

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST JULY 2008, AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr P Barrett (in the chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mr John Davis; Mrs E Firmager; Mr G Fitzgerald; Mrs G Scholes; Mrs E Williams arrived at 7.04pm and Mr D Branton at 7.07pm
The Clerk
Cllr S Williams (LCC, SHDC)

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr I McDonald, Mr Julian Davis and Mrs L McGuinness

POLICE MATTERS

Periodical Newsletter for Parish Councils received

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non declared

TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 19TH MAY 2008

Proposed by Mrs Scholes, seconded by Mr John Davis and AGREED to sign the Minutes of the AGM as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

Mrs E Williams arrived at the Meeting

PLAYING FIELDS

St Nicholas Park -Mr Williams confirmed that as there had been no 106 Agreement at the time of the development, SHDC are unable to carry out any enforcement for further improvements

Mr Branton arrived at the Meeting and wished to know under Matters Arising whether Allotment Tenants had been informed of the forthcoming rent review The Clerk to follow this through.

Littleworth Fencing damage

The Clerk had started to deal with the Insurance claim for the damage, believed to have been caused by a lorry possibly, reversing into the fencing

HIGHWAYS

Campains Lane passing bay

Paul Rusted had written apologising for the confusion and to say that the scheme to use the entrance into Queen Elizabeth Crescent had been rejected by SHDC. The scheme had also been evaluated against other capital scheme requests and found not to be of sufficient priority.

Although 2 Campains Lane Councillors felt that there was little support from residents for a passing bay, the Clerk to write to Paul Rusted to ask for another site meeting as they were not happy with the decision.

Letter from Kate Weston, Tongue End

Mrs Weston, having previously campaigned for a lower speed limit and improvements at Tongue End, had written to ask if anything could be done to reduce the number of heavy vehicles now using the road.

Whilst the Council had requested a weight restriction in the past with little success, it had every sympathy but did not feel that anything could be done.

LCC Area Response Teams

A new initiative has been set up to undertake smaller highway works more responsively, using two man teams on a cycle of work visiting Parishes.

A16 anti skid surface complaint - The Old Post Office

Following a recent complaint from residents at the Old Post Office, they had written to say that LCC had now replaced the original surface as it had not been to specification.

Overgrown hedges and verges

The Clerk to contact Property Management in Spalding concerning the overgrown hedge at Banks Drive.

LCC reported matters

LCC had confirmed that the rail closure signs had been removed, and that a second 50mph sign is to be installed at Policeman's Corner

PLANNING

H03/0769/08 Mr & Mrs C Smith proposed conservatory to rear of dwelling 16 Stowgate
NO OBJECTION

H03/6029/08 Mr D Steel partial change of use from agri yard to light storage of plant and office at Chapel Farm
NO OBJECTION

Recent Refusals

Mr M L Henfrey – retention of twin unit mobile home at Gull Farm, Deeping High Bank

Mr J Weston & Miss J Weller – proposed demolition of existing derelict house and erection of new detached house with detached double garage at Homeleigh, Tongue End

Mr D Wakefield – installation of new UPVC windows to Chapel. This has now gone to appeal, and the Council agreed to write in support of the application.

POLLING STATION VENUES

Following a recent SHDC review, the Council was now being offered a choice of either the School only, the Church and Methodist Chapel or the Church and Jubilee Hall. It was proposed by Mr Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs Williams and agreed to accept the Church and Chapel option.

CHAPPELL ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Councillors had received a brief summary of progress to say that SHDC had absolute title to the land, having been bought for housing in 1955; and also that it was illegal for them to hold allotments where a Parish Council exists, it being the responsibility of the Parish Council to fulfil this need. Under the advice of the LALC the Clerk had written to SHDC asking it to desist selling allotment land until the matter can be resolved. The land is outside the building line and marked as allotment gardens on the local plan. It was agreed to continue pressing this matter.

CLERK'S SALARY – ANNUAL REVIEW

The Clerk left the room while this matter was discussed. The Council deferred making a decision, wishing to look at current recommended scales of pay first

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

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| Clerk – salary & expenses June/July | 411.51 |
| School Hire | 20.55 |
| Petty Cash | 25.00 |
| Mrs Robinson – internal Audit | 50.00 |
| Monksview demolition | 1339.50 |
| Sneath & Sons – grass cutting | 586.33 |

TOTAL £2432.89

TRANSPORT FORUM UPDATE

Mrs Williams reported that the survey had now been sent out in the Parish Newsletter. They were getting a good response to it so far, but were still collecting responses.

Unfortunately Network Rail had not attended the recent meeting at Westminster, but a further meeting had been arranged with East Midlands.

It was also reported that the Campains Lane crossing is to have speed restrictions removed and flashing lights installed.

CORRESPONDENCE**Assorted periodicals**

SHDC – notice of removal of Everard Road telephone kiosk

SHDC – Reminder to keep Register of Members' Interests up to date

Sustainable Communities Act – brief summary giving details

HALIFAX SHARES, COMMUNITY CENTRE, JUBILEE & VJ FUNDS

Halifax Shares – Mr Branton to contact Mrs Ball in order to change her name on the Share Certificate; it was agreed also that Mr Barrett replace her, with Mr Chappell remaining as the other signatory.

Jubilee and VJ Funds – Mr Branton reported that money left over from the **Jubilee Fund** had been spent on playing field equipment, with the remainder left in Trust and later transferred to the **VJ Fund**. Money left from this fund (approx. £1200) had then been transferred to the **Community Centre Fund**, which is still being short term invested until handed to the Parish Council to manage.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15th September 2008 at the County Primary School at 7.00pm

OPEN SESSION

***Barr Farm caravans** - further to an enquiry, Mr Williams reported that no action is to be taken until a planning application has been received for a gypsy site. All caravans (gypsy and migrant) are covered by the same legislation that requires a suitable site, and it is difficult to move even illegal caravans without one.

***Baston gravel lakes** – in response to an enquiry from Mrs Williams, the lakes are for private fishing and conservation.

***Deeping St Nicholas sign** – the sign at Ash Tree Farm is rusting away and becoming dangerous

*In response to an enquiry from Mr McDonald concerning a proposal by the Developers for a free connection to the main drains for Coppers End, Spinney Rewind and the Bungalow.

As this was to take place when the new Community Centre was built, it was unlikely to go ahead now.

It was reported that a rubbish and also a dog bin had been placed on the Community Centre land.

***Banks Drove/Cradge Bank crossing** – as Mrs McGuinness was unable to report, it was agreed to put this item on the next Agenda

***Katy Shields** – Councillors were concerned at the light sentence received for the person responsible for this accident, and briefly discussed if there was any avenue open to them by which to lodge a protest.

CLOSURE 9.22PM

CHAIRMAN.....

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