

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 8 July 2009

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

Also present: 4 villagers

1. Chairman's remarks

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. Villagers spoke on the following during the public forum:

- a) Pandora Mawer, the Chairman of BLOT, updated the Council on the proposed windfarm at Palmer's Hollow in Bottesford. She stated that formal objections had been received by Melton Borough Council but no date had been set for the hearing, although it was anticipated that it would be before the end of August. Also, there had been an amendment to the plans as the applicants now wanted larger blades on the turbines. However, the planned route to take the turbines and blades to the site was not feasible due to their size, as they could not negotiate the roads safely.
- b) Pandora Mawer also asked about the tennis net on the MUGA. The net has been locked away over the winter months for safe keeping. Cllr Connors said that the net would be set up the following day.
- c) Theresa Tanner said that the Village Hall Management Committee felt that the village hall was in need of a hearing loop for the hard of hearing. It was suggested that enquiries were made to particular charities to see whether any grants were available.
- d) Pam Jackson, representing the WI, spoke about their 90th anniversary celebrations. The WI has planned to celebrate this achievement by holding an Afternoon Tea Party on the Green, on Monday August 31st (Bank Holiday Monday). There would be entertainment, afternoon tea and cakes and the unveiling of a new bench on the Green.

(After the meeting closed a number of Parish Councillors and Mrs Jackson went to the Green and agreed that the bench would be sited at the Red House end of the Green, on the right hand side away from the main road.)

2. Apologies

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson he was working.

2.2 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown also sent her apologies.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2009**

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

5 **Matters arising**

- 5.1 E-on have finally installed the lamp post on the Green. The clerk will contact E-on to find out how the festive light feeder box is accessed. The clerk will also contact contractors for a quote to slab the area around the shelter and make more of a feature of it. **(Action point: clerk)**

6 **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 13 May 09**

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

- a) Thank you letter from Air Ambulance for the donation
- b) Thank you letter CPRE and their Spring newsletter
- c) GYFC pitch hire cheque
- d) Notification, with comments, of qualification to 2nd round in Best Kept Village Competition
- e) Letter from Lincs Wildlife Trust re: wildflowers and identification guide
- f) Mobile police unit due – 23rd July
- g) Next rural north local forum topics – 23 July, Barkston
- h) Private Sector Housing Stock condition survey information
- i) Reply LCC re: verge mowing
- j) Reply LCC re: footpath 3

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

7 **Defibrillator update**

- 7.1 The clerk reported that she had received a number of donations toward a village defibrillator. She had received cheques from the Welby Quiz Club, the Village Hall Management Committee, Viking Squares, Village Link and 1 to 1 Driver Training. Further donations from village groups are also expected.
- 7.2 The WI stated that they would consider donating following their Party on the Green to celebrate their 90th anniversary. There would be a raffle / lottery on the day for various fundraising causes. Councillors were encouraged to donate a prize for this. **(Action point: Cllrs)**

8 **Village Plan**

- 8.1 Councillor Cant has been in touch with a number of villagers that have expressed an interest in drawing up a Village Plan. A meeting will be held

sometime in August. It is hoped that the plan can eventually go on the website.
(Action point: MC)

9 Emergency Plan

- 9.1** The clerk reported that SKDC have issued information for parishes to draw up an Emergency Plan so that communities know the risks that realistically could affect their parish. For example, in the event of an emergency it is for villages to determine where to focus its efforts in the development of any contingency planning. Risk could include flooding, utilities failures (power, gas, water), severe weather (high winds, heavy snow, heatwave), disease outbreak etc.
- 9.2** The clerk has put together a format for a draft Emergency plan. The draft plan and guidance notes will go in the correspondence box. Councillors were asked to look at the plan and make suggestions and consider what needs to be included. **(Action point: Cllrs)**

10 Village Caretaker

- 10.1** The clerk reported, with regret, that the village caretaker wishes to resign her post at the end of August. The clerk will put posters around the village to advertise for someone new. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 Playing Field matters

- 11.1** Cllrs McKinlay and Connors reported that the Party in the Park had been very successful raising £1365. The evening had been enjoyed by everyone and the bands that played were very good. Sadly, in the early hours, after the event had finished, there was some vandalism at the field. Some equipment had been left at the field to be collected after daylight. Villagers who had equipment damaged overnight have been very understanding and no blame can be apportioned to the running of the event.
- 11.2** The Easter event had been successful raising £75 and the worm charming event in May had raised £45.
- 11.3** Thank you for all the hard work to those volunteers who cleared the bonfire site and generally tidy up the far end of the playing field. New hedging can be planted later on in the year. It is unclear who actually owns the bottom hedge of the field. The clerk will make enquiries with LCC. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 11.4** The clerk had emailed PE Hempstead & Sons to ask them for a quote for maintaining the MUGA. No reply had been received yet.
- 11.5** Last month, officials from the Big Lottery were in the area inspecting facilities which their funding had contributed towards. Although the Parish Council knew that a visit may have occurred officials ended up visiting elsewhere.
- 11.6** Gonerby Youth Football Club and the Fundraising committee had, over a couple of days, tidied and cleared out the portacabins. Thank you for their hard work.

11.7 The next event in the Fundraisers' diary would be an Abba Night at the village hall, in September. Details to follow.

12 Planning matters

12.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 13 May 09:

- Application – Amended plans for Palmers Hollow Windfarm (increase in size of turbines) inc. supplementary Environmental report
- Application and approval – single storey extension and new garage block, The Orchard, Lowfields Lane
- Application – erection of 2 detached properties and 2 single garages, Bottom Street
- Approval – removal Beech tree, The Gables, Side Street

13 Financial matters

13.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 13 May 09

Income

- Bank interest - £2.50
- Worm charming - £45
- Caretaker's grant - £297.96
- GYFC pitch hire - £288
- VHMC defibrillator donation - £100
- Village Link & 1to1 driver training donation - £50
- Party in the Park 1365.22
- Easter event - £75.61

Total £ 2224.29

Expenditure

- Various donations as agreed at AGM - £125
- Village hall grant - £850
- Jackson's of Allington (P/ Field mound clearance) - £115
- G R Gilder (P/Field digger work) - £345

Total £ 1435

Plus Clerk's and Caretaker's salary

13.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

13.3 Thanks to Ron Eldridge for fulfilling the role as our internal auditor again. The audit is currently with Auditors Clement Keys.

14 Any other business

14.1 There was no other business to discuss.

15 Date of next meeting

15.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 September at 7.30pm.

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