

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 12 March 2008

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

Also present: Theresa Tanner

1. **Chairman's remarks**

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked Mrs Tanner for attending.

2. **Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Cant, she had work commitments.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 As before, all Councillors declared an interest in the windfarm as they all live within the village. Cllr Bosworth also declared that he had spoken at SKDC's Development Committee meeting against the proposed windfarm at Thackson's Well Farm.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 January 2008**

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

5 **Matters Arising**

5.1 The clerk confirmed that she would find out from the electricity provider, who disconnected the power supply to the old bus shelter, and find out what needs to be done to get the new shelter lit. (minute 13.1 refers) **(Action point: clerk)**

6 **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 9 January 08**

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

- a) Card from Harold Derry, he will no longer be attending Parish Council meetings
- b) Quote for grass cutting season
- c) Reply re: A1 improvements / Gonerby Lane

- d) Copy of letter received by Sedgebrook Parish Council re: salting of Sedgebrook Road
- e) Letter and reponses re: Sedgebrook Road dykes
- f) Letter and reply Class 2 re: litter bin at field
- g) Letter from Douglas Hogg re: PO closure
- h) Letter from Ukrainian charity wanting host families
- i) Letter re: remote control aircraft on the field
- j) Various letters and replies re: 20 mph safety zone
- k) Various letters to Douglas Hogg enc. Windfarm objections
- l) Letters and replies re: RAF and wind turbines
- m) Palmers Hollow windfarm (Leics) consultation
- n) cc letter from Paul Adams to highways re: poor state of verge at The Green
- o) Calor Village of the Year 08 invitation - £20 to enter

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

7 Thackson's Well windfarm update

- 7.1 SKDC's Development Control Committee met on Tuesday 11th March to consider the windfarm application. Cllr Taylor spoke endorsing the submission already put forward by the Parish Council. After a number of hours of discussion District Councillors voted 11 to 3 to refuse the development of a wind farm on this site. This decision will be put to the next Development Control Committee on 25 March for ratification.
- 7.2 It was agreed that letters be sent to Cllr Kaberry-Brown and Cllr Parkin (Chairman of the committee) thanking them for their contribution to the proceedings. **(Action point: clerk)**

8 Palmers Hollow windfarm, Bottesford

- 8.1 A letter and scoping report has been received by Windridge proposing an 8 turbine windfarm on land east of Bottesford. As this land is in Leicestershire the application will be dealt with at Melton Mowbray and not SKDC. It was agreed to reply to Windridge thanking them for their letter and asking to be kept informed of Environmental Impact Assessment. A more formal response, similar to the one for the proposed Thackson's Well site, will be sent at the appropriate stage. **(Action point: clerk)**

9 Annual Parish Meeting – 9th April 08

- 9.1 It was agreed that the theme for this year's meeting should be 'footpaths and rights of way'. Cllr Taylor reported that the WI are printing maps showing the footpaths and walks around the village in memory of Jill Cutting and those maps would be ready for the meeting. Also, the clerk would try and get an official from Lincolnshire County Council's footpaths department to give a short talk. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 9.2 There would be an update on the playing field project to install a multi-use games area (MUGA) and more information on the village web-site for everyone. **(Action points: MM & AB)**

10 Playing field matters

- 10.1 Cllr McKinlay updated the Council on the MUGA project. Tenders for the work have been received from 4 companies with bids ranging from £68k to £103k. Notts Sport will manage the project and are presently negotiating with the company offering the lowest tender.
- 10.2 The synthetic surface will be sited in the corner of the playing field near to the children's play area and extend long ways alongside the dog walkers avenue.
- 10.3 Fund raising will continue to raise the last few hundred pounds for the project. There will be the Easter event including a fun run, a sponsored walk, a chilli cook off and worm charming. The party in the park event is also planned for September 08.

11 Highways matters

- 11.1 The Chairman and clerk had met the Highways Division's Area Manager and walked around the village to note the areas that are substandard and in need of repair. The clerk reported that the Area Manager had subsequently contacted her and said that, subject to LCC Highway's budget, it was hoped that Main Street would be resurfaced and additional work would be done in Side Street and on the road outside The White House on The Green.
- 11.2 The Area manager had also reported that a 20mph safety zone could only be implemented in Marston Lane, outside the school, according to LCC's criteria. However, as Marston village had a 20mph safety zone which did not follow that criteria he would look into it and his response is awaited.
- 11.3 There is no dropped kerb for pedestrians crossing from Side Street onto Bottom Street. The clerk will contact Highways and ask for one. **(Action point: clerk)**

12 Planning matters

- 12.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 9 January 08:

- Withdrawal – 2 dwellings adjacent to Wellington House, Bottom Street
- Withdrawal – increase duration of ceremonies at Old Manor House
- Application - Extension to dwelling, The Gables, Side Street
- Application - Erection of new cold store and relocate car park, Kestrel, Gonerby Lane
- Application – Conversion of garage and extension to dwelling, Poplar Cottage, Side Street
- Application – Change of use dwelling and holding of wedding and similar ceremonies, Old Manor House
- Application – Palmers Hollow windfarm, Bottesford
- Approval – dwelling at the Nurseries, Bottesford Road

- Approval – extension to dwelling, Wellington House, Bottom Street

13 Financial matters

13.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 9 January 08:

Income

- Bank interest - £51.39
- Refund float Party in the Park – £300
- Profit Party in the Park - £627.58
- Profit Bonfire night - £819.86
- Christmas tree lighting - £187.58
- Rugby event - £71.60
- World cup rugby at Welby - £87.00

Total £ 2145.01

Expenditure

- Deposit for band 2008 - £150.00
- Weedkiller for playing field - £16
- LALC subscription - £231.88
- Float for Easter event - £200

Total £ 597.88

Plus Caretaker's and clerk's salary

13.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

13.3 The clerk reported that HSBC had been in touch to say that they had lost the mandate so a new one would have to be completed. Those Councillors elected in the May 07 election need to report to the bank with ID again. **(Action point: AB & MC)**

13.4 The clerk stated that new external auditors had been appointed. The audits for the next 5 years would be completed by a company called Clement Keys.

14 Any other business

14.1 The Proprietors of the shop had asked whether the Parish Council had any objections if they planted bulbs on the village green. Councillors thought this was a lovely idea and were happy for this.

14.2 The 'No parking beyond this point' sign at the playing field had been broken. This sign was provided by GYFC and they would be aware of this.

14.3 Mounds of earth had been left on the grassed area of Marston Lane. The chairman would ask the farmer if they belonged to him. **(Action point: HT)**

14.4 Fly tipping of DVDs had been dumped in Foston Lane and there was also an old car tyre. The clerk will inform SKDC. **(Action point: clerk)**

15 Date of next meetings

15.1 The next meetings will be the Annual Parish meeting on Wednesday 9 April 08 at 7.30pm and the AGM of the Parish Council on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30pm.

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