

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council's Annual General Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 10 May 2006

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

Also present: District Councillor Kaberry-Brown
 5 parishioners.

1. **Chairman's remarks**

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the 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 was mentioned:

a) Mr Derry brought to the Council's attention that the publication 'Grantham Life 2006' had out of date information regarding the Parish Clerk. The clerk said she would get the information updated before the next publication. **(Action point: clerk)**

1.2 A minute's silence was held in memory of Ed Grant, a Parish Councillor for 20 years, six years of which he was Chairman. He will be sadly missed.

2. **Apologies**

2.1 Cllr Jackson, Cllr North and Cllr Sewell sent their apologies. Cllr Jackson was working away, Councillor North and Councillor Sewell were both on holiday. County Councillor Farrar and Mrs Theresa Tanner also sent their apologies.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 Cllr Taylor declared an interest in GIFTS Hospice.

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

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

4.2 Cllr Cutting, seconded by Cllr Hubbard 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 8 March 2006

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

6 Matters Arising

- 6.1 Mr Terry Wright had stepped in at the last moment and attended the Doorstep Crime Seminar on 23 March. He said that he had had an interesting day and reported back details of the seminar to the Council. His written report will be circulated in the correspondence box. **(Action point: clerk)**

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 unanimously that the Playing Field Committee would remain as before comprising of Cllr Taylor, Cllr North, Cllr Cutting and Cllr Hubbard.

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

- 8.1 The Council will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday 12 July 2006
Wednesday 13 September 2006
Wednesday 8 November 2006
Wednesday 10 January 2007
Wednesday 14 March 2007
Wednesday 9 May 2007 – Parish Council AGM

- 8.2 The date for the next Annual Parish meeting to be held in April 07 will be set at the next Parish Council meeting. It was thought that holding it on the second Wednesday in April could cause problems for people wishing to attend as it is in the Easter holidays.

9. Annual Parish Meeting feedback

- 9.1 It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 April 2005 was very successful even though there were fewer attendees than last year.
- 9.2 The clerk reported that she had received belated apologies from the Viking Squares, as they were unable to attend.
- 9.3 Villagers were very disappointed that there would no longer be the village clean up service. However, as a lot of the waste that was put out for collection on village clean up days was 'green waste' it was suggested that the Parish Council look at the possibilities of arranging a lorry to collect combustible waste sometime around the end of September, or early October, to collect for the Bonfire in November. **(Action point: PFC committee members)**

- 9.4** It was suggested that the clerk writes to Mr Pete Simpson the quizmaster of the Welby Arms quiz, to thank him for the fundraising they do for the village. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.5** It was considered that it would be a good idea for the village to have a 'Village Diary' for all events to be recorded. This would help alleviate double bookings on village events. Cllr & Mrs North and Mr & Mrs Ian Blake had both volunteered to run the diary. It was suggested that there should be publicity regarding the diary before it is launched, and that village groups and societies must be encouraged to use it and not forget to enter their events. It was agreed unanimously to take this idea forward and Cllr North would be asked to consider, with Mr Blake, the best way to proceed. **(Action point: LN)**
- 9.6** Kerbing roads in the village had been raised. The clerk reported on further correspondence she had received on this matter, and on the poor condition of village roads generally. She had recently spoken to LCC Highways and had been asked by them to prioritise the kerbing requirements around the village. It was decided to get together a small working group to walk around the village to decide on the priority areas. **(Action point: HT)**

10. Grants for the year 2005/06

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

- a) £700 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 19 April the following donations were proposed and agreed unanimously:

- a) £15.00 – to Vitalise, formally The Winged Fellowship,
- b) £15.00 – Lincolnshire Playing Field Association,
- c) £15.00 – Kesteven Blind Society,
- d) £15.00 – GIFTS Hospice,
- e) £15.00 – Lincolnshire Victim Support.

12 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 8 March 06

12.1 The Council has sent and received correspondence on the following:

- a) Correspondence between Mr Adams and LCC re: highways, had been copied to the Parish Council for information.
- b) Correspondence and photos regarding the state of Bottom Street
- c) Reply from police re: Sewstern Lane. The police had raised a file on the case, heard the Parish Council's concerns. Inspector Housley had also telephoned the clerk to say that if there was any similar matter again to contact him directly and he provided his mobile number. Insp. Housley stated that the village soon would be getting a new Constable who has many years experience - details to follow.

