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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF DEEPING ST NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WED. 14TH APRIL 2004 AT THE CP SCHOOL AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT Mr A Ivatt (in the Chair)

Mr D Chappell; Mrs E Firmager; Mrs L McGuinness; Mrs G Scholes; Mr P Barrett;

Mr D Branton; Mr C Carter; Mr I McDonald; Mr J Davis and Mr N Watts

The Clerk; Mr Paul Espin and Mr Firmager

SHDC Planning Representatives – Mr P Udy; Mr Harper and Mr Mycock

APOLOGIES

No apologies

PLANNING

H03/0374/04 – Allison Homes Ltd

Retrospective application for LPG tank compounds and associated works, land off New Road,
Deeping St Nicholas

The Chairman welcomed Mr Udy, Mr Harper and Mr Mycock to the Meeting and invited them to speak.

Mr Udy began by saying that it is not an offence to build something and apply retrospectively for planning, and that the application must be dealt with in exactly the same way as any other application. Unfortunately, most of the Parish Council's problems are with the Developers, and not really relevant to the application itself.

However, any objections raised by the Parish Council would be taken into account. the more objections being received, the better the chances that the application would go to the Planning Committee. Although admitting that this was not an ideal situation, there were some grounds on which the Council could object.

With regard to enforcement for non implementation, SHDC would need to consider various issues before deciding whether it is in the public interest to take a matter further. Mr Udy also pointed out that Developers need not necessarily use local planning department inspectors on site as there are other accepted sources.

The Council AGREED to object to the application as not being in Parishioners interests for the following reasons:

1. As part of a parcel of land donated to the Parish for a Community Centre, it is felt to be an inappropriate place for a utility site
 2. Visual impact - the compound is unsightly and too close to property and ought to be in a position where it could be more easily and better landscaped.
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3. Concern over access and parking of tankers every 3 to 4 weeks on a road which is likely to have double yellow lines
 4. The compound takes up 8 parking spaces which will be needed, particularly as it will not be possible to overspill park into the immediate vicinity
 5. The site is not well placed for traffic safety, particularly when coming from Crowland.
 6. Additional hazard from the Spinney Rewind premises next to the compound, and which for business purposes regularly uses a naked flame.

>Mr Udy agreed to discuss parking of the tankers with LCC Highways

>Mr Udy also reported that the new bungalows at Woodbank would not now have obscured glass in the roof lights, and that he did not know when trees would be planted in the buffer zone.

>Further to a report in the local press that SHDC would sue Wind Prospect for any loss in property values. This was not a condition of the original planning application, but a right in civil law.

There being no more questions, the Chairman thanked the representatives from SHDC, who left the Meeting at 7.20pm.

H03/0434/04 – Mr S Dalton

Proposed balcony to bedroom on side elevation, The Old Filling Station, Main Road

NO OBJECTIONS

H03/0403/04 – Mr & Mrs W P Murphy

Erect double garage, Imola, Main Road, Deeping St Nicholas – **NO OBJECTIONS**

H03/0364/04 – Persimmon Homes Ltd

Hand (mirrored) bungalow and provide garage on Plot 193 and move approved house type on plot 194 to the south, land off New Road – **NO OBJECTIONS**

COMMUNITY CENTRE

After further discussion of the gas compound, it was proposed by Mr Davis, seconded by Mr Branton, and AGREED that the Chairman and Vice Chairman make an appointment to discuss the Council's options with Mr Sutton at Calthrops. The Clerk also to write to LALC to see what advice they have to offer.

WIND PROSPECT – DONATION TO COMMUNITY

Mr Barker of Wind Prospect had contacted Mr Espin with regard to the above donation (£30,000), plus a further £10,000 per year during the life of the turbines (up to 25 years).

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The Parish Council could administer the funds itself, and as elected representatives, several Members felt this would be appropriate. It was Agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

HIGHWAYS

- The Clerk reported that the **reeds** at the top of **Campains Lane** would be cut towards the end of April.
- * Highways had been unable to find the reported **batteries**, and Mr Barrett said that he would check their exact location
- Lincs Road Safety Partnership had written to say that they would place the Council's request for a **traffic survey** at the **CP School** to the schedule of sites awaiting investigation
- Mr Chappell reported that the **A16** is starting to **subside** again in places
- It was reported that the **bollards** on new **New Road** were causing traffic to go onto the grass, and were a particular problem for access by farm vehicles. The Clerk to write to LCC to see if it could be made wider.
- Mr Barrett reported that **National Speed Limit** signs had been erected near to 30pmh limits in old **New Road**.

- The Clerk to report large **surface cracks** in **North Drove Bank**

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to Spalding Flower Parade Civic Luncheon 2004 - £31 per head

OPEN SESSION

The Chairman reported that since the last Meeting, he had made satisfactory enquiries regarding Complete Weed Control who had now been awarded the grass cutting and mole control contract.

CLOSURE 8.11pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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