



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH JULY 2005 AT SHILLAKERS FARM AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)

Mrs G Scholes; Mr P Barrett; Mr D Branton; Mr D Chappell; Mr G Fitzgerald,

Mrs L McGuinness; Mr J Davis and Mr N Watts

The Clerk ; Cllr Espin (SHDC) and Cllr S Williams (SHDC & LCC)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr I McDonald who was working and Mrs Firmager who had to go to the Hospital.

POLICE MATTERS

Annual Police Report for 2005/2005 received

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 23rd MAY 2005

These were now signed as a correct record

MATTERS ARISING

***Notice Boards** – The one from the Plough Inn has been removed at the request of the Brewery, and will be sited at the School. The Notice Board from the Tongue End bus shelter has had the broken glass replaced and will be sited on the Harrow Road bus shelter.

***Chappell Road Allotments** – Avril Berry from SHDC had contacted the Clerk to say that she was aware of the problem and was due to inspect the site. Confusion may have arisen

because SHDC had the land listed as Building Land, according to Mr Williams.

***Transport Forum at SHDC** – Mrs McGuinness, Mr Espin and Mr Williams had attended this Meeting. It was reported that it would cost £250,000 to put a halt at Deeping St Nicholas, and that the service would need to be re-designated as a Community Railway, which would be funded by the County. Mrs McGuinness provided a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting, and also stated that various funding is available, and that the next step would be a feasibility study. The Parish Council has already started circulating a Questionnaire, which will also go out in the next Parish Newsletter. The next step would be to consider car parking facilities, and it was suggested that the Council contact Mr John Sharp (LCC Planning Consultant) to discuss the possibilities of the Littleworth Playing Field.

The Councillors AGREED to unite with the Spalding Forum in a joint venture to campaign for this service, and Mrs McGuinness would report back after further discussions with the Forum.

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COUNCILLOR ESPIN'S REPORT

-Lack Facilities – Unfortunately, on this issue, the Developers of New Road gave buyers expectations only, and there is very little that can now be done to remedy the problem.

-New Road Open Space Area – It was a condition of the Planning Permission that play equipment would be provided, and Allison's has agreed in principle. Mr Fischer at SHDC (who will be responsible for maintaining the area) is dealing with the matter, which now seems to be moving forward.

-Campains Lane Dyke – As it is proving impossible to discover who is contaminating the dyke, nothing further has been done.

-Street Lighting outside new houses – as there was no formal condition attached to the planning permission for the Developer to provide these, Mr Williams said that he would look into this further with LCC.

-Home Farm Mobile Homes – These had now been removed to Barr Farm due to Health and Safety issues for those living in them. However, the Planning Application to site them here has been refused, and enforcement action will be taken for their removal over a period of 6 months.

-Works access to Wind Farm Site – The Developers had agreed to stop using the access next to the level crossing as Highways thought it unsafe.

-Review of Electoral Arrangements by SHDC – Although SHDC felt the arrangements for this Parish should remain unchanged, the matter will go to the Boundary Commission for final confirmation. Mr Espin that the Parish Council also write to the Boundary Commission, as any changes could have quite an impact on the Parish as it now is.

ALLOTMENTS

A Questionnaire had been received from Local Association of Local Councils who are assisting LCC in gathering details on land managed/leased which is owned by the County Council.

WIND FARM COMMITTEE

A Meeting was to be arranged for later in the year.

The Clerk reported that an Account had been opened at Lloyds for the Deeping St Nicholas Parish Council Wind Farm Committee. All transactions would go through the Council's books, although as a separate account.

PLAYING FIELDS

Hop Pole – Mr Fitzgerald reported that he had received requests for a seat in the field

Low and broken branches need pruning back

New mole activity

Littleworth – New mole activity

Tree overgrowing pavement and road

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Mr Watts had painted the metal panel in the bus shelter, and now agreed to trim the branches at Littleworth and Hop Pole Fields

The Clerk would contact Complete Weed Control and report the mole activity and also remind them that they had not supplied a spare key yet for the gate.

Overgrown Trees – As there is now quite a problem with overgrown trees through the village

creating hazards for motorists and pedestrians alike, it was agreed that the Clerk contact Peter Garnham at LCC to arrange a site visit.

COMMUNITY CENTRE TRANSFER OF LAND

Although there was nothing further to report, the Solicitor had contracted the Clerk to say that he had spoken to the Developer's Solicitor and written a further letter.

At a request from Mrs McGuinness, Mr Chappell and Mr Ivatt agreed to look through the Minutes of School Governors Meetings for any reference of a donation to the School from the money donated to the Parish by the New Road Developers.

PLANNING

H03/0766/05 Mr M Smith Proposed detached double garage at Lonsdale

PC – NO OBJECTIONS House

H03/0698/05 Mr & Mrs J Davis 2 storey extension to dwelling at The Farm Hse

PC – APPROVES Grays Farm, North Drove Bank

H03/0740/05 R C Tinsley Ltd New reservoir for environment & conservation

PC – NO OBJECTIONS at Worths Farm

H03/0930/05 Mr B J Carmichael Erection of 2 single storey dwellings & garages

PC – OBJECTIONS re positioning of existing access Orchard Bung.

H03/0952/05 Central Networks Proposed overhead powerline and PM

PC – OBJECTIONS Transformer

HIGHWAYS

LCC at Pode Hole had replied to the Clerk's recent letter giving details of recent grass cutting and future flail cutting, and also that a study of traffic using Counter Drain Drove will be arranged. As it was felt that the Tongue End traffic survey was now being "passed around", Mr

William said that he would look into it further.

A request form for **street/footway lighting** had been received from SHDC. Mr Williams agreed to check whether street lighting outside the new houses at Tongue End is the responsibility of LCC before the Council return the form.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

19th September 2005 at the CP School at 7.00pm

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mr Davis and AGREED that the following accounts be paid:

		71/05
Clerk – Apr/May Salary & Expenses	372.53	
Petty Cash	30.00	
Grass Cutting April/May/June	481.16	
Mr Ivatt – engraving	10.50	
Wind Farm Committee Account	250.00	
	TOTAL	£1144.19

CORRESPONDENCE

***Maralyn Robinson Internal Auditor** – note of thanks for payment received

***Chick-a-dees Parent & Toddler Group** – Letter of thanks for Council donation

***LCC Free Trees** – Agreed not to apply for any this year

***Spalding Magistrates Court** – Notification of application for Transfer of Licence,
St Nicholas House. No objections raised

***BT** – Notification and consultation to change New Road and Everard Road Kiosks

to cashless. No objections raised

***Copy of Charter for Lincs Councils – Council do not wish to sign at this stage**

OPEN SESSION

~Mr Fitzgerald reported that the War Memorial was in need of a clean and volunteered to do it

~Mr Watts raised the question of people speaking freely at Meetings, other than Members of the Parish Council, and that it should not be allowed

~Mr Davis felt that the Council should rely more on the Clerk following lines of enquiries for the Council.

~The Clerk to request Mr Espin to forward a written report/update to Meeting

~The hedge belonging to Dennis Estates near to the Littleworth Playing Field and The Beeches was still causing problems for pedestrians. The Clerk to write

CLOSURE 9.30 PM

CHAIRMAN.....DATE.....

