



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2003, AT SHILLAKERS FARM AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT** Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mr J Davis; Mrs G Scholes; Mr K Brooks; Mr P Barrett; Mr N Watts;

Mr I McDonald and Mr D Branton

The Clerk

Mr S Williams and Mr J Smith (Bourne Local press)

Councillors had organised a presentation for Mr Woodhead in order to mark his 42 years as a Parish Councillor. The Chairman made the presentation, and thanked Mr Woodhead for his hard work and service to the community. Mr Woodhead thanked everyone for the engraved tray and glasses and spoke briefly of the changes over the years. A photograph of the presentation was taken by Mr Smith of the Bourne Local newspaper.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr C Carter and Mrs L McGuinness.

## **POLICE**

***Police Forum*** – The next one will be held at Donnington Community Centre

***Fens Intelligence Unit*** – This had now replaced the Fens Project, which was originally set up for 2 years to tackle rural crime in the Fenland areas of Cambridgeshire, Lincs and Norfolk.

# MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May were signed as a correct record with the addition of Mr Carter's name to those present.

## MATTERS ARISING

***Campaigns Lane Passing Bay*** - LCC had written to say that they did not feel that a passing bay was warranted at this location in view of the minimal traffic, the width of the verges, and the possibility that it would be used as a parking facility. Land would also need to be dedicated by SHDC before the request could be considered under the Rural Priority Initiative.

The Council agreed to place a request for land with SHDC, and send copies of correspondence to both Councils.

### **Tongue End Footpath**

SHDC had written to say that this footpath was near completion, but local residents were not happy with it. As SHDC's involvement was now ended, it was a matter to be resolved between the residents and the developer.

### ***LCC information meeting***

This was now due to be held on 9 September at the Civic Centre. Mr Davis, Mr Barrett and Mrs McGuinness wished to attend subject to confirmation.

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### **Multiple occupancy**

This matter was being investigated generally by SHDC. 2 sites in particular were in Deeping St Nicholas, and if anyone had specific information, they were requested to let Paul Espin know.

### **Millenium Fund**

Mr Davis reported that he had seen Mr Bowles, and been assured that he would be doing something with regard to this matter.

## Deepings Practice

Copies of May correspondence from Mr Hayes office to the Primary Care Trust had been received, attempting to organise a further meeting, but nothing new to report to date.

## Campains Lane Street Light

Although this is now working, Mr Branton has requested that it be higher, as it is too low for farm vehicles. This work has now been carried out.

A Parishioner has complained of the white light outside his property at the top of Campains Lane. The Clerk to ask if this can be changed to orange.

## PLANNING

<b>HO3/0654/03</b>	Mr & Mrs McDonald	New pitched roof over whole house with
<b>SUPPORTS</b>		access to roof space area & conservatory to rear at Blue House Farm
<b>HO3/0813/03</b>	Mrs L Pilsworth	Change of use from residential to children's
<b>CONCERNS</b>		day nursery at Lonsdale Cottage
<b>HO3/0588/03</b>	Persimmon Homes	Conservatory at Plot 28 land off New Road

## NO OBSERVATIONS

<b>HO3/0785/03</b>	J Ward & Son	Touring caravan site for 26 caravans/tents with
<b>SUPPORTS</b>		toilet/wash room at Windmill Farm
<b>HO3/0819/03</b>	Mr & Mrs Foster	Replacement of existing pair of semi-detached
<b>SUPPORTS</b>		houses with one new dwelling & detached single garage at East Reach Farm

Erection of single dwelling and garage at plot east side of Rose Villa, Counter Drain. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Planning Inspectorate repeating its original response that it does not feel the site to be large enough for development.

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **A16**

Major resurfacing is due to take place in the Autumn for approximately 2 months. No further details available at present.

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### **New Road**

This is due to be closed off from the A16 within the next few weeks.

### **School Speed Limit**

The operative date for the 30mph limit is 23 July 2003.

### **Overgrown pavement**

Following a report of trees overhanging the pavement at Chestnut Farm House, the Council agreed that the Clerk write to the householder before reporting the matter.

### **The Avenue, Campains Lane – subsidence**

The Clerk to write to LCC concerning subsidence, following the installation of a new water pipe.

# PLAYING FIELDS

Following the recent inspection of the Playing Fields, Bus Shelters and Notice Boards by the Parish Council, several of the recommendations had been carried out, with some still outstanding.

