

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 14 March 2007

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

Also present: District Cllr Kaberry-Brown
 5 parishioners

1. **Chairman's remarks**

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. There was nothing in particular that members of the public wished to raise.

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 County Councillor Farrar sent his apologies as did Theresa Tanner.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 January 2007**

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

5 **Matters Arising**

- 5.1 There were no matters arising.

6. **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 10 January 2006**

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

- a) Letter from Sedgebrook Parish Council re: road safety in particular relating to the A52
- b) Letter from a landscaping company offering their services
- c) Foston Parish Plan Working Group update
- d) CPRE affiliation (£20) with Best Kept village and Calor Lincs village of the year applications. Entries to be in by 3 May
- e) Audit Commission Moore Stephens reappointed for 2006/07

- f) Complaint cleanliness of playing field (The Playing Field are already aware of this letter).
- g) Information regarding Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) initiatives
- h) WI & Church floral display – a Parish Council representative is needed for a meeting on 16 March
- i) Response resident re: encroachment of back garden
- j) Doorstep crime partnership workshop 11 April, Sleaford response by 23 March
- k) Confirmation from LCC that the village will get horse warning signs on both Foston Lane and Sedgebrook Road but not on the Saltwell verge)
- l) Election pack
- m) Advice and response re: planning permission for the new shelter on The Green.

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

- 6.2 It was agreed that the CPRE subscription be renewed and that we take advantage of the free entry into Best Kept Village competition. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 6.3 Cllr Cutting would represent the Parish Council at the WI & Church meeting on 16 March and Cllr Taylor agreed to provide the Parish Council's floral arrangement for the festival week. **(Action point: HT)**
- 6.4 It was agreed that the clerk write to thank the residents in Park Avenue who have brought their rear garden boundary back in line, but also write to the neighbour whose boundary still juts out into the public area. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 6.5 It was agreed to respond to SKDC regarding their advice on planning permission for the new shelter (see minute 12.4). **(Action point: clerk)**

7 Village Caretaker

- 7.1 The Chairman reported that a new village caretaker, Laura Simpkins, had been appointed. She was the only applicant. She started work on 10 February and is on a 3 months trial. She will work 5 hours a week (£5.50 p/hr) and will be paid monthly. She will record the work she does each month and report this to the clerk.

8 Parish Council Election

- 8.1 The clerk confirmed that District and Parish elections will be held on 3 May. Nominations forms for prospective candidates need to be at SKDC offices by noon on 4 April 07.

9 Feedback on Cluster meeting hosted by Long Bennington Parish Council

- 9.1 Cllr North reported back on the Cluster meeting, minutes of which will be circulated in the correspondence box. It was clear that many problems were

common to all Parish Councils ie. planning issues, council housing, road maintenance, HGVs and road safety. It was generally agreed that the Rural North Assembly meetings should be a meeting to discuss these types of issues and not be a SKDC presentation evening.

10 Annual Parish meeting – 18 April 2007

10.1 It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 18 April should be of a similar format to the last two year. Invitations will be sent to all the groups and societies within the village. Groups will have the opportunity to report on their year if they so wish.

10.2 It was decided that the Playing Field Committee would give an update on the plans for the field, and the Parish Council would provide information on its expenditure during the year 06/07. Posters will be put around the village to encourage residents to attend. **(Action point: HT, clerk and PFC Councillors)**

11 Highway matters

11.1 The clerk reported that she had been in touch with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) having seen an article in the press about a mobile speed indicating device which had been loaned to a local Parish Council and had been, reportedly, very successful in calming traffic.

11.2 It was agreed that we ask to loan LRSP's 'Parish Link' mobile speed indicating device and also ask for their 'Parish Calm' florescent signs to be put on the 30 mph signs around the village. **(Action point: clerk)**

11.3 Cllr Hubbard reported back on the meeting he attended regarding safety issues on the A52. Although expected to attend, representative of the Highways Agency and AMScott were not there. Those in attendance were representatives from Parish Council's from Sedgebrook to Radcliffe on Trent and Pru Chandler a prospective Councillor from Melton DC.

11.4 It seems that whatever solutions are suggested to improve safety on the A52 they are unlikely to materialise as there is no money budgeted, nor likely to be. The Parish Council agreed to keep in touch with Sedgebrook Parish Council and support them where possible in campaigning to improve road safety on the local stretch of A52.

12 Planning matters

12.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 10 January 07:

- a) Approval – Erection of dwelling and triple garage land adjacent to Lambert House Farm, Bottom St
- b) Application – Two storey extension 48 Park Road
- c) Application – Extension to dwelling and replacement garage, The Gables, Side Street
- d) Application – Erection of anemometer mast, Thacksons Well Farm, Long Bennington

- e) Application – Two storey side and front extension, Yew Tree Cottage, Side Street
- f) Application – Erection wood cabin rear garden of 1a Sedgebrook Road
- g) Proposal – naming of affordable housing development 'NURSERY END'

12.2 The Chairman updated the Council on the proposed new shelter on The Green. A wooden octagonal shelter has been sourced and an example of one already installed has been seen by the Chairman and the Clerk. This particular shelter comes in various sizes.

12.3 The new shelter would be a shelter for the whole community. It will be somewhere pleasant for everyone to sit and enjoy The Green, it was thought that ramblers and cyclists passing through would also find it an enjoyable place to rest.

12.4 It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council goes ahead to buy the 4 metre diameter shelter. It would be installed at the southern end of The Green and sited so as not to block the view of the 'Old Stables' property, nor obstruct the vision of motorist coming out of the Welby Arms car park. The old York stone slabs once used elsewhere in the village can be used to surround it. The clerk will make the necessary arrangements and deal with SKDC regarding whether planning permission is required. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Financial matters

13.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 10 January 07.

13.2 The income since the last meeting has been:

- Bank interest - £14.32
- Direct Line (final settlement of bus shelter) - £6,700

Total £ 6714.32

The expenditure has been:

- Dog mess flyer - £15.00
- LALC subscription – 194.00

Total £ 209.00

Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

13.3 The clerk reminded Councillors that at the end of the month she would start preparing for the audit. It was hoped that the internal auditor would be prepared to do the audit again this year. The clerk will contact him to find out. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 13.4 The clerk reported that a new bench for the playing field would be ordered. It was agreed that the wording on the plaque should read:

*Donated by the Welby Arms Quiz forum
March 2007*

14 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

- 14.1 Cllrs McKinlay and Sewell reported back from the last Playing Field Committee meeting.
- 14.2 There were still a number of complaints about the car parking arrangements. Gonerby Youth Football Club has been told that marshalling the car park over the weekend is vital and that it is imperative that this problem is sorted out.
- 14.3 The Playing Field Fundraising committee will be putting on an Easter event and are working towards another Party in the Park type event in the summer.

15 Any other business

- 15.1 The seat in the Old Church yard is in need of repair. Cllr Hubbard would look at it. **(Action point: AH)**
- 15.2 Cllr Sewell reported back on the Shaping Local Health Services Workshop he attended on 28/2/07. It seems that Lincolnshire cannot afford specialist services at several locations. The suggestion is to have one, maybe two concentrations of specialists within the County – supported by local facilities dealing with cases requiring less specialist attention. Birthing centres, lead by midwives will replace conventional maternity units. A&E will be graded (by paramedics) for shipment to local centres of specialist hospitals. Decisions on final proposal still are to be made.

16 Date of next meeting

- 16.1 The next meetings will be:
- Annual Parish Meeting 18 April 07
 - Parish Council AGM 9 May 07

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