



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CP SCHOOL ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2004 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr D Chappell (in the Chair)

Mr J Davis; Mr I McDonald; Mrs G Scholes; Mrs L McGuinness; Mr P Barrett and

Mrs E Firmager

The Clerk; Cllr P Espin (SHDC) and Sarah Michael (parishioner)

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr D Branton and Mr A Ivatt who was in Hospital

Mr Watts did not attend

POLICE MATTERS

Mrs McGuinness reported recent hare coursing down Banks Drove, but did not know if the Police had been informed.

CLLR ESPIN'S REPORT

Fly tipping – A report was due to go to SHDC Cabinet to finalise arrangements for the new Partnership, formed from the agencies concerned with this problem.

Everard Road Playing Field

There should be an improvement in ground maintenance next season. With regard to an item that had been removed; Mr Espin had no further details as yet.

Deposit Draft of Local Plan

This is due to go out early next year for the public consultation period. If the Parish Council still wish to see the Tongue End field included in the Plan, it might get consideration under the Rural Exemption Scheme.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER

Minutes of the above meeting were signed as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

New Road bollards – LCC had written to say that they only inspect and ensure that specifications are adhered to. It had forwarded the Council's letter to the Boston office, which would deal with any other queries.

DSN Parish Church Magazine – The Chairman had spoken to Mr Garland, who had been having problems getting the November issue out.

Banks Drove Hedge – LCC had written to the occupiers requesting that the hedge be trimmed back to aid visibility when leaving Banks Drove.

Rumoured development between A16 and railway at Littleworth – SHDC had written to say that it had received no representations, or knew of any proposals, nor are there any current planning applications for this location.

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VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

The District Council had been informed of the vacancy left by Mr Carter, following non attendance over a period of 6 months (in accordance with Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act). SHDC had provided Notice of Vacancy to the Clerk, that needed to be published for a 14 day period, during which time 10 electors may request that an election be held to fill the vacancy. If none are received, SHDC will advise that the Parish Council may fill the vacancy by co-option.

HIGHWAYS

NO OBJECTIONS

H03/1309/04 Mr & Mrs Brown Erect detached dwelling adjacent 14 Wren Close

CONCERNS

H03/1407/04 Warner & Allen Ltd Demolition of former Sunday School & erection
CONCERNS of one dwelling on site

51/04

H03/1206/04 NJH Cesare Use of bldg to manufacture veg. handling equip.
CONCERNS - light engineering, at Wensor Farm

Applications discussed at meeting

H03/1483/04 Mr & Mrs Crowson Conservatory ext. to rear of dwelling, Rayleen
APPROVES House, Main Road

H03/1432/04 Mr J A Wyer Erect 1.7m garden wall & 1.2m steel gates at

CONCERNS Tollbar House

Recent Refusals

Mr Edwards – Erection of car port at Focke Shambles, New Road

Mr B Morgan – Conversion of workshop/store to bungalow adj. Nil Desperandum

PLAYING FIELDS

School Notice Board

The Council agreed to give this some thought, after the Clerk reported that it had been

mentioned in the Judges Comments for the Best Kept Village Competition as “falling to bits”.

Campains Lane

Mr McDonald had now removed the **middle swing**, and Mr Barrett had supplied some **fresh bark** for under the swings. He also reported that when the bin men emptied the **Dog Bin**, they frequently left several bags lying on the ground. As this seemed unacceptable in a children's play area, it was agreed to write to Mick Dawson of SHDC Environmental Health.

The Clerk had obtained **prices for the installation of new swings**, and it was agreed that someone contact Mr Tinsley to see if he had any objections to any new equipment on the field, and also some form of **barrier at the road and railway end** of the field. The Clerk to also write to Railtrack and find out if they were prepared to erect such a barrier.

WIND PROSPECT FUND

The Parish Council had held a Public Meeting at the Jubilee Hall on 3rd November, which had been attended by 16 Parishioners and Mr Capener, an independent free lance consultant from Wind Prospect. A report of the meeting had been circulated to all Members. It was agreed by those present that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council should sit on any Committee formed; the following also put their names forward for consideration: Mr Wakefield, Mr Fitzgerald; Sarah Michael; Mrs Steel, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs King, Mrs Scholes, Mr Watts and Mr Davis.

The options put to the Meeting were of a Company Limited by Guarantee, or for a committee to make recommendations to the Parish Council, who would manage the Fund. As a Company could prove expensive to set up and would require commitment and responsibility from members, the meeting favoured the Council holding the funds, but only if the Committee was able to decide how the funds were spent, and not the Parish Council.

52/04

It was decided that the Clerk would make further enquiries on this point, and that Mr Capener would ask Wind Prospect if they were willing to advance some funds for immediate expenses, before discussing the issues further at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Committee Volunteers had now arrived at the Council Meeting, which Mr Chappell declared open. After the Clerk reported that it was legal for a sub committee to have control of spending, those present were all in favour of forming a sub committee of the Parish Council, with the Parish Council responsible for setting up and administering a separate account for the Fund. All present agreed that it would be known as the Wind Farm Committee, and the first meeting was set for Wednesday, 2nd February 2005 at the Jubilee Hall at 7.00pm.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

As there had been no response to a further solicitor's letter regarding permission to use a room for medical consultations, there was nothing further to report, other than that the Quizz night in November had been cancelled.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting to be held on 24th January 2005 at the CP School at 7.00pm.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mrs Scholes that the following accounts be paid:

Clerk Oct/Nov salary & expenses	370.35
Petty Cash	20.00
LCC School Hire	18.00
Jubilee Hall Hire	12.50
Royal British Legion Wreath	16.50
Complete Weed Control (July/Aug/Sep)	421.94
Mr Barrett – bark for swings	10.00
TOTAL	£869.29

CORRESPONDENCE

SHDC – Licensing Act 2003 – Draft Statement of Licensing Policy

- Details of 2 new Vodafone sites at Willow Tree Farm & Chestnut Farm
- Registration of Vessels Scheme by the Environment Agency
- Draft Policy on Street Naming and Numbering
- Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

LCC – Building Schools for the Future leaflet

- Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan – year two action plan

Environment Agency - Flood Awareness Campaign 2004/2005

OPEN SESSION

*It was reported that the pavement near the railway crossing was overgrown

*The Clerk to send a Get Well card to the Chairman

CLOSURE 9.37pm.....DATE.....CHAIRMAN