

# Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall  
Wednesday 11 May 2005

Present: Councillor Taylor                      Councillor North  
          Councillor Cutting                    Councillor Hubbard  
          Councillor Sewell                    Councillor McKinlay  
          Sharon Milne (clerk)

Also present: County Councillor Farrar  
                  6 parishioners.

## 1. Chairman's remarks

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the newly elected Cllr Farrar, and other members of the public for their attendance. The Chairman asked those in attendance whether there was anything in particular that they wished to raise and the following subjects were mentioned:

- a) Mr Bosworth stated that he wished to raise matters regarding grass verges (see minute 17.2), security of open spaces (see minute 17.3), the condition of the pavement in Park Road (see minute 17.3) and he also expressed his thanks for the cleaning of the lamps in the Park Road area – something he had raised at the last meeting.
- b) Mr Naylor requested the cutting of the hedge both sides along Peach Lane; it is overgrown and it is narrowing the road making it dangerous for pedestrians. Cllr Taylor said that she was aware of this and told him that the hedge was due to be cut shortly.
- c) Mr Derry asked whether the Parish Council meetings could start at 7.30pm not at 8pm. It was pointed out that Brownies use the hall until 7.30 and it would be difficult to clear up and set the hall up for the Parish Council meetings much before 8 o'clock.
- d) Mrs Tanner wished to raise the Trafalgar Weekend celebrations planned for 21-23 October. (See minute 21.1)

## 2. Apologies

2.1 Cllr Jackson sent his apologies; he was working late. District Councillor Kaberry-Brown also sent her apologies.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Cllr Cutting declared an interest in matters relating to the Twinning Association and Cllr Taylor declared an interest in GIFTS Hospice.

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

- 4.1 Cllr North proposed that Cllr Taylor should remain as Chairman, there were no other nominations and it was resolved unanimously.
- 4.2 Cllr Cutting proposed that Cllr North should remain as Vice-Chairman, there were no other nominations and it was resolved unanimously.

#### 5.0 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 March 2005**

- 5.1 Cllr North asked that the minutes from the meeting on 9 March 2005 be altered at minute 7.3 to read, "55 residents of Allington Gardens had responded to a survey ...". Otherwise the minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 6 **Matters Arising**

- 6.1 There were no matters arising that were not already on the agenda for discussion.

#### 7. **Appointment of other officers and committees**

- 7.1 It was agreed unanimously that the Playing Field Committee would remain as before comprising of Cllr McKinlay, Cllr Sewell and Cllr Jackson.
- 7.2 It was agreed, after discussion, that there would be new procedures for considering planning applications forwarded by SKDC. The following statement was agreed by the Council:

##### 7.3 Planning Consultation Advisory Group

In accordance with South Kesteven's established procedures the Parish Council has 21 days from receipt of a notice of a planning application in the parish to make representations. Due of the difficulties of the timescales involved the Parish Council has reviewed the way in which Planning Applications shall be dealt with:

- (a) With immediate effect, the Parish Council shall disband the Parish Council's Planning Committee and form a group, which shall be known as the **Planning Consultation Advisory Group**. This group shall be made up of 4 named Councillors: Cllr Taylor, Cllr North, Cllr Cutting and Cllr Hubbard.
- (b) The Clerk shall bring new Planning Applications to the notice of the Chairman of the Planning Consultation Advisory Group as soon as possible.
- (c) Any planning application, which the clerk and/or the chairman of the Advisory Group believe could become a contentious issue within the village, shall be referred to the full Parish Council. Otherwise an Advisory Group meeting shall be arranged for the 4 Councillors to consider, discuss and comment on each new application.

(d) Any representations from a Planning Consultation Advisory Group meeting shall be made to the District Council stating that the **comments are from the Planning Consultation Advisory Group and not a resolution of the full Council.**

(e) Minutes of the Advisory Group meeting shall be reported in full to the Parish Council at the bi-monthly Parish Council meetings.

7.3 It was suggested that the clerk contacts the Planning Department to ensure that comments from the Advisory Group would receive the same consideration as comments from the full Parish Council. **(Action point: clerk)**

## 8. **Dates of Parish Council meetings for the ensuing year.**

8.1 The Council will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday 13 July 2005

Wednesday 14 September 2005

Wednesday 9 November 2005

Wednesday 11 January 2006

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Wednesday 12 April 2006 – Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 10 May 2006 – Parish Council AGM

## 9. **Annual Parish Meeting feedback**

9.1 It was agreed by everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 April 2005 was very successful. Councillors remarked that there were lots of favourable comments from people around the village. Cllr Taylor said that she regretted not giving the groups and societies the opportunity to speak to the meeting publicly before people circulated amongst the table top displays. However, next year she would ensure that they would have that opportunity.

