



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2003 AT THE CP SCHOOL AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)

Mr I McDonald; Mr J Davis; Mrs G Scholes; Mrs L McGuinness; Mr D Branton;

Mr P Barrett; Mr D Chappell; Mr C Carter; Mr K Brooks and Mr N Watts

The Clerk

Councillors P Espin and S Williams (SHDC)

Mrs Brooks; Mr I Duguid and Mr & Mrs Firmager

The Council agreed to the Chairman's request to place 2 additional items on the Agenda: that Mr Brooks be allowed to speak after Apologies and Mr Espin to report in Matters Arising.

APOLOGIES

No Apologies

Mr Brooks, on being invited to speak by the Chairman, said that he wished to resign his position as a Parish Councillor. His reason being that he felt the Parish Council had let down himself and Parishioners over the proposed Wind Turbines, in not supporting him or sufficiently representing Parishioners views against the Development. For this reason he did not feel able to continue on the Council.

The majority of Councillors felt this criticism to be unfair, and agreed with Mr Barrett when he stated that he thought the Parish Council had dealt with the matter in a very fair and democratic way.

Mr Davis felt that Mr Brooks had let Parishioners down by resigning after such a short term. As a consequence of his action, the Parish Council faced the possibility of having to pay for another election to fill this vacancy, so soon after the May election expenses.

After saying that he intended to continue publishing the Parish Herald, Mr & Mrs Brooks left the Meeting.

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POLICE

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Police Community Support Officers – there are now 5 PCSOs in the South Holland area

Crime & Disorder Reduction Grants Scheme – inviting applications from the Local Safety Fund

Speed Cameras – details of positions of one fixed GATSO and 3 mobiles before April 2004

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th September were signed as a correct record with the following amendment:

P.11/03 Spinney Rewind to read Spinney Autopoint

16/03

MATTERS ARISING

***Hop Pole Shelter Cleaner** –The Clerk had received no enquiries for this vacancy, but

Mr Dent had offered his services. It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by

Mrs McGuinness and AGREED that the Clerk write and accept his offer.

***Campains Lane Repairs** – The Clerk to write to SHDC to find out when this work is due to start, and if residents will be informed in advance.

***Campains Lane Passing Bay** – The Clerk had been informed that SHDC were looking into the matter and would contact us in due course. It was agreed that the Clerk write to SHDC

and ask them to communicate with LCC and keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

Also to request another site meeting at a time when the lane is busy.

***Banks Drove Post Box** – this will now be sited on hard standing in front of the bus shelter

***Campains Lane Post Box** – As Royal Mail see no reason to comply with the Council's request to relocate this box, it was agreed that the Clerk ask for a site meeting.

Mr Espin now reported on the following:

***Campains Lane & Plough Inn dykes** – These were still under investigation.

Mr Espin stated that SHDC and Anglian Water had looked at the possibility of putting in mains pipework from Campains Lane to the treatment works at New Road, but were unwilling to go ahead due to cost. It was now proposed by Mr Branton. seconded by Mr Carter and AGREED to write to SHDC to have the scheme reconsidered.

***Poplar Farm** – This was being further checked by SHDC

***A16** – The work was on schedule and should be finished by Christmas

***A1073** – On completion, this road will be redesignated the A16

***SHDC Planning Training Evening** – 11th December, 6.30pm at SHDC Offices

***General Meeting at CP School** – Thursday 20th November at 7.00pm. John Hayes MP and the Leader of SHDC will be attending, when one of the topics will be the Deepings Practice.

***Dog fouling** – signs are due to be placed in the village, and bins can be provided by SHDC.

To discuss location of bins, contact Mr Espin.

***Funding Meeting** – to be held at the Vista on 21st November.

PLANNING

NO OBSERVATIONS

H03/1176/03 Mr A Taylor Detached garage to front of dwelling, 5 Banks Drove

NO OBSERVATIONS

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H03/1200/03 Persimmon Homes Conservatory to rear of property, land off New Road

NO OBSERVATIONS

H03/1319/03 Mr S Sellars Two storey side extension with front porch

NO OBSERVATIONS 23 Chappell Road

H03/1317/03 M Richards & Erection of two storey side extension 15 Main Road

CONCERNS D Troughton Tongue End

17/03

SHDC Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Wind Energy Consultation

The guidance looks at the planning issues raised by proposals for Wind Energy, and, before its adoption, the Council is seeking views from those with an interest in renewable energy.

As the deadline is 19th December, the Parish Council agreed to hold a Meeting on Monday 1st December at the CP School at 7.00pm, in order to give Councillors time to study the report.

HIGHWAYS

Counter Drain

As repairs had not yet started on this increasingly hazardous stretch of road, it was agreed that the Clerk write to LCC again; and also report the road near the Old School House bungalow.

Banks Drove potholes and sharp bend

Potholes have been acted upon. In reply to a letter concerning the sharp bend down Banks Drove, LCC have advised that nothing can be done.

Mrs McGuinness reported that the drainage and entrance to the A16 were to be reviewed.

North Drove Bank

The condition of this road will be monitored. However, due to financial constraints, it is unlikely that any repairs will be completed at present.

The Clerk was asked to report a hole in the manhole cover near Lonsdale House, and also that the Farm Shop was obstructing the footpath again.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The Clerk had now received a copy of the Title Deeds, Draft Transfer and Draft Licence from Roythornes. It was now proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Watts and AGREED that Calthrops be asked to handle the transfer of land from the Contractors to the Parish Council.

ACCOUNTS

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The Clerk now needed a new Receipts and Payments Ledger and it was proposed by Mrs McGuinness, seconded by Mr Davis and AGREED that one be ordered from Shaw and Sons

All Members having received a Statement of Account, it was now proposed by Mr Chappell seconded by Mr McDonald that the following accounts be paid:

Clerk – Salary, expenses &	
Travelling	359.84
LCC – School Hire	18.00
British Legion Wreath	15.00
Petty Cash	20.00
TOTAL	412.84

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 19th January 2004 at the CP School at 7.00pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

~**SHDC** – Notes of the Cabinet/Parish Councillors Meeting held on 22nd September.

The next Meeting will be held on 26th January 2004.

~**SHDC** – Reminder for Members to keep their Register of Members' Interests up to date

~**LCC** - details regarding LCC Draft Race Equality Scheme

~**LCC** - Copy of 2003/2004 Salting Routes

~**LCC** - Details of Fire & Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan

~**Spalding Target Newspaper** - Looking for correspondents in villages to supply reports

~**Duchy of Cornwall** – Rural affordable housing on Duchy land

~**Glendale Grounds Management**-details of work carried out in the Parish for SHDC & LCC

~**Free Hedging** – Mr Chappell volunteered to collect the Parish Council's free plants

OPEN SESSION

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Following reports of rubbish in a New Road dyke and at Deeping High Bank, Mr Espin stated that, unfortunately, it was now the responsibility of the landowner.

The Clerk to report an abandoned car at Littleworth bus layby.

Further to reports of a hedge overgrowing the pavement at Chestnut Farm, Mr Watts agreed to contact the owners.

Moles were again a problem at Campains Lane Playing Field; the Clerk to get in touch with the Contractor.

CLOSURE 9.00pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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