



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st MARCH 2005 AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.55PM

PRESENT Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mr J Davis; Mr D Branton; Mr I McDonald, Mrs L McGuinness;

Mrs G Scholes; Mrs E Firmager; Mr G Fitzgerald and Mr N Watts

The Clerk and Cllr P Espin(SHDC)

The Chairman started the Meeting by welcoming Mr Fitzgerald to the Parish Council.

Mr Fitzgerald signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr P Barrett

POLICE

Nothing further to report

CLLR ESPIN'S REPORT

Fly tipping – Hopefully, with the formation of a multi agency approach, some progress could be made towards combating this problem

Lack of facilities – Mr Espin had received several letters from residents on St Nicholas Park concerning lack of facilities, particularly public transport. Most of the issues raised had already been looked into by the Parish Council at various times in the past, (i.e. opening the Station) with little success.

has been inspected and will be upgraded. However, as it has been ranked as low priority, they are unable to say when this will be done.

LCC had written to acknowledge receipt of the Council's application for **Grant Aid to install safety matting under the swings at Hop Pole and Littleworth.**

HIGHWAYS

The Council agreed to send a letter to LCC Highways to bring the following to its attention:-

61/05

1. There were complaints that the Traffic Controllers responsible for controlling traffic flow during road improvements were not doing so very well or efficiently.
2. A good deal of mess i.e. rubbish, damaged sandbags and lumps of concrete had been left at the roadside instead of cleared away
3. There was still a considerable amount of debris at Policeman's Corner following a spate of accidents
4. Further to the spate of accidents at the above location; this could be due to the current road surface now being used which is very slippery when first put down.
5. The Council would like to request more street lighting at Tongue End, and also 40pmh speed limits near housing
6. The Council would like to see more interactive road signs through Deeping St Nicholas.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

As nothing further had been heard from the Developers regarding the Transfer of Land, it was agreed that the Clerk ask Calthrops to write again requesting the amended plan showing recent alterations to the gas compound landscaping.

Mr Espin also reported that some perimeter trees had been planted, but not in the planned location, and that he would look into this further.

A letter had been received from the Community Centre Management Committee asking the Parish Council to write to the Developers and take them to task as it were, for the manner in which the transfer of land has been handled by them, and the problems they have created for the Management Committee. However, Members felt that this would not be a good time to create possibly more problems, but to write to Allisons, Persimmon and Stamford Homes asking for their assistance in speeding the Transfer through as soon as possible.

WIND FARM COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that it would be quite straight forward for the Council to open a Lloyds account for the Deeping St Nicholas Wind Farm Committee. If the same signatories were used as for the Council's other accounts, the Bank would simply require a letter signed by them. There was some confusion at this point, with some Members thinking that the Committee itself would be responsible for the Account, as well as allocating funds.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council, the **AGM** will be held on Monday 23rd May 2005, at the CP School at 7.00pm

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

	62/05
Grass & Mole contract – Jan/Feb/Mar	421.94
Clerk Salary & Expenses – Feb/Mar	359.84
Petty Cash	20.00
Bus Shelter Cleaners – 6 months	210.00
LCC – Allotment Rents	713.00
BJ Morgan – Bus Shelter glass repair	80.00
LCC School Hire	18.00
Lincs Assoc. of Local Councils – Annual sub	245.54
TOTAL	£2068.32

Current Balance - £425.66

Instant Savings - £4064.99

ALLOTMENTS- HOP POLE PLAYING FIELD

Holding no 141P, East Reach and Chapel Farms – Mid Term Review

The Clerk had been advised by Savills that the Council need take no action under the new Single Payment Scheme, as this land is used for recreational purposes.

New Tenancy Agreement – Mr R Ivatt

It was decided that before the Clerk sign the new Agreement, to contact LALC as to whether it was in the Council's best interests to have an open term agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHDC – details of a **new grant aid scheme** for local groups and organisations

Housing inspection commencing Tuesday 29th March 2005

Reminder for Councillors to update their **Register of Members' Interests**

Annual Scrutiny Development Event to be held in April

Review of Electoral arrangements

Local Transport Plan consultation

Environment Agency – Welland catchment abstraction management policy

DEFRA – Details of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill introduced on 7th December 2004

OPEN SESSION

Further to an **overgrown pathway near to the railway crossing** recently reported. No further action has been taken by LCC, as the owner of the land is not known. It was now reported as being owned by Abbey Life and maintained by Dennis Estates, and Mr Watts agreed to look into this.

Mr Davis reported that there are **no lights outside the new houses at Tongue End**. As the work should have been completed by the Developer at the time of building, Mr Espin agreed to check the planning details, bearing in mind that there had been considerable problems getting the pavement completed.

As St Nicholas House is unable to cater for the Annual Dinner, other venues needed considering.

CLOSURE 9.40PM CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....