

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2008, AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr P Barrett (in the Chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mr D Branton; Mrs E Firmager; Mr G Fitzgerald; Mr I McDonald; Mrs L McGuinness; Mrs G Scholes and Mrs E Williams

The Clerk, Mrs & Mrs Good

The Chairman agreed to place the Community Centre Fund on the Agenda at Mr Branton's request

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Mr John and Mr Julian Davis, Cllr S Williams (LCC, SHDC) and Cllr B Alcock (Crowland)

POLICE

Local Police & Community Forum - 2nd October 2008 at Stamford College

Mr Branton reported several cases of **fuel theft** in the neighbourhood that had received little response from the Police. Also reports of a **stolen TV and catalytic converter**.

The Police had responded to a call of **drunken youths** on the Community Centre land.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr McDonald declared an interest in the routing of drains across Community Centre Land

TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JULY 2008

Proposed by Mr Fitzgerald, seconded by Mrs Scholes and agreed to sign the Minutes as a correct record with the following amendment -

Page 145/08 **Katy** to read **Katie**

MATTERS ARISING

Campains Lane Passing Bay – The Clerk had received no reply from Paul Rusted for a request for a further site meeting. It was proposed by Mrs McGuinness, seconded by Mr Fitzgerald and voted unanimously to pursue this issue further, and the Clerk to write again to Paul Rusted.

Banks Drove & Hop Pole Hedges

The Clerk had contacted the property management company, spoken to the owner and also written to LCC. The house was now empty again and the hedge still untrimmed.

At 7.20pm PC Adam Brown arrived at the meeting and agreed to check this matter with the Highways Safety Officer.

The Council had received a letter from LCC Highways asking it to trim back roadside trees at Hop Pole Playing Field within the next 14 days or they would consider serving a Notice - Mr Chappell had since carried out this work. The Clerk had written to LCC asking them to check who is responsible for the shrubs/trees between the playing field fence and pavement, and also asking them to write to the occupier of the property at Banks Drove regarding the overgrown hedge

The Council agreed that the trees inside the playing field fence would need some attention in the winter and to monitor them

Routing of drains on Community Centre land

Mr McDonald, who has built on the Spinney Rewind land, would now like to connect to the main drain and will need to cross the Community Centre land to do so. The Council agreed that any pipework would need to go around the edge of the land, in case of future building on the plot, and Mr Branton proposed, seconded by Mr Chappell and agreed, that detailed plans be provided before making a final decision.

Mrs Williams reported the **heavy flooding** that occurs at the entrance to **St Nicholas Park** after heavy rain, mainly caused by run off from the main road, and it was agreed to write to SHDC, although this has been previously reported.

Banks Drove Crossing

As it was now proving difficult to progress this matter, the Council agreed to write to the Lincs Resiliency Forum. If it does not reply within 21 days, as it should, the Clerk to contact Paul Fullward of the Passenger Focus group.

HIGHWAYS

The Council to report subsidence outside Blue House Farm and subsidence and a crack in the road surface outside Barr Farm

The PCSO said that he would check the purpose of the structures being erected across the highway outside Randalls.

PLANNING

A letter had been received from Dave Wakefield thanking the Council for writing to the Planning Inspectorate in support of the Chapel windows planning appeal.

CHAPPELL ROAD ALLOTMENTS

LALC has advised that SHDC do have absolute title to this land and are able, temporarily, to use it for other purposes than building for which it was purchased. The Parish Council can apply to the Secretary of State for the land, as we have a statutory duty to provide allotments; however, SHDC also has a statutory duty to fulfil government quotas for new housing. The Council agreed to pursue the matter further and write to the Secretary of State.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Clerk salary & expenses Aug/Sep	411.51
School Hire – LCC	20.55
Petty Cash	25.00
Sneath & Sons – grass cutting	482.93
Clement Keys – Annual audit 2007/08	188.00
Bus Shelter cleaners	300.00
LCC allotment rents	713.00

TOTAL £2140.99

TRANSPORT FORUM UPDATE

Surveys were still being collected and they seemed to be mostly good; results would be taken to London on 31st October.

The Forum is still trying to raise the money for a feasibility study, and will be applying to the Windfarm Committee again.

Main line trains are to be diverted here for 6 weeks in the near future

The Littleworth website is now up and running.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHDC Elected Members' Seminar - Friday 17th October 2008 attended by John Hayes MP and members of the European Parliament

East Midlands Regional Plan – Schedule of proposed changes

Assorted periodicals

HALIFAX SHARES

Mr Branton will arrange to have the signature changed as soon as he is able to meet Mrs P Ball

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th November 2008 at the School

OPEN SESSION

*The PCSO reported that PC Paul (the Parish Community Officer) is due to retire. He also wished to know if anyone was interested in forming another Neighbourhood Panel, not necessarily dealing with police issues only.

It was agreed to promote this in the Parish Magazine.

*A report of further dog fouling down Campains Lane and on the Playing field, although it was not known who was responsible.

*A lady from Policeman's Corner reported that she had been receiving mail for residents in the Barr Farm caravans, as they do not have a post code. As it was often for car insurance,(that would be invalidated due to the wrong address being given) she was concerned that Barr Farm residents could be unknowingly driving without insurance cover.

She was also concerned over being black listed for credit; however, PCSO Brown stated that this was only on a name basis and not an address.

*A complaint had been received concerning an overgrown hedge at Policeman's corner causing an obstruction for other residents when leaving their properties to join the A16.

*As Council records are currently held by Mr Branton, Mr Chappell and the Clerk, Mr Branton felt it might be more appropriate if they could be kept together in one suitable location, which at one time had been the School.

*Following a discussion concerning the large rat population particularly along the road and dykes, it was agreed to place something in the Parish Magazine encouraging residents to take care with household rubbish, and to put down poison where possible.

*In reply to a query from Mrs Williams concerning the high price of Flogas on St Nicholas Park, Mr McDonald replied that it was not likely that mains gas would be installed

CLOSURE – 9.38pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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