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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE CP SCHOOL ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2004**

**PRESENT Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)**

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

Mrs E Firmager

The Clerk; Councillor P Espin (LCC) and Mr Firmager

With the Agreement of the Council, the Chairman added the following items to the Agenda: Mr Espin's report, Donations and Annual Audit

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mr McDonald, and AGREED that the Chairman continue for a second year, if he so wished. Mr Ivatt said that he was willing to continue if that was the wish of Members, and thanked the Vice Chairman, fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their assistance throughout the past year.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr Branton, Mr Watts and Mrs McGuinness who was unwell.

Mr Carter did not attend.

**POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that the next visit by the **Mobile Police Van** would be on 29<sup>th</sup> June on the Plough Inn car park

PC Paul had now been appointed as the Parish's new **Community Beat Officer**.

Mr Chappell reported that there had been a recent spate of **burglaries and attempted burglaries** in the Village, and it was agreed that the Clerk write to PC Paul to see if he could supply any further information.

### **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mrs Firmager, and AGREED that Mr Chappell remain as Vice Chairman.

### **ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

It was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Barrett and AGREED, that Mrs Firmager be elected to the Planning Committee, replacing Mr K Brooks.

It was also proposed by Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs Scholes and AGREED, that the Committees otherwise remain the same as last year.

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### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the above Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2004 were signed as a correct record.

## MATTERS ARISING

### **Police Forum at CP School**

Mr Ivatt, Mr Davis, Mrs Firmager and Mr Barrett had attended what was felt to be an interesting meeting.

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Minutes of the above Meeting were signed as a correct record.

### MATTERS ARISING

**Ragwort Control** – Following enquiries, the Clerk reported that this was the responsibility of the occupier of land. Any complaints received must be acted upon, otherwise the matter can be reported. Community land, as it is managed, is considered a low risk, and is more likely to be contaminated by surrounding areas. The Council agreed to monitor the situation, particularly areas such as dykes and railway land.

Councillors Annual Dinner – Mr Chappell thanked the Chairman for organising what had been a very enjoyable evening.

**Cuckoo Bridge** – The Clerk to report the condition of the wooden fence to the Drainage Board; and the Banks Drove road sign, which is the responsibility of LCC.

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

The Minutes were signed as a correct record, with the following deletion on Page 34/04

*Under section 106 the fund could be managed, with the Council expecting  
to pay approx. 15% in administrative fees*

### **LPG Tanks, New Road**

SHDC Officers had taken advice from the Health & Safety Executive concerning this Application, but had received no response to date. The Application was also likely to go to Development Control, as the Parish Council had wished.

***Dog Fouling Signs*** – These had now been erected

### **Fly Tipping**

A Meeting had been arranged at the end of June for the appropriate agencies and ward members.

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### **Highways – A16**

Mr Espin had spoken to the Project Engineer and been informed that a major capital project would be undertaken from October to December of this year, from Littleworth Drove to Hop Pole.

The surface from Littleworth to Policeman's Corner would also be investigated, with emergency repairs probably being carried out.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM SPECIAL MEETING**

### **Wind Prospect Donation**

The Clerk reported that any Donations could be managed directly by the Council, by Trustees or as a Registered Charity.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Wind Prospect for an update on the situation, and hopefully, written confirmation.

With regard to SHDC suing Wind Prospect in the event of a drop in property values, and who would pay for this action, Mr Espin was unable to answer at this stage, but agreed to look into it.

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Several Members of the Council and the Clerk had attended a Meeting with Mr Sutton at Calthrops on 21<sup>st</sup> April to discuss the problems posed by the LPG tank on the Community Centre land. With few options open to the Council it was agreed that the Solicitor write to the Developer's Solicitor and ask if they would be prepared to delete the restrictive covenant from the Transfer which prohibits the land being used for any purpose other than that of a Community Centre. Also, to accept a covenant to erect and maintain a good and sufficient fence to a height of at least 1.5 meters along the boundaries of the rectangular piece of land that they are retaining and on which the gas installation is sited.

The Clerk had contacted LALC for further advice, but they felt unable to comment without seeing the Transfer Deed.

It was now proposed by Mr Barrett, seconded by Mrs Scholes and AGREED that if the Developers will not lift the Covenant, the Council will still proceed with the Transfer.

Mr Espin pointed out that even if the Covenant was lifted, the Council would be unlikely to get permission to develop the site or find a more suitable site for the Centre.

## **PLAYING FIELDS**

It was agreed that the Annual Inspection of the Playing Fields would take place on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, from the Blue Bell Inn car Park at 9.00am.

Mr Barrett agreed to purchase some bags of fine bark for underneath the swings.

Several of the notice boards were reported in urgent need of attention and the Council agreed to inspect them before deciding what action to take. Mr Firmager was willing to

undertake the work involved.

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## **HIGHWAYS**

Information evening for Parish Councils – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at the South Holland Centre, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

## **PLANNING**

### **H03/0440/04 – NO OBJECTIONS**

Mrs & Mrs N Issitt      Single storey extension to side of property, Ash Tree Farm  
Cottage, Cradge Bank

### **H03/0460/04 – NO OBJECTIONS (Mr Chappell Declared an Interest)**

Mr & Mrs Chappell      Single storey extension to side of dwelling, Stone House Farm

### **H03/0500/04 – NO OBJECTIONS**

Allison Homes      Erection of 4 dwellings + garages & private drive (outline app.  
H03/0236/01) at South West: Home Farm, Littleworth Drove

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2004, at 7.00pm at Shillakers Farm.

## **DONATIONS**

A request had been received from the Deeping St Nicholas Parish Church Flower Festival Committee for a donation towards its 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July show. It was proposed by Mr Barrett that £100 be donated, seconded by Mr Davis and AGREED.

## **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

Clerk Salary & expenses April/May	370.33
LCC School Hire (2 meetings)	36.00
LALC – Annual subscription	49.50
Allianz Cornhill – annual premium	371.75
Petty Cash	20.00
DSN Church Flower Festival	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>947.58</b>

### **ANNUAL AUDIT 2003/4**

The Clerk had prepared the Accounts for Annual Audit:

**INCOME – £8404.54    EXPENDITURE - £7520.81    BALANCE C/F - £4928.88**

It was proposed by Mr Barrett, seconded by Mrs Scholes and AGREED that they be approved.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

\*Various circulars

\*SHDC Cabinet Meeting Agendas, Reports and Minutes

\*A letter from Mr Garland of DSN Parish Church asking for contributions and sponsorship of the Church Newsletter. The Council was interested in supporting this, and agreed to put it on the Agenda for the next Meeting. In the meantime,

Mr Ivatt and Mr Chappell would obtain further information from Mr Garland.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Grass cutting** – The Clerk to contact Complete Weed Control following reports that the grass was not being trimmed around equipment and sign posts

**LCC Verges** – The Clerk to write to LCC concerning the overgrowth at all road junctions, affecting visibility, due to cutting too late.

**North Drove Bank** – The poor condition of this road to be reported again

**Speed Cameras** – Mr Chappell reported that although Contractors are making preparations to install these, they appear to be in different positions than originally stated.

**CLOSURE 9.18PM**

**CHAIRMAN.....**

**DATE.....**

