

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18TH MAY 2009 AT THE CP SCHOOL AT 7.00PM

The first item on the Agenda was the **re election of Mr Paul Barrett as Chairman** for a second year. This was quickly followed by a **report from PC Nigel Smith**, who had another meeting to attend in Cowbit. He reported 7 crimes in Deeping St Nicholas – burglaries, 3 diesel thefts (from a dwelling, motor vehicle and farmyard) and a fraud by false representation. Patrols in rural areas have been increased, and Police have seen a drop in burglaries.

New Initiatives include a Rogue Trader Week and a Schools Stranger Danger talk, Cycle Coding and Anti Social Behaviour.

After some discussion of the Hare Coursing Initiative and a lack of liaison between the Police and those involved, PC Smith said that he was willing to try and improve the situation by having further talks with all concerned.

Apologies were taken, followed by **Mrs Geraldine Scholes being re elected as Vice Chairman** for a further year.

Co option of 2 new Councillors – Following the recent resignation of Mr John and Mr Julian Davis, 4 Parishioners had put their names forward for the vacancies. Mr Richard Ivatt (Tongue End); Mr Nicholas Watts (Deeping St Nicholas); Mr J Parker and Mr Andrew Etherington (both from St Nicholas Park, Deeping St Nicholas).

Mr Ivatt was elected, giving Tongue End a representative on the Parish Council again. Mr Andrew Etherington took the other vacancy, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and was welcomed by the Chairman to the Parish Council.

Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th March

Wind Farm Committee – As agreed by all concerned at the Council Meeting held on 15th November 2004, the Committee was set up as a Committee of the Parish Council, and that it would be known as the Wind Farm Committee. This allowed it to maintain independence, whilst being covered by Council's Insurance, Audit procedures, and not require it's own constitution etc. The Clerk had looked into the issue and reported that the Group would be advised to call itself the Wind Farm Advisory Committee, in order to avoid further confusion.

St Nicholas Park Notice Board – Due to a problem over the price quoted for this item it was agreed to place it on the next Agenda.

Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2009

Banks Drove – The Clerk to ask SHDC to write to the Lincs Resiliency Forum advising them of the correct name for this road and level crossing (also called Jordans Cradge Bank crossing)

Drains over Community Centre Land – The Council agreed to Mr McDonald's Plan for this work, provided that the pipework next to the pavement be moved to within 1 metre and not 2.

Ash Tree Farm Sign – The Council to ask LCC if it is their intention to mark this area as , traditionally, a sign has always been there as a Parish boundary marker.

St Nicholas Park Playing Field – As SHDC has now adopted this site, and following requests received by Mrs Williams from residents, it was agreed that the Council write to

SHDC asking them for improved facilities, particularly for juniors, and for the gravel path to have a tarmac surface, both items having been previously requested.
Also to follow up a complaint concerning a lamp post in the middle of the pavement, outside the new houses in New road.

Chappell Road Allotments – The Chairman reported that 2 new 3 bedroom houses are to be built in this area as infill.

The Council's request for the allotments is still to be considered by SHDC's Capital and Assets Working Group.

Highways – Looking ahead to the future de trunking of this road, the Council agreed to write to LCC asking for a 20mph School Safety Zone and crossing, and if there has been any progress for the 30mph extension to the level crossing

Planning – applications for a 2 metre high boundary fence at Chestnut Farm; detached double garage at 8 Banks Drove and Grain Storage building at Stonehouse Farm.
Recent SHDC refusals for a static caravan for assistant Farm Manager at Deeping Poultry Farm and a large extension at 17 Wren Close.

Parish Council & Wind Farm Annual Accounts and payment of May accounts

An Internal Audit had been completed by an independent person, and the Annual Accounts were now adopted by the Council ready for the District Audit

Total expenditure for May - £2139.80 - made up of Clerk's salary, Petty Cash, School Hire, Drainage rates, new Goalposts and Annual Insurance Premium

Transport Forum update and fixtures

Nicholas Watts talk at Jubilee Hall on 24th September.

AGM held in June. A Business Plan has been started, with Littleworth as a priority.

Rail Future organisation has included Littleworth in its list of re opening possibilities.

Mrs McGuinness to attend Travel Watch AGM in June.

The Forum has applied to Rail Future for funding towards Feasibility Study costs (£12,500 valid for one year with £5,182 currently available).

Registering of Council owned land with the Land Registry

The Council had been advised to ensure that any land it owned was registered

SHDC Affordable Housing Requirement – according to a letter from SHDC, Deeping St Nicholas is located in a sub area with Pinchbeck, and it has been identified that 36 additional homes are required each year in this area to contribute towards local housing needs

Open Session

A complaint about chickens being kept at St Nicholas Park, in breach of conditions.

A request to know if any Builders owned land in the Village – none that Councillors were aware of.

The Council to follow up a report from Mr McDonald that non specification cable and work was still being carried by Eon

CLOSURE 9.50pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13TH JULY 2009 AT THE CP SCHOOL