- d) Letter regarding Insurance requirements for bonfire night. **(PFC committee to note)**
- e) Brian Steptoe is content to continue to be the internal auditor.
- f) Allington has been unsuccessful in the village of the year competition.
- g) Letter from SKDC regarding the Cleaner neighbourhoods and Environment Act.
- h) A further invitation doorstep crime partnership workshop **on 25/5/05**. No-one is able to attend this time.

13 Discussion about the Salt Well

- 13.1 It was thought that the Salt Well ought to have a plaque with a short inscription giving details of what it is, and its history. It was agreed unanimously that it would be a good idea and Councillors were asked to consider what should be written on the plaque before a quote be sought. A sheet for suggestion would be in the correspondence box. **(Action point: all Cllrs)**

14 The condition of the seat in Main Street

- 14.1 The bench in Main Street, along side Hawthorn Lodge, is in bad need of repair. Mr Bosworth said that he would make enquiries about getting it fixed.

15 Creating a village diary

- 15.1 *(Agenda item 15 was discussed earlier in the meeting see minute 9.5)*

16 Planning matters

- 16.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 8 March 2006:

- a) Refusal – Extension to 42 Park Road
- b) Withdrawn application – 6 dwellings r/o Berts Way
- c) Application and approval – Change use of part of the Old Manor House to hold civil weddings
- d) Application – erection of dwelling land off Berts Way
- e) Application – construction of detached dwelling plot 5 Berts Way
- f) Application – Change of use of annex to self catering holiday let / B&B, Ashes Farm, Side Street
- g) Application and approval – two storey and single storey extensions to side and rear of dwelling, 1 Burton's Lane.

- 16.2 A barn conversion had also been received for Glebe Farm, Allington Lane. SKDC are to be informed that this is outside the Parish boundary and in Great Gonerby's parish. **(Action point: clerk)**

17 Financial matters

- 17.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 8 March 06:

Income

- Bank interest - £10.42
- Half precept - £5,500
- Caretaker's grant - £265.00

Total £ 5775.42

Expenditure

- LALC subscription – £178.00
- Village hall rent - £84.00
- Donation to Cancer Research UK - £25.00
- Refreshments for Annual Parish meeting - £16.94
- Powergen - £32.01
- Playing field presentation evening - £101.60

Total £ 437.55

17.2 All payments were retrospectively approved unanimously.

17.3 The clerk presented the Statement of Accounts to the Council for the year 2005/06. The accounts were approved for submission to the external auditors subject to an internal audit first. **(Action point: clerk)**

17.4 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.

17.5 It was agreed unanimously that Brian Steptoe would be the internal auditor for the Parish Council accounts.

17.6 The Council agreed to pay the renewal of the insurance policy. **(Action point: clerk)**

18 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

18.1 Cllr McKinlay reported back from the recent Playing Field Committee meeting.

18.2 Dogs are still fouling the playing field and owners are not clearing up after them. Also, broken bottles and other rubbish, are being discarded all over the field. A discussion ensued about whether the Parish Council should ask SKDC for the necessary information and training to be able to apply fixed penalty notices to irresponsible dog owners and for littering offences. Members of the fund raising group are to try and find out which individuals are causing the problems. The matter will be reviewed at subsequent meetings.

18.3 The signs of 'does and don'ts' are still not displayed at the playing field. It is important that the signs are erected soon. **(Action point: MS)**

18.4 Preparations for Party in the Park, planned for 8 July 06, are underway.

18.5 The painting of the play equipment, which was started last year, needs finishing. Some Councillors volunteered some of their time to do more. The PFC should

contact Gonerby Youth Football Club to get the paint and make arrangements to finish the work. **(Action point: MM)**

18.6 There are 4 dead trees in the avenue at the playing field. The caretaker will be asked to dig them out. **(Action point: HT)**

19 Any other business

19.1 The clerk reported that she had been approached by a resident in Park Avenue who wished it to be known that they had temporarily moved a section of their back fence into the public area for safety reasons, as they are having footing dug on their boundary. The fence will be moved back to the boundary line once there is no longer a safety issue.

19.2 The clerk reported that the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee had asked her to raise the fact that they were experiencing problems in finding a Secretary for the committee. Anybody who wished to volunteer for this position should contact Theresa Tanner.

19.3 It was noted that a couple of the large trees in the public area between Park Road and Park Avenue were in need of attention as they were sprouting roots. The clerk is to ask the Hempstead's do the necessary work on them. **(Action point: clerk)**

20 Date of next meeting

20.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 12 July 06.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: ----- (Chairman)

Date: _____