



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2003 AT THE CP SCHOOL AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)

Mr N Watts, Mr J Davis; Mr D Chappell; Mrs L McGuinness; Mrs G Scholes; Mr K Brooks

Mr P Barrett; Mr C Carter and Mr D Branton.

The Clerk; Mr P Espin and Mr S Williams (District Councillors)

Mrs & Mrs Firmager

The Council agreed to the Chairman's request to allow Mr Espin to report on several matters after the Agenda item for Police matters.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr I McDonald

POLICE

Local Police Forum – 21st October at the Boston Assembly Rooms

Visit of Mobile Police Station – 30th September

REPORT BY MR ESPIN

***Campains Lane dyke** - with regard to a sewage problem, SHDC still had one more property to test

* **Plough Inn dyke** – this was being investigated by the Environmental Agency who had not yet responded to SHDC

***Poplar Farm** – According to SHDC this was an extended family unit and not a multiple occupancy. However, some Members felt that it was also a ‘change of use’ planning issue and should be looked into further.

***Spinney Autopoint** - SHDC had also been looking into the question of a minibus parking on the verge at this address

***Policeman’s Corner** – the dip in the road is due to be repaired this week

***A16** – major work is due to start in mid October, and should include replacing existing road markings

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2003 were signed as a correct record with the following amendment:

Campains Lane Street Light – Mr Branton’s request for this light to be higher had already been carried out.

MATTERS ARISING

LCC Highways Information Meeting

The Meeting had been attended by the Clerk, Mrs McGuinness and Mr Barrett, and was intended to familiarise those attending with LCC Highways staff and procedures.

Campains Lane Passing Bay

SHDC had acknowledged receipt of the Council's letter and would reply in due course.

Subsidence – Campains Lane and the Avenue

Repairs to the carriageway and some areas of road edge deterioration in Campains Lane were due to be carried out in October. Repairs to the Avenue would be carried out at the same time if SHDC is unable to get the relevant utility company to do this work. As Mr Barrett did not feel that the utility company was to blame, it was agreed that the Clerk write to LCC accordingly.

Overgrown pavement – Chestnut Farm House

This work had now been carried out.

Deepings Practice

Nothing further to report to date

Campains Lane Street Light

Further to a request for a replacement orange light at the top of the lane. SHDC had stated that these were now being phased out and replaced with low energy white lights, but the light in question would be inspected to see if a cover could be placed over it to reduce brightness.

Wind Prospect

Mr Brooks reported that a personal appeal lodged by him had now been withdrawn.

PLANNING

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H03/1073/03 St Nicholas House Reconstruction of outbuildings to create
NO OBSERVATIONS additional hotel accommodation

H03/1052/03 Mr G Crapper Caravan site for tourers/motor homes to a
max.
NO OBSERVATIONS of 9 (5 at present) at the Blue Bell Inn

H03/0845/03 Mr S Dalton Conversion of garage/barn to residential accomm
NO OBSERVATIONS & construction of conservatory at the Old
Filling Station

H03/0887/03 Mr & Mrs G Brown Extension, alterations & garage at 14
Stowgate,
NO OBSERVATIONS Deeping St James

H03/0910/03 Mr & Mrs Claypole Erection of new conservatory to rear of
NO OBSERVATIONS dwelling at 16 Cornfield Close

13/03

Planning Training

SHDC had written to say that it was its intention to hold training sessions with a view to ensuring that, in future, Parish Councils' comments on response forms were made on recognised

'planning grounds'.

Gull Farm, Deeping High Bank – siting of mobile home

The Clerk reported that this application had been granted for a 3 years period subject to conditions.

HIGHWAYS

Nothing reported

PLAYING FIELDS

Campains Lane

Mr Barrett reported that the overhead cables had now been removed, consequently the Warning sign was no longer required.

As there were now a lot of large wood chips surfacing under the swings, it was suggested that a finer mix spread over the surface would be an improvement.

Hop Pole

Mr Chappell has replaced the damaged swing seat.

It was agreed to place an advert in the Parish Herald for the Shelter Cleaner vacancy.

Tongue End

Mr Carter had trimmed around the field edges.

Littleworth

Mr Watts had inspected the recent repairs to the broken fence and declared them satisfactory.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Mrs Scholes reported that Persimmon had stated that the earliest they were prepared to vacate was 30th June 2004. The Group were not happy with this and, despite the unwillingness of Persimmon Homes, were trying to organise a further meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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All Councillors having received a Statement of Accounts, it was proposed by Mr Brooks, seconded by Mr Davis and Agreed that the following accounts be paid

M Perkins – Fence repair (paid 13.8.03)	568.00
Clerk Salary & expenses Aug/Sep	363.33
Petty Cash	20.00
Shelter Cleaners 5 @ £35	175.00
Bradshaws – Shelter repair	82.84
Allotment Rents	713.00
LCC School Hire	18.00
TOTAL	£1940.17

14/03

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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The next Meeting will be held on Monday 17th November at 7.00pm at the CP School.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Lincs NHS – Summary report of proposals

Lincs Local Transport Plan – Summary of progress during 2002/03

LCC Draft School Organisation Plan

SHDC – Chairman's charity German Night 11th October

Defra – Rural services standard 2003

OPEN SESSION

~There was now a problem with cars turning into Woodbank believing it to be the entrance to the new estate. The Clerk to write to Allison's to ask if a sign at Woodbank was possible.

~ The Clerk to report complaints of a ridge in the road at the new treatment works in New Road

~Rumours that more houses were to be built down New Road were said to be very unlikely by SHDC Councillor Mr Espin, in view of the building line and current planning policy.

~The question of a mirror at the blind corner in Banks Drove was raised. The Council had made this request to LCC some time ago to be told that they are not an approved facility for general use, and cannot be provided to resolve highway problems.

~The Community Council was looking for 3 volunteers to help with organising a Village History project.

~The Clerk was asked to report the disappearance of the post box at Banks Drove. Also, at the same time, to ask if this box and the one at Campains Lane could be re sited; the latter preferably being placed on the Bus Shelter.

~The Clerk to report the poor condition of the surface of North Drove Bank and pot holes down Banks Drove.

~Overgrown trees down North Drove Bank had been reported, and that the Drainage Board would be attending to the matter.

CLOSURE 8.40PM

CHAIRMAN.....

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