9.2 An invitation to the Biking Vikings was overlooked; they will be invited next year.

9.3 It was suggested that the clerk write and thank the groups and societies that attended, giving them the date for next year's Annual Parish Meeting. **(Action point: clerk)**

## 10. **Grants for the year 2005/06**

10.1 The following grants were proposed by Cllr Taylor and Cllr Cutting respectively, and unanimously resolved:

a) £600 to the Village Hall 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 2005/06**

11.1 Cllr Taylor took no part in this item. Following parishioners suggestions at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13 April the following donations were proposed and agreed unanimously:

- a) £12.50 – to The Winged Fellowship,
- b) £12.50 – Lincolnshire Playing Field Association,
- c) £12.50 – Kesteven Blind Society,
- d) £12.50 – GIFTS Hospice.

## 12 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 9 March 05

- 12.1 The Council has sent and received correspondence on the following:
- 12.2 Bus services / Public transport. An up to date commentary on the buses stating that the bus service is neither convenient nor adequate for the majority of residents has been sent to Douglas Hogg MP, County Cllr Wheat, County Cllr Spencer-Gregson, District Cllr Kaberry-Brown, and LCC Officials. These letters and responses are in the correspondence box to be circulated after the meeting.
- 12.3 Highways / Road Safety. Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has written to confirm that there would be a 7-day traffic survey in Sedgebrook Rd sometime around June.
- 12.4 A letter from LCC stated that they would not move the 30mph signs in Sedgebrook Road to beyond the Peach Lane turning as it does not meet with the County Council's criteria for a Traffic Regulation Order as there is no frontage housing. The lamps along Peach Lane are considered 'footway lighting' lamps and not street lighting.
- 12.5 A list of LCC Surface Dressing sites shows that Gonerby Road is scheduled for maintenance work on 3/6/05.
- 12.6 SKDC. A seminar entitled 'New Planning system and preparation of Parish plans' is planned for 11 June 05 – **Cllr Cutting will attend.**
- 12.7 Notification has been received about a Funding Fair on 18/5/05, where representatives offer information, advice and support from organisations eg Lottery funding, grantfinder, local & district councils. A poster is on the village hall notice board. The fund-raising group for the playing field and the Village Hall Management Committee have been informed.
- 12.8 DEFRA (Dept Environment, Food & Rural Affairs). A survey has been sent asking for views on the perception of the issues of the social implication of agricultural restructuring. It was suggested that Mr Will Cragg be asked to respond. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.9 East Midlands Regional Assembly. There are 2 documents for consideration. Comments by 8 July.
- a) Draft Review Project Plan
  - b) Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.
- 12.10 Calor Village of the Year Competition. Entries open to all Lincolnshire villages with a population up to 5,000. A prize of £6,000 to the winner, £1,500 for Regional winner and other regional prizes – entries by 3 June.

12.11 Lincolnshire Police. Their mobile unit will be in the village on 2 June.

### **13 Speeding Traffic**

13.1 Despite hopes being raised by Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, it was reported that LCC would not move the 30mph signs in Sedgebrook Road to beyond the Peach Lane turning as it does not meet with the County Council's criteria for a Traffic Regulation Order as there is no frontage housing. The lamps along Peach Lane are considered 'footway lighting' lamps and not street lighting.

13.2 Cllr Taylor reported on a meeting that she and the clerk had had with Mr Simons (Highways Division) about traffic calming measures that could be introduced around the village. Mr Simons stated that LCC would not be prepared to install physical obstructions like raised bumps or chicanes, but would paint roads. The village would have to contribute 50% of the costs, however, after that initial payment the Highways Division would maintain the paintwork. Another option available was for a 20mph advisory limit to be placed near the school, which would have no cost implications for the village.

13.3 After some debate it was resolved that the Council would request that yellow lines and 'SLOW' be put on Sedgebrook Road, just before the Peach Lane turning. It was also decided that LCC be asked to consider installing a 20mph advisory limit near the school on Gonerby Road. **(Action point: clerk)**

13.4 It was noted that 'Kestrel' vehicles were often seen speeding in the village and it was suggested that a letter be sent to the company asking that their drivers take particular care, and whenever possible to use the A1 to and from their depot to alleviate the traffic on village roads. **(Action point: clerk)**

### **14 Public Transport**

14.1 It was reported that from Saturday 21 May 05 an additional Saturday service, from Centrebus, would run at 9.30am from the end of Peach Lane to Grantham. It was also reported that the 9.00am (Monday to Friday) bus would start its journey from the end of Peach Lane and not from The Green, making it a lot easier for Allington Gardens residents.

14.2 Unfortunately the Translinc Friday service only had 6-7 users, and if numbers did not increase the service could be lost.

