



A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2004 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr A Ivatt (In the Chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mr J Davis; Mr P Barrett; Mr I McDonald; Mrs G Scholes; Mr N Watts;

Mrs L McGuinness

The Clerk: Councillors S Williams and P Espin

Mr & Mrs Firmager

APOLOGIES

Mr Carter had a previous engagement and sent his apologies in the event that he could not make the Meeting.

Mr Branton did not attend.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Mr S Williams and Mrs E Firmager, both of Campains Lane, had put their names forward for the above vacancy, and as there had been no requests for an election, the Parish Council was able to co-opt a new Member. The Chairman now requested the public to leave the Meeting.

It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr McDonald to co-opt Mrs Firmager, as she had polled the next largest number of votes in the recent May 2003 elections. This proposal was carried unanimously.

The Public were now invited back into the room, and Mrs Firmager took a seat at the Council Table, having signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Model Code of Conduct, and received a Register of Members' Interests to complete.

COUNCILLOR P ESPIN – REPORT

Mr Espin reported on the progress of the following matters;

Campaigns Lane Dyke – This was still under investigation

Poplar Farm - As he had nothing to report, he would look into this again

A16 – although this work was almost complete, he was far from happy with several aspects of the work carried out.

Dog Fouling – signs and bins were due to be erected

Funding Meeting – Mr Espin had attended this Meeting at the Vista

Wind Energy Draft Guidance – Nothing new to report

St Nicholas Park – Mr Espin was Meeting 2 Officers from SHDC on Monday 26th January to discuss some unsettled issues, and the Chairman was invited to attend.

23/04

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2003 were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Request for first time sewage connection

The Clerk had been in touch with SHDC and East Anglian Water who reported that they could do an assessment under Section 101A. However, if there is no sewerage problem, they are unlikely to recommend connection or funding. Another option would be section 98, under which SHDC would pay for any work deemed necessary. Again, work would only be done if there proved to be an overall problem, and not one caused by individuals.

Banks Drove Post Box –

A new free standing box was now in place.

Campains Lane Post Box

Mr Barret would report back after a site meeting had been arranged.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 1st December were signed as a correct record, with the following amendment;

P.21/03 Spinney Autowind to read Spinney Rewind

MATTERS ARISING

Mr McDonald reported that the car was still in the dyke near Hospital Farm

Damaged manhole cover – Lonsdale House

LCC had written to say that they would attempt to have the cover located and repaired.

Nameplate for New Road

LCC had written to say that Persimmon Homes are to be instructed to install a new street nameplate at the junction.

Removal of BT Payphone

The Clerk had contacted SHDC concerning the removal of a payphone in the Harrow Road Bus lay-by. SHDC intend to fight removals in the District (particularly the old K6 models), and will be sending a letter of objection.

Wind Energy Draft Planning Guidance

SHDC had acknowledged receipt of the Council's comments on the above. It will be considering all comments received and reporting them to Cabinet before final decisions are made.

24/04

POLICE MATTERS

The Parishes new Community Support Officer, Louise Paul, having just arrived at the Meeting, was invited by the Chairman to speak.

Louise went over her duties that were mainly as a high visibility patrol, intelligence gatherer and to target low level crime. She hoped to do a walking patrol about once a week, get to know local school children and encourage people to report incidents.

In response to the problem of hare coursing, she said that this was not her jurisdiction, but that she would arrange a contact with someone from Farm Watch.

She would be able to issue tickets where there were Dog Fouling signs, and would look into reports that the Farm Shop was blocking the pavement again.

After leaving a contact number, PCSO Paul left the Meeting.

PRECEPT 2004/5

It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr McDonald, and AGREED by the Council to raise the Precept to £7000 for the coming financial year.

PLANNING

SHDC Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing: Consultation

The above had been received, together with a response form.

Amended Planning Application

HO3/1317/03 M Richards & D Troughton Erection of 2 storey side extension at
15 Main Road, Tongue End

As with the response to the original application, the Council were still concerned that this application would be overdevelopment.

