

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 10 September 2008

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

Also present: John Slater (Chairman, Playing field fundraising committee)
 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown
 Mrs Theresa Tanner

1. **Chairman's remarks**

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

2. **Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson he was working and Cllr Bosworth who was on holiday.

2.2 County Councillor Farrar also sent his apologies.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2008**

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

5 **Playing field matters**

(Playing field matters were brought forward in the agenda to allow John Slater to attend another meeting).

5.1 The opening of the MUGA was well organised, went well and the weather was good. Councillors commented as to how good it was to see all ages using the new facilities. Well done to everyone involved.

5.2 Cllr Connors and John Slater reported back on the Lark in the Park event on 6 September. Despite the terrible weather early on in the evening the event was well supported with a good number of people attending from outside the village. The band 'Cray Ape' was very good and very popular. Initial calculations show

a profit of £622. Cllr Cant reported that there was minimal litter to collect the following morning. Again very well done to all involved.

- 5.3 There was a discussion regarding the organisation of the use of the MUGA. Although the MUGA is getting a great deal of use already it was thought that having organised times for specific sports would be beneficial. A villager had volunteered to help with setting up the equipment and it was thought that a booking system needed to be introduced. Cllr Taylor would speak to the volunteer and discuss this with him. **(Action point: HT)**
- 5.4 A secure container is needed to store the moveable equipment like the tennis net and John Slater would look at what was available and at what cost. **(Action point: John Slater, PFC Councillors)**
- 5.5 Cllr Connors asked whether wheelie bins could be provided at the field as the pink sacks that the caretaker leaves out for collection are ripped open overnight by the foxes. District Councillor Kaberry-Brown and the clerk would both make enquiries with SKDC. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 5.6 The fundraisers, with other interested villagers, are to consider alternative fund raising ideas.
- 5.7 Cllr Taylor had read in the Sunday Times that in 2012 the Olympic torch would travel around Britain and towns and villages could apply for it to come to them. The clerk would look into the matter and consider an application. **(Action point: clerk)**

6 Matters arising

- 6.1 The clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Bosworth that the noticeboards (minute 5.6 refers) in the bus shelter on Sedgebrook Road and on the reverse side of the Parish Council noticeboard on the Green had been erected and were in use.
- 6.2 Cllr Hubbard said that the necessary pantiles and ridge tiles on the toilet block at the field would be replaced imminently (minute 5.7 refers). **(Action point: AH)**
- 6.3 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown spoke regarding the problem of not being able to use the new bus pass before 9.30am (minute 5.2 refers). She explained SKDC's position and reiterated that SKDC would not reverse their decision as their budget is set. The other district councils within Lincolnshire which have chosen to allow the use of the bus pass before 9.30am have, as a consequence, exceeded their budgets and will have to find the shortfall. SKDC are not prepared to rescind the decision and overspend.
- 6.4 Parishioners were reminded of the new Call Connect service which runs on a 'dial a bus' basis. A poster is on the Parish Council noticeboard.
- 6.5 The clerk reported that she had spoken to Highways and they had agreed to save the slabs along the footpath outside the church and would stack them inside the churchyard for the village's use.

7 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 9 July 08

7.1 The clerk reported on some of the correspondence received and sent:

- a) Thank you card from Mums & Toddlers group re: donation
- b) Letter, clerk to Cllr Kaberry-Brown re: buses
- c) Letter, clerk to LCC Library van service – no reply
- d) Letter, clerk to Centre buses – no reply
- e) Letter, from LRSP re: traffic count Bottom Street
- f) Letter to Mr Mell re: clearing weeds from Bottom Street plot and reply
- g) Resignation letter from Caretaker and response
- h) Letter, clerk to BLOT re unable to fund
- i) Letter re: new E Mids Fire and Rescue Control Centre
- j) Letter from Air Ambulance re: recruiting volunteers
- k) Letter D Roake Landscapes Ltd offering services

This and all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors in the box as usual.

