.....CHAIRMAN.....DATE