Mr Simon Star of SHDC had kindly provided a large amount of **wood chips** free of charge, and the Council agreed to write and thank him; and also record its thanks to Mr Carter for collecting them and the work he had carried out.

The drains either side of the ***Hop Pole Bus Shelter*** had been cleaned by LCC.

It was also reported that Mr Swan, the Shelter cleaner had died. The Council wished to send condolences to his family, but Members were unable to supply any information.

***Post Boxes*** were due to be painted next year as part of a rolling programme.

The ***Telephone Kiosk at Everard Road*** has now been placed on a cleaning schedule.

***Harrow Road Bus Shelter cracked lintel*** –Mr Brooks had had this checked, and although it did not appear to be a problem, SHDC would check it again for movement.

## Littleworth Field Fence Repair

The Clerk had sent Tenders to Aztec Fencing and Complete Weed Control, and Mr Watts had also made enquiries for obtaining quotations for this work, neither with any success.

A Mr Perkins of Gosberton Risegate had supplied a quotation for carrying out several minor repairs as detailed in the Inspection Report. This included replacing missing posts and fencing at Littleworth for **£568**. As this matter is now urgent it was proposed by Mr Branton, seconded by Mr Watts, and AGREED to accept this quotation; the Clerk to check whether the cost is covered by Cornhill Insurance.

## Liability for faulty play equipment

The Clerk reported that it was unlikely that the Council would be considered negligent if Playing

Fields were inspected weekly, findings recorded in a log book, and any necessary work carried out.

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## **Inclusion of Tongue End in Local Plan**

Mr Brooks had spoken to Peter Udy of SHDC who thought that this was very unlikely to happen. However, the Council agreed to write again and request this.

**Mole activity** was reported at **Campains Lane**.

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Mrs Scholes reported that Mr Espin was to discuss the matter of **Flood Risk** with Mr Udy.

Persimmon were still delaying the transfer of the **Title Deeds**, and insisting that they could stay on site until the end of 2004. As the Steering Group meet more often than the Council, and the situation needs resolving, the Council agreed that the Group were better placed to pursue the matter for the time being.

## **PARISH HERALD**

Mr Brooks declared an interest and left the Meeting.

Due to the Council's shortage of funds for this financial year, it was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Chappell and AGREED that the Minutes be published on a web site, with copies also available from the Clerk for a small charge. These details to be placed on Parish Notice Boards. It was also agreed at the same time to place this item on the January Agenda when considering the Precept for the new financial year.

## **WIND PROSPECT**

As there had been local interest and enquiries concerning any future community benefit following this planning approval, Wind Prospect had written to confirm its commitment to setting up a trust fund for the benefit of the local community, and also to provide the services of an independent consultant. They would contact the Parish Council in the near future to discuss

the best way forward.

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & ANNUAL AUDIT

It was proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mr Davis and AGREED that the following accounts be paid:

Clerk – June/July Salary & Expenses	362.03
Parish Herald – Printing costs	160.00
LALC – Declaration of Acceptance forms	3.53
SHDC – Election Expenses	1188.37
Petty Cash	30.00
Stennett Jewellers – Engraving	19.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1762.93</b>

The internal check by Mr Brooks and internal audit by Mrs Whitfield of the Accounts had been carried out. After completing the Statement of Assurance, it was proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mr Barrett and AGREED that the Chairman and Clerk now sign the Audit Form. It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Whitfield for providing the internal audit for the last two years, which was very much appreciated.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00, at the CP School.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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**\*LCC free Hedging Plants** – 200 plants were applied for to complete the Hop Pole Field

**\*LCC** – Regarding Minor Authority Representation on School Governing bodies

## **OPEN SESSION**

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The presence of **sewage in dykes** in Campains Lane and at the rear of Plough Row was being investigated by SHDC Environmental Health Team.

It was reported that SHDC was not maintaining the road to the old **Sewage Treatment site** at the bottom of The Avenue, **Campains Lane**. As SHDC had given an assurance that it would do so, the Clerk would contact them again.

It would seem that several Parishioners were having problems getting **house insurance** due to being placed in a flood risk area by the **Environment Agency's Flood Risk Assessment Plan**. It was reported that SHDC had commissioned its own Flood Risk Assessment Plan, which could now be viewed at SHDC Offices. As the 2 Plans differed, SHDC was meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss this further.

There being no further matters to discuss, Mr Ivatt was thanked for the use of his home, and the Meeting closed at 9.53pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....