8 Village Caretaker

8.1 The clerk reported that the Caretaker had tendered her resignation as she was to move away to start at university. A resident had volunteered earlier this year to take over this role, and also a teenager from Sedgebrook had also shown an interest. The clerk would contact the person at Sedgebrook to ascertain whether she was still interested and Cllr Taylor would contact the Allington volunteer and offer him the role of Caretaker of the MUGA. It was hoped that this position would be filled by 1st October 08. **(Action point: clerk & HT)**

9 Lighting on the Green

9.1 The clerk reported that she had received a quote from E-on for a connection box from the present electricity feed, a small Victorian lamp and a Christmas lights connection unit for £1114 + VAT. The only thing the Parish Council need to sort is the ducting from the Live point to the lamp and from the Live point to the Christmas lights connection unit. The clerk has asked a builder for a quote for this ducting.

9.2 It was suggested that the lamp be sited just outside the community shelter on the road side and if the 7th bench from the shelter be put on the outside of the shelter facing the road then the Christmas tree connection box could go underneath the bench at the end near the lamp.

9.3 E-on would not meter the Parish Council they would send a bill estimating the amount of energy used by the lamp and Christmas bulbs and bill the Council periodically.

9.4 Councillors agreed unanimously with the proposals. The clerk would pursue the matter. **(Action point: clerk)**

10 Highway matters

- 10.1 Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership's (LRSP) Speed Indicating Device (SID) was on loan to the Parish Council from 4th September to 18th September 08. Cllr Taylor informed the council that it was being used at 5 sites around the village and proving to be very effective at slowing traffic. 23 vehicles were found to be speeding on Gonerby Lane on the approach to the school corner on one morning between 7.30 and 9.30am. The school and LRSP had been informed of this. Villagers using SID were noting that speeding vehicles were, in the main, being driven by parents of school children and traders. It was suggested that a report from this fortnight's findings should be published in Allington News.
- 10.2 The clerk stated that the school had received a letter giving details of the relaxed criteria for a School Safety Zone (advisory 20pmph limit) and it appeared that the school now meets the criteria. The clerk had written to the LRSP representing both the Parish Council and the school, asking for a zone to be implemented.
- 10.3 The clerk reported that Highways would be closing Main Street and Foston Road for 2 days on 27th October for resurfacing.

11 Planning matters

- 11.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 9 July 08:
- Approval – Alteration erection of garage, The Dingle, Berts Way
 - Refusal – erection of two dwellings adj to Wellington House, Bottom Street
 - Approval – work on sycamore tree, Woodnook, Side Street
 - Application & approval – Erection of dwelling, Bert's Way
 - Application – single storey extension, Ilex Cottage, Main Street

12 Financial matters

- 12.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 9 July 08.

Income

- Big Lottery - £58771
- Bank interest - £33.03

Total £ 58,804.03

Expenditure

- Insurance – £210.45
- British Gas (electric) - £5.33
- Seat repair - £49.50
- Audit fees - £158.63
- Wine for internal auditor - £10.38
- Sodexo MUGA - £75437.27

- Noticeboards - £48.00

Total £ 75,919.56

Plus Caretaker's salary

12.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

13 Any other business

13.1 Cllr Hubbard said that he had seen a vehicle weight restriction sign sited on a main road where there was no alternative road for a vehicle to turn onto, which was the reason that the Council was given as to why a weight restriction sign could not be placed near to the beck on Gonerby Lane. If it were possible for the restriction to be placed at the beck many of the large vehicles travelling to Kestrel and Arena UK would not be permitted to travel through the village. The clerk would raise this with Highways and County Cllr Farrar. **(Action point: clerk)**

13.2 The state of Gonerby Lane's surface was raised again. Despite this having been reported recently to Highways the clerk would report it again. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Date of next meeting

14.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 November at 7.30pm.

Signed: ----- (Chairman). Date: -----