

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 14 May 2008

Present: Councillor Taylor Councillor McKinlay
 Councillor Cant Councillor Hubbard
 Councillor Bosworth Councillor Connors
 Sharon Milne (clerk)

Also present: District Councillor Kaberry-Brown
 Mrs Tanner

1. **Chairman's remarks**

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those for attending.

2. **Apologies**

2.1 Cllr Jackson sent his apologies, he was working.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year**

4.1 Cllr McKinlay, seconded by Cllr Bosworth proposed that Cllr Taylor should remain as Chairman, there were no other nominations and it was resolved unanimously.

4.2 Cllr McKinlay, seconded by Cllr Cant proposed that Cllr Hubbard should be Vice-Chairman, there were no other nominations and it was resolved unanimously.

5 **Appointment of other offices and committees**

5.1 It was agreed that Councillors remain on the same committees. Cllrs Cant, Hubbard and Bosworth would remain on the Planning Consultation Advisory Group and Cllrs McKinlay, Jackson and Connors on the Playing field Committee.

6 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 March 2007**

6.1 The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7 Matters Arising

- 7.1 Highways have done considerable work on Main Street has it appears that the flooding of the Bottom Street / Main Street corner has been solved. (Minute 11.1 refers)
- 7.2 A traffic monitoring device has been fitted in Bottom Street to record the number, type, weigh and speed of vehicles. (Minute 11.2 refers)

8 Dates of Parish Council meetings for the ensuing year

- 8.1 The Council will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday 9 July 2008
Wednesday 10 September 2008
Wednesday 12 November 2008
Wednesday 14 January 2009
Wednesday 11 March 2009
Wednesday 13 May 2009 – Parish Council AGM

- 8.2 The date for the next Annual Parish meeting to be held on 8 April 09.

9. Annual Parish Meeting feedback

- 9.1 It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 April 2008 was interesting and informative and the resident that attended seemed to enjoy it.
- 9.2 Graham Leicester, the official from LCC, who gave the talk on footpaths, rights of way and the role of the enforcement officer, was very interesting and informative, as was Mrs Horsfall's presentation on the WI's new leaflet 'Walks around Allington' leaflet dedicated to the memory of villager Jill Cutting.
- 9.3 The clerk reported that she had heard from a villager who was interested in taking on the role of village caretaker when the present caretaker moves away later on in the summer.

10 Grants for the year 2008/09

- 10.1 The following grants were agreed unanimously:

- a) £850 to the Village Hall Management Committee to help keep letting fees low,
- b) £25 to the Village shop to help with the up keep of the shop's notice board.

11 Donations for the year 2008/09

- 11.1 Following parishioners suggestions at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 April the following donations were proposed and agreed unanimously:
- a) £50.00 – Allington Mums and Toddlers group,
 - b) £25.00 – Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance,

- c) £25.00 – Lincolnshire Playing field Association.

12 Review of Standing Orders and Financial regulations

- 12.1 The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were reviewed and agreed without amendment.

13 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 12 March 08

- 13.1 The Council has sent and received correspondence on the following:

- a) Information from LRSP re: Speed Indicating Device
- b) Letter from Mr Adams re: road and verge disrepair & village traffic
- c) Letters from and to Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and Allington Gardens Residents' Association re: bus service and bus pass
- d) Letter to Chris Farrar re: 20mph zone and bus pass scheme
- e) Letter from Audit Commission re: appointment of external auditor
- f) Letter SKDC – Planning update meeting 17/6/08
- g) Info re: Town and Parishes conference 26/11/08
- h) Letter SKDC re: improving energy efficiency
- i) Letter Lincs Home Improvement Agency re: Handyperson Service available (60+ years old and on means tested benefit)
- j) Letter Community Lincs re: Best Kept Village competition knockout basis June – August
- k) Insurance renewal papers – Allianz Cornhill
- l) Alternative insurance – Came & Company insurer Norwich Union

- 13.2 It was agreed that more information is gleaned about the Speed indicating advice (point a) and the Council consider hiring the equipment for a period in the summer. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 13.3 Councillors Cant, Bosworth and Hubbard agreed to attend the Planning update meeting on 17/6/08 (point f) **(Action point: MC, AB, AH)**

- 13.4 District Councillor Kaberry Brown stated that the bus pass problem, of not being able to use the pass before 9.30am, could not be resolved by SKDC as it was a Government initiative (point c). Allington are not the only village affected in this way. Villagers may wish to draw up a petition.