14.3 It was noted that concessionary fares with Centrebus was exceptional value at £1 each way. Notices showing the up to date services would be put in the shop and at the bus shelters. **(Action point: clerk)**

### **15 Recycling**

15.1 The situation with the overflowing recycling bins seems to have subsided. The clerk reported that the new bin planned for Allington Gardens, and the larger bin planned for the Playing Field site, were made, labelled and awaiting delivery. When the new bin is delivered SKDC would be reminded to install it nearer to the car park entrance. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 15.2 The clerk reported on a letter just received from SKDC asking whether Allington would like to be considered as part of an eco-village project. The Council resolved that an interest should be shown and more details requested. **(Action point: clerk)**

## 16 **Twinning Association**

- 16.1 The Twinning Association representative spoke about getting signs for the village to show that Allington is twinned with Tuffé, in France. The clerk reported that she had made enquiries with Highways Division. The cost of any sign and the extensions to the posts would have to be met in full, but would then be maintained by LCC. Each sign would probably be in the region of £200.
- 16.2 The Twinning Association representative said that she would take this information to their next meeting and contact the Sedgebrook representative as Tuffé was also twinned with them.

## 17 **Village web-site**

- 17.1 Mr Bosworth advised the Council about 'The Local Channel' and other alternatives. See his report at appendix 1.
- 17.2 Mr Bosworth asked that the grass verges along the side of the Red House be cut back as it is obstructing the views of drivers turning right out of Side Street. It was agreed that Hempstead's be asked to cut this verge. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 17.3 Mr Bosworth also raised the question of security in open spaces, in particular the area that is enclosed by Park Road and Park Avenue. The main entrance to the area is accessible by vehicles. The Council agreed that this was far from an ideal situation and it was agreed that a physical obstruction, perhaps a bollard, should be installed. Hempstead's need to be consulted on this however, to ensure that they can get their grass cutting equipment through. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 17.4 The poor condition of the pavement in Park Road should be reported to SKDC. **(Action point: clerk)**

## 18 **Planning matters**

- 18.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 9 March 2005:
- a) Application for 2 or 3 dwellings at the rear of Vine Cottage. Subsequently received refusal for 2 dwellings, 3 dwellings decision is still outstanding.
  - b) Application for 2 dwellings off Lambert Road.
  - c) Application to replace wheel-gated control crossing with a Manually controlled barrier at Allington Level Crossing.
  - d) Permission granted – extension to rear and detached garage to the front of Upwey, Bottesford Road.
  - e) Permission granted to raise and replace garage roof at the Old Walled Garden Bottesford Road.

f) Refusal – erect a dwelling at The Gables, Side Street.

18.2 *(Agenda item 18(b) was discussed earlier in the meeting see minute 7.2 and 7.3)*

## **19 Financial matters**

19.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 9 March 05.

19.2 Payments were presented for approval:

- a) £159 for Village hall rent for years 2003/04 and 2004/05, (Retrospective)
- b) £23.92 - expenses for Annual Parish Meeting. (Retrospective)
- c) £10.13 - Powergen, electricity at the Playing Field. (Retrospective)
- d) £20 training day on accounting, budget and audit preparation.
- e) £563.73 insurance policy due 1/6/05.

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

19.4 The clerk asked for authority to pay, and record in the accounts her and the village caretaker's salaries throughout the year as necessary. This was agreed unanimously.

**19.5** The Council agreed to pay the renewal of the insurance policy and also put aside £500 in the self-insurance ringfenced account, as last year. **(Action point: clerk)**

**19.6** Cllr Cutting queried why it appeared that more money was being spent marking the football pitches than was received from Gonerby Youth Football Club. The clerk pointed out that income was still outstanding for matches played since January 05 and this would appear on the accounts for 05/06. The income per match covered the cost of pitch markings.

## **20 Report form the Playing Field Committee.**

20.1 Cllr McKinlay reported back from the Playing Field Committee meetings. Stating that there had been 17 replies so far to the questionnaire in Allington News about how to further develop the playing field.

20.2 The Fund Raiser were putting on a worm charming event on The Green on Saturday 14 May, and plans were well underway for the Party in the Park in early July.

## **21 Any other business**

**21.1** The nation will be celebrating the bi-centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar in October 05. It was suggested that the Parish Council set the item on the next Parish Council meeting in July and invite groups and societies from within the village for their ideas for celebration. **(Action point: clerk)**

**21.2** The Chairman report that Chestnut Farm was now under the administration of the agricultural agent Brown & Co. The agents have stated that they intend to develop plans for the farmyard and then consider the sale of the farmhouse. The Council expressed concerns about what would happen with the paddock next to the Manor House. Any further information regarding Chestnut Farm would be brought to future Parish Council meetings.

**22 Date of next meeting**

22.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13 July 05.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed: ----- (Chairman)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_