

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2009, AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr P Barrett (in the Chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mr John Davis; Mr Julian Davis; Mrs E Firmager; Mr G Fitzgerald; Mr I McDonald; Mrs E McGuinness and Mrs G Scholes. Mr Branton arrived at 7.06pm
Cllr S Williams (LCC, SHDC), the Clerk and 6 Parishioners

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mrs E Williams

POLICE

Lincs Police leaflet and Police Monitoring Report received

LIVES CPR – Proposed by Mrs McGuinness, seconded by Mr Fitzgerald and AGREED to donate £100 to Lives First Responder Group by sponsoring the Lincs Police Officers charity bike ride.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr McDonald declared an interest in the routing of drains over Community Centre land.

ANNUAL PRECEPT

All members having received an Income and Expenditure Account for consideration, it was proposed by Mrs McGuinness, seconded by Mr John Davis and AGREED that the Annual Precept (Parish Council running costs provided by SHDC from additional parish tax) remain at £8000.

TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2008

It was proposed by Mr Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs Firmager and AGREED to sign the Minutes as a correct record with the following amendments:

P153/09 Mrs William also left and returned to the Meeting with Mrs McGuinness

P153/09 This could also mean that the underground cable laid through the village a few years ago may be below specification.

MATTERS ARISING

Eon electricity cable

Mr McDonald had received a visit from a representative from Eon who had confirmed that the cable was not armoured and had not been ducted, and that the supply to properties, some lampposts and streets would need to be re done

Annual Dinner

Mrs McGuinness to organise this event for the first week in April at St Nic's House

Chappell Road Allotments

SHDC had written to say that the request for the use of these allotments would be considered by its Capital and Assets Working Group

Banks Drove Crossing

Further to correspondence between Mrs McGuinness and Paul Fullwood (Passenger Link Manager for Passengerfocus) it was agreed that the Clerk write to SHDC asking them to confirm the name of Banks Drove and that they in turn request LCC records show the correct address.

Application to route drains over Community Centre Land

Mr McDonald left the Meeting

The Parish Council studied an amended plan provided by Mr McDonald but, as Councillors are still unsure of the position of the proposed drains in relation to the existing gas tanks and pipes, were in favour of holding a site meeting.

Mr McDonald returned to the meeting, and it was agreed to include the site during the next Playing Fields Inspection.

Village Funds

Mr Branton had prepared a list for Mrs McGuinness giving details of some of these Funds, also minuted in July 2008. However, Mr Julian Davis reported that the **Millenium Fund** is causing some confusion. Although the whereabouts of the money is known, he is unable to contact some of the original people from the Committee. He is also having a problem sorting out a **Tongue End Fund**. The difficulty has arisen because only 2 members of the original committee now remain; Mr John Davis being one, who was also a co signatory with Tony Ivatt. They have held discussions with Lloyds Bank with little success, and are still trying to resolve the matter.

HIGHWAYS**Vehicle Activated Speed Limit Signs**

The Road Safety Partnership had written to say that signs are to be placed at the **30pmh** location and will replace the existing **gateway speed limit signs** before the end of the 2008/09 financial year

Highway Officers Areas

Reported changes in the Pode Hole Highways team. Mrs Carol Modd will now cover Deeping St Nicholas and Tongue End, supervised by Mrs Stukins

Steve Willis – reported matters

As the Council had not received a reply to it's last letter, it was agreed to write again to Mr Willis, with the addition of some further matters now needing attention.

PLAYING FIELDS

The Annual Inspection was set for 1st February, meeting at the Blue Bell at 9.00am

Playing Field Association -small awards now available up to £500. The Association also now has the ability to unlock dormant trusts held by Parish Councils.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 16th March 2009, and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mr Fitzgerald and AGREED to pay the following accounts

Clerk Salary & expenses Dec/Jan	430.76
School Hire – LCC	20.55
Petty Cash	25.00
CPRE – annual subscription	29.00
CPR for Lives – donation	100.00

TOTAL £605.31

TRANSPORT FORUM UPDATE

A meeting will be held at SHDC Offices on 22nd January. It will be a question and answer format with the Route Manager of EMT attending.

Mrs McGuinness provided the Council with a detailed report setting out the aims, objectives and requirements needed in order to progress the Littleworth project.

Several Councillors agreed to attend a fund raising Quizz Night at the Plough Inn on 8th February.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

It was proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs Scholes and AGREED that the council adopt the New Model Publication Scheme without modification. The Clerk had also completed the required Guide to Information for publishing on the Council's website.

CORRESPONDENCE

AGE Concern First Contact – details of a new project

Welland & Deepings Internal Drainage Board – Invitation to it's area tour on 2nd July

SHDC Code of Conduct – Training session on 9th February at the Council Offices

Methodist Chapel – Dates for 2009

Communities & Local Government – Code of recommended Practice consultation report

CPRE – newsletter

OPEN SESSION

*A request for 2 grit boxes in Campains Lane - at the entrance, and at the end of the Avenue

*Mrs McGuinness mentioned that Mr & Mrs Shields are collecting signatures calling for longer sentences for those found guilty of car crimes.

*St Nicholas Park residents have had a planning application for a Notice Board turned down. The Council agreed to look at a site for one on Community Centre land, and also obtain prices for a UPVC one.

*Mr Watts had carried out a small job for Velcourt, and in lieu of payment had kindly asked them to make a donation of £50 to the Parish Council. The Clerk to write and thank Mr Watts.

*The Patient Participation Group at the Deepings Practice would like a representative from Deeping St Nicholas to join the Group as there are currently 224 patients from the village attending this Practice. It was agreed to put an advert in the Parish magazine together with contact details.

Closure 8.53pm

Chairman.....

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