

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2009 AT 8.39 PM

PRESENT Mr P Barrett (in the Chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mr John Davis; Mrs E Firmager; Mr I McDonald and Mrs G Scholes
PC Nigel Smith and Cllr Mrs A Harrison (SHDC), Mrs S King and Mrs J Gilbert (Wind Farm Committee)
The Clerk and Mr and Mrs Barker

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr Julian Davis and Mr Steve Williams. Mr D Branton, Mrs L McGuinness, Mr G Fitzgerald and Mrs E Williams did not attend

POLICE MATTERS

Non reported

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr McDonald declared an interest in the Community Centre land drains

TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2009

Proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs Scholes and AGREED to sign the Minutes as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Councillors dinner – Mrs McGuinness was still organising this

Banks Drove crossing – The Clerk had written to SHDC and LCC for confirmation of the name of this road. SHDC had confirmed that according to the Royal Mail and SHDC the road was known as Banks Drove. However, LCC had written to say that according to its mapping system, taken from Ordnance Survey, they identify this stretch of road as Jordan's Cradge Bank Road. Copies had been forwarded to Mrs McGuinness who was furthering the issue.

Drains across Community Centre land – Mr McDonald was unable to find out any details for the laying of gas pipes on this land. Flogas, currently responsible for this site, did not carry out the work; he believes that the original company no longer exists and that the job will probably need to be done by hand. Cllr Mrs Harrison agreed to look at the retrospective Planning Application for the tanks to see if there was any detail on them.

HIGHWAYS

LCC response to various reported matters

Extension to 30mph speed limit – priority is being given to Red Routes, following which other routes such as the A16 will be re evaluated

Interactive Signs – They have notified the Road Safety Partnership of the continuous problems

St Nicholas Way Flooding – Work to resolve the flooding at the entrance to this road (from the A16) will be carried out by the developer prior to adoption by LCC

Signage – Ash Tree Farm – This will not be replaced as signs for Deeping St Nicholas have now been installed at Policeman's Corner

Knocked down sign – This will not be replaced as there is another sign at the junction with Banks Drove warning of the level crossing

Harrow Road Bus Stop – use by lorries – LCC are checking to see if any complaints have been received from the bus companies, and will report back

Roadside Trees – The only location for LCC Highways trees is Harrow Road. Any others are the responsibility of the frontage landowner,

Salt Bins – Bins have been approved for opposite No. 17 Campains Lane (responsibility of Mr & Mrs Firmager, and next to the Bus Shelter in Campains Lane (responsibility of Mr & Mrs Scholes)

A16 Pothole patching – Work is due to be carried out during the week commencing 23rd March.

A16 relaying of cable – Mr McDonald reported that Eon are due to carry out cable laying to some lampposts and to re lay previously unducted work during half term, although he did not know the extent of the work.

PLAYING FIELDS

Annual Inspection – All Councillors had received a copy of the Annual Inspection Report, and also details of quotations for annual ground maintenance work as follows:

Grass cutting 2009	T N Sneath & Sons	£1662.00
	Complete Weed Control	£1470.00

Proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs Firmager and AGREED to accept the quotation of T N Sneath and Sons. The Council are happy with their work, and generally they manages to reduce the number of cuts quoted for

Annual Mole Control 2009/10 Complete Weed Control £600.00

The Council AGREED to accept this quotation, being the only one received out of 3 Tenders.

PLANNING

H03/0098/09 PN Watts Proposed grains storage building – approval not required

H03/0132/09 Mr Potrykus conv. and ext. of garage to form self-contained annexe to be used as supported accommodation, 2 storey extension at 17 Wren Close

Councillors were concerned that this very large extension might be for multi occupancy purposes

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, the AGM, will be held on Monday 18th May 2009

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk salary & exp. Feb/March	430.76
School Hire	20.55
Mole Control Contract 2008/09	575.00
Shelter Cleaners	250.00
LALC Annual Subscription	330.75
LCC Allotment Rents	713.00
TOTAL	£2320.06

Wind Farm Committee Deeping St Nicholas Methodist Chapel £1500.00

Proposed by Mrs Scholes, seconded by Mrs Firmager and AGREED that the accounts be paid with the LALC Annual Subscription and LCC Allotment Rents to be paid later, as Invoices had not yet been received.

ALLOTMENTS

Further to the Allotment Rent Review as at 6th April, Savills had written suggesting a rent increase from £60.04 an acre to £70.02. Whilst this was not felt to be unreasonable, it was agreed to write back with an offer of £65.

TRANSPORT FORUM UPDATE

The Chairman reported that a Parish Council Team took part in the recent Fund Raising Quizz Night held at the Plough Inn.

CORRESPONDENCE

Town & Parish Standards Periodical – Details of complaints procedures (to be put on next Agenda)

Assorted Periodicals and Brochures

OPEN SESSION

Councillors were shocked to receive an unexpected letter of resignation from Mr Julian Davis, due mainly to a recent health problem. The Chairman accepted it with deep regret and at the same time wished him a speedy recovery. They were further much saddened when his father, Mr John Davis, also resigned [after 33 years as a Parish Councillor and 20 years as a District Councillor]. Whilst also regretting his decision to resign, Councillors greatly appreciated his contribution and hard work for the Parish Council and Community during this considerable time.

The Clerk to inform SHDC of the two vacancies.

CLOSURE 9.32PM

CHAIRMAN.....

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