



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2005 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)

Mr J Davis; Mr D Branton; Mrs L McGuinness; Mr B Barrett; Mrs E Firmager

Mr N Watts and Mr D Chappell

The Clerk and Cllr P Espin (SHDC)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs G Scholes and Mr I McDonald

POLICE

The next visit by the Mobile Police Station will be on 8th February 2005.

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

As SHDC had received no requests for an election to fill this vacancy, the Parish Council was now able to co-opt a new Member. As Mr GFE Fitzgerald from Hop Pole was the only person to apply, it was now proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Chappell and AGREED to accept his application to become a Councillor.

CLLR P ESPIN'S REPORT/UPDATE

Everard Road Playing Field

Mr Espin informed the Council that the piece of equipment had been removed from this field as it was unsafe and did not now comply with current standards. Also, that it was not likely to be replaced at this stage as SHDC had no budget for such situations, and as such, the field would still be low priority as it was not used a great deal. Mr Espin felt that this was not very satisfactory, and he would pursue the matter further.

Draft Local Plan

This was due to go out shortly, when a 6 weeks public consultation period would follow. The Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting to discuss any matters relevant to the Parish, and to place a request for the Tongue End Playing Field to be included in the Plan under the Rural Exemption Scheme.

Barr Farm

The use of static caravans and mobile homes (currently being used by migrant workers) had been reported to SHDC Officers.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER

These were signed as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

Overgrown Pavement – As LCC were unsure of the exact location of the area, Mrs Firmager agreed to contact them with further details.

Banks Drove Hedge – Although LCC had written to the occupier, this hedge had not yet been trimmed back.

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PRECEPT

Requests for Funds/ Donations

The Clerk had received a letter from Mr William Rodwell asking the Council to consider placing a parish precept of about £10 per household (of approx. 700) in order to raise funds for the Church. These funds would go towards general maintenance of the building, running costs and caring for the Church yard. Whilst agreeing with the importance of the Church to the Village, further discussion of the issues raised, and the problems of making such a contribution, the Parish Council did not feel that it was a step it wished to take. It was AGREED that the Clerk write to Mr Rodwell acknowledging his letter and that his comments had been noted, but that there was no support for his suggestions.

Parish Church Magazine

Following a request from the Vicar for further funds, Mr Davis proposed £25, seconded by Mrs Firmager. An amendment of £50 was proposed by Mr Branton, seconded by Mr Barrett. The Council voted, and the amendment was carried, with the Clerk to ask the Vicar how many

magazines, out of a possible 700 or so, were being delivered in the Parish.

Mr Davis proposed setting the **PRECEPT** for **2005/06** at **£8000**, seconded by Mr Branton. Mrs McGuinness proposed an amendment of £7000, which was not seconded. The Council **AGREED** to Mr Davis's proposal and set the Precept at **£8000**.

PLANNING

Plans responded to before Meeting

H03/1497/04 PM Johnston Erection of conservatory to rear of property

APPROVES 3 Plough Row

H03/1562/04 Mr NC Mansfield Demolition of workshop & erect one dwelling

APPROVES & garage at Spinney Rewinds

H03/1539/04 Mr & Mrs Dawson Erection of 2 storey side & rear extension

APPROVES 2 Near Chappells, Main Road

H03/1500/04 Mr Edwards (re-submission) Erection of car port at Focke

APPROVES Shambles, New Road

H03/1424/04 Allison Homes Details of landscaping for boundaries of 2

APPROVES compounds at New Road

H03/1634/04 Mr & Mrs Davis 2 storey extension to dwelling The Farm House,

APPROVES Grays Farm, North Drove Bank

Recent Refusals

H03/1539/04 Mr & Mrs Dawson Erection of extension at 2 near Chappells

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

H03/1432/04	Mr JA Wyer	Garden wall & steel gates at Tollbar House
H03/1407/04	Warner & Allen	Demo. of former Sunday School & erection of one dwelling

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PLAYING FIELDS

School Notice Board

Mr Chappell would make an inspection and report to the next meeting.

Littleworth Bus Shelter

The Clerk to contact Morgans with regard to replacing a broken window

Campains Lane – Grant application for new swings

The Grant for new equipment would cover 66% of the cost if below £7,500, and the Clerk had obtained quotations for Hop Pole also. It was reported, however, that Mr Tinsley would be reluctant to allow any further equipment on Campains Lane as he was now concerned about the Health and Safety aspects at this Field in relation to the railway crossing.

As a consequence, the Council decided not to go ahead with this application, but to apply instead for safety matting for beneath the swings at Hop Pole, Littleworth and Tongue End.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Council was unable to proceed with the Transfer of Land until the Solicitor had received amendments that would show the recent alterations to the landscaping of the gas compound.

WIND PROSPECT FUND/COMMITTEE

The first Meeting of the Wind Farm Committee will be held at the Jubilee Hall on Wednesday, 2nd February. Further to a telephone conversation with Mr Capener, the Clerk also reported that Wind Prospect would be willing to cover Committee expenses.

HIGHWAYS

Urgent Road Closure – Counter Drain Drove (A151 to South Fen Road) 27th Jan to 3rd Feb for drought damage repair work.

Banks Drove – Currently closed for repair work and excess water drainage work

A16 roadwork – This work has now been extended until the end of February. The Clerk to write to LCC Highways concerning the continuing confusion of differing speed limits through the Village.

POLLING STATION

SHDC had written to say that due to the accessibility issues of the Jubilee Hall and also the closure of the Church Schoolroom, all electors previously using these venues would in future vote at the CP School.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 21st March, 2005, at the CP School, and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

CPRE – Annual Subscription	25.00
Grass & Mole Maint. Oct/Nov/Dec	421.94
Audit Fee 2003/04	141.00
Clerk – Salary/expenses Dec/Jan	359.84
Petty Cash	20.00
HM Customs – VAT repayment	248.90

LCC School Hire	18.00
Church Magazine sponsorship	50.00

TOTAL £1284.68

CORRESPONDENCE

Local Flood Warning information sheet

SHDC Byelaw – It is now an offence to urinate or defecate in any street or public place within the district of South Holland

SHDC Charity Cabaret Evening – South Holland Centre on 12th February 2005.

OPEN SESSION

Free Hedging Plants – Mr Chappell now had 200 plants, and Members organised a Sunday morning for planting them, finishing edging the Hop Pole field and along the railway edge at the Littleworth field.

Councillors Annual Dinner– As the restaurant at St Nicholas House was due to re-open in March, it was agreed that a copy of the Menu be obtained.

CLOSURE 9.11PM

Date.....

Chairman.....