

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19TH MAY 2003 AT THE CP SCHOOL AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT Mr P Espin (in the Chair)

Mr A Ivatt; Mr J Davis; Mr D Chappell; Mr P Barrett; Mr I McDonald; Mrs G Scholes;
Mrs L McGuinness; Mr K Brooks and Mr N Watts and Mr C Carter

The Clerk

Mrs Brooks; Mr S Williams, Mrs Norris; Mrs Firmager and Mr Smith

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

This being the first meeting since the date of the election, all Members signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, with new Members also undertaking to observe the Model Code of Conduct of which they had received copies.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Espin opened the Meeting and invited nominations. It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Carter, that Mr Ivatt be nominated as Chairman. With no further nominations, Mr Ivatt was declared Chairman, and received the Chain of Office from Mr Espin. Taking the Chair, Mr Ivatt thanked Mr Espin, after which Members introduced themselves to the Council. Mr Espin now left the Meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Branton.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr Carter, seconded by Mr Brooks, that Mr Chappell be nominated as Vice Chairman. With no further nominations, Mr Chappell was declared Vice Chairman.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES

It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Carter and AGREED that the Standing Committees be as follows:-

PLANNING Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr Davis, Mrs McGuinness and Mr Brooks

PLAYING FIELDS Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr Davis, Mr McDonald, Mr Barrett and Mrs Scholes

ALLOTMENTS Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr Branton, Mr Carter, Mr Watts and Mrs McGuinness

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

These were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING***Best Kept Garden Competition***

As there had been very little support for this event over 3 years, and only 2 entrants again this year, it was now proposed by Mr Brooks, seconded by Mr Davis, and AGREED by the Council that it be discontinued. The Clerk to inform Mr Dent and Mr Bell accordingly.

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH MARCH

These were signed as a correct record with the following correction; break to read brake on P.353.

MATTERS ARISING****Millenium Fund***

Mr Davis had now spoken to Mr Bowls, who had agreed to contact the various parties concerned with the administration of this Fund.

****Campains Lane Passing Bay***

Mr Barrett, Mr Davis and Mr Branton had attended a site Meeting with Mr Barnet from LCC. Any work would require co-operation between SHDC and LCC (who had been monitoring traffic).

Although it was felt by those who attended the meeting that this work was now unlikely to go ahead, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr Barnet and ask for an update.

****Wind Turbine Enquiry***

Nothing further to date had been heard.

****Opening of Railway***

It was agreed that the Clerk write a further letter in support of this particularly in view of the New Road Development.

****Hop Pole Bus Shelter Flooding***

Mr Watts reported that this might have been due, in some measure, to the drains on either side of the shelter being blocked. The Clerk to write to LCC concerning this; and also mention the poor surface of the highway near the Railway and Lonsdale House.

PLANNING

H03/0271/03	Mr J Hallam	Dem. of exist. dwelling & erection of new bungalow at Glen Cottage, South Fen Road, Bourne
SUPPORTS		
H03/0542/03	Alison Grey	New kennel block with pens at Country Boarding Kennels, Four Miles Bar, Deeping High Bank
SUPPORTS		
H03/0477/03	Y-Communications	Change of use from B1 to B1/residential, including insertion of window at Shrubbery Farm, Main Road
NO OBSERVATIONS		
H03/0573/03	Mr & Mrs Machin	Extension to dwelling house at 9 Stowgate
SUPPORTS		

Following a query concerning a property in the Parish, it was agreed to ask the District Councillor to check for details of any change of use and/or multiple residence.

HIGHWAYS

****A16 Laybys***

In response to a request from the Parish Council, SHDC confirmed that it would regularly check and tidy the areas concerned.

****LCC Information Meeting***

LCC Podge Hole Depot is hoping to organise a Meeting for Clerks and 1/2 Councillors to discuss matters of mutual interest and meet area staff.

****Footpath - Carrington View, Tongue End***

SHDC had written to say that they were still pursuing this matter, and that the latest offer is that a path will be installed as soon as a contractor will commit himself to the job. It was agreed that the Clerk enquire if more could not be done to speed the process.

****A16***

Mrs McGuinness reported that the 30pmh speed limit outside the School ought to be in place by the Spring.

With regard to the landscaping work which should have been completed before detrunking; John Hayes was now looking into this.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

****Flood Risk***

Mrs Scholes agreed to look into whether the Parish Council needed to provide a Flood Risk report to SHDC.

****One Months Notice Agreement***

Persimmon Homes were still of the opinion that they could use the site until 2004, and that there was no agreement of one months notice only being required. However, the Council did not feel it would be worth pursuing further at this late stage.

The Committee now need copies of Agreements and Title Deeds in order to obtain Charitable status. The Chairman and Mr Barrett are to try and arrange a Meeting with the Developers as soon as possible, with the Clerk also writing to Stuart Robinson of Allisons.

PLAYING FIELDS

Mr Barret reported on an Inspection Course by RoSPA attended by himself at SHDC.

Several important issues were covered, and with the Council's permission he would prepare a plan of action. 2 books, one on Playing Fields and one on Health and Safety, were recommended by RoSPA, and he now proposed, seconded by Mr Brooks, and AGREED, that the Council obtain copies.

The Annual Inspection of Playing Fields and Bus Shelters will be on Sunday 1st June, starting at the Bluebell at 9.00am, Notice Boards will also be included.

PARISH HERALD SPONSORSHIP

Mr Brooks declared an interest and left the room.

After some discussion, and subject to confirmation that there was no conflict of interests, it was proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs McGuinness, and AGREED that Mr Brooks invoice the Council for the cost of printing the Minutes.

It was also proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mr Carter and AGREED that Mr Brooks include the May Minutes and previous expenses.

ANNUAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Proposed by Mr Brooks, seconded by Mr McDonald and AGREED by the Council:

~The completed Accounts for the year 2002/3 be adopted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

~Mr Ivatt, Mr Davis, Mrs Scholes and Mr Chappell to act as signatories on the Parish Council Current Bank Account, replacing all other signatories.

~The following accounts be paid:

Clerk's Salary & Expenses April/May	370.22
Welland & Deepings IDB – Rates	105.06
LCC – School hire	18.00
Cornhill Insurance – Annual Premium	<u>342.66</u>
TOTAL	£835.94

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 14th July at Mr Ivatt's house, Shillakers Farm, at 7.30pm. Members of the public being welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE

~*Mrs Beryl Wright* – Letter confirming that the railway line fencing at the back of Harrow road had finally been replaced. Also that the notice board sited at the Plough Inn needed attention.

~*LCC* – Renewable energy in Lincolnshire – Regional Planning Guidance for E. Midlands

~*SHDC* – Cabinet Forward Plan May – September

~*SHDC* – New regulations concerning Members Allowances

OPEN SESSION

Mr Brooks reported that EMEB had disconnected a street light down Campains Lane, during work to put overhead cables underground. The Clerk to write and ask them to reconnect it.

Mr Ivatt raised the matter of a Parish Council custom of recognising 25 years or more service on the Parish Council with a commemorative gift. As Mr Woodhead had served 42 years, he felt it would be fitting to have a collection, to which Members agreed. Mr Chappell volunteered to look for something suitable.

Mrs Norris, a Parishioner, on being invited to speak, wished to draw the Council's attention to the Campains Lane Playing Field. She stated that it was hardly used, except by dog walkers, and that the children seemed to prefer playing on the road. She also felt that it was much larger than it need be for the use that was made of it. Unfortunately the Council felt that there was very little that they could do on either of the points raised

CLOSURE **9.49pm**

CHAIRMAN.....

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