HIGHWAYS

Temporary Road Closure

Maintenance work at Littleworth Level Crossing between 21.00hrs Saturday 24th January to 15.00hrs Sunday 25th January.

Salt Spreading by Parish Councils

The County Council will only provide salt bins at trouble spots which are not on the winter maintenance priority routes and where Parish Council or similar body gives an undertaking to accept responsibility to spread salt, and advise when the bins needs filling. There is no requirement for a named individual to be responsible.

25/04

A16 Improvements

It was felt that these works had not been executed in a very efficient manner, and that work could have been completed in far less time, with less disruption . For instance, crews were taken away for long periods of time and the 40pmh speed limit signs often left unnecessarily in place. It was also felt that supervision was poor, some of the work was not very satisfactory and some areas missed altogether. It was also reported that iron work had been left protruding near the kerb outside Barr Farm. The Council agreed that a letter be written to LCC drawing its attention to these matters.

Campains Lane

Carriage way patching works should now be complete.

LCC were awaiting confirmation of dedication prior to evaluating a scheme for a passing bay. Although as pointed out previously, this would not be a high priority scheme when assessed against others.

It was not known at this stage whether Mr Branton had arranged a further site meeting.

PLAYING FIELDS

Free Hedging

Mr Chappell reported that he had collected some of the above. The remainder had been brought back by a Deeping St James Councillor and were awaiting collection.

Ragwort Control

The Clerk reported that the above controls would come into effect from February 2004.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Calthrops had now corresponded with the Contractor's Solicitors who had confirmed that the rectangle of land containing the tanks would not be transferred to the Council, and that they have no knowledge of any restrictions or conditions affecting the gas tanks or the surrounding land. As there is no agreement, the Parish Council will be responsible for all landscaping and future maintenance. However, the Contractors will be prepared to plant some trees along the main frontage following completion of building works.

With regard to costs, Roythorne and Co are saying that their clients will be responsible for reasonable costs incurred on behalf of the Parish Council, but will not give an undertaking for those costs. Also, as they expect our costs to be modest, because they have prepared all the draft documentation, no major amendments to the documentation will be accepted.

As the tanks did not appear to be on any of the maps, and the Clerk had been unable to obtain further details, she would next contact Flogas, who had installed them. Mr Udy from SHDC would also look into the matter.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

26/04

Clerk – Salary & expenses for Dec/Jan	365.97
Petty Cash	20.00
Shaw & Sons – Income & Expenditure Ledger	52.24
CPRE – Annual subscription	25.00
Sneath & Sons – 2003 Grass cutting	1311.00
LCC – School Hire	36.00
Moore Stephens – 2002/03 Audit	141.00
TOTAL	£1951.21

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th March 2004. This will follow the Annual Parish Meeting, which will start at 7.00pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHDC Elected Members' Event – Friday 12th March. An opportunity to discuss issues in relation to the enlargement of the European Union with an emphasis on the Agricultural Policy. John Hayes MP and Members of the European Parliament will be attending.

SHDC Cabinet/Parish Council representatives meeting – Monday 26th January. Mr Davis and Mr Ivatt to attend.

Rural Transport Partnership – Grants available from delegated Fund

SHDC – details of Members allowances

OPEN SESSION

***Fly Tipping** – The Clerk to write to the Environment Agency regarding this problem, particularly down New Road and Deeping High Bank.

***Cuckoo Bridge** – The Clerk to write to LCC Highways asking for the fence to be repaired, signs erected and that the area be tidied up in general. Also, as this area is covered by Pinchbeck Parish Council, to write and ask if they would place a similar request.

*Whilst accepting that Mr Espin, as the Parish’s District Councillor, needed to report at Meetings on various issues, Mrs McGuinness asked if he could limit his contributions to his Report, unless otherwise asked to comment.

CLOSURE 9.19PM

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