- 13.5 It was rumoured that the Library van has changed its stops in the village. It was believed that it would no longer stop at Allington Gardens or Lambert Road. The clerk would make enquiries. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Community shelter area

- 14.1 It was decided that the footpath to the new shelter should be extended to the road side of the Green. Cllr Connor said she would see if she could locate some more slabs. It was also decided to board the reverse side of the Parish Council notice board to create another notice board for anyone to place a village notice. Notices should not be pinned to the new shelter. Cllr Hubbard was to look at the likely costs of the footpath and notice board. **(Action point: AH & SC)**

14.2 It was suggested that the redundant bus shelter at the end of Peach Lane could be better utilised by putting a board inside it for notices. It was also suggested that a sign be placed on the end of the shelter for motorist to see as they approach the village saying 'Please slow down'. The clerk and Cllr Taylor would look into it. **(Action point: AH for noticeboard HT for 'slow' notice)**

14.3 The bus shelter on Gonerby Road is dilapidated and needs attention. It was decided that this is a project which needs consideration when setting the precept for 2009/10. **(Action point: clerk)**

15 Planning matters

15.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 12 March 2007:

- a) Approval – Conversion of garage and extension to dwelling, Poplar Cottage, Side Street
- b) Approval – Change of use dwelling and holding of wedding and similar ceremonies, Old Manor House
- c) Approval – Plot 4 dwelling at the Nurseries, Bottesford Road
- d) Approval – Extension to dwelling, The Gables, Side Street
- e) Appeal – Extension to garage, Darrington House, Lambert Road

16 Financial matters

16.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 12 March 07:

Income

- Precept - £7,500
- Caretaker's grant - £290
- Bank interest - £34.83

Total £ 7824.83

Expenditure

- APM expenses - £27.02
- CPRE subscription - £20.00

Total £ 47.02

All payments were retrospectively approved unanimously.

16.2 The clerk presented the Statement of Accounts to the Council for the year 2007/08. The accounts were approved for submission to the external auditors subject to an internal audit first. **(Action point: clerk)**

16.3 The clerk asked for authority to pay by BACS, and record in the accounts her and the village caretaker's salaries throughout the year as necessary. This was agreed unanimously. Authority to continue to pay the electricity bill for the Playing Field by direct debit was also agreed.

16.4 The bank mandate will be updated. The authorised signatories will be Cllrs Taylor, Hubbard, McKinlay, Bosworth and Cant. Please would Cllrs Cant and Bosworth attend the HSBC with ID. **(Action point: AB & MC)**

16.5 The Council agreed to change insurers to Norwich Union through the brokers Came & Company. Changing policy would reduce the premium by £157. It was agreed, by a majority, to take advantage of the reduced premium by committing with them for the following 3 years. It was also agreed that a further £500 be put into the 'self insurance fund'. **(Action point: clerk)**

17 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

17.1 Cllr McKinlay reported that the new MUGA (Multi use games area) would be installed with effect from 19 May. The installation should last for about 6 weeks, weather dependant. I should be completed before the school holidays in July.

17.2 Cllr Connors reported that the recent sponsored walk had been successful as had the Easter event and worm charming. A financial breakdown would follow at the next meeting.

18 Any other business

18.1 Cllr Bosworth commented that the toilet block at the playing field was in a poor state. A roof tiles were missing and the guttering needed attention. Cllr Hubbard would look at the building and assess what needed doing. **(Action point: AH)**

19 Date of next meeting

18.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9 July 07 at 7.30pm.

Signed: ----- (Chairman)

Date: _____