

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 13 July 2005

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

Also present: County Councillor Farrar
 Dawn Temple – Waste & Contract Services, SKDC
 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 subjects were mentioned:

- a) Mr Bosworth stated that he wished to update the Council with information about setting up a village web-site. (See minute 14.2)
- b) Mr Derry asked whether the Council had agreed to financially support any road sign that stated that the village was twinned with Tuffé. He was informed that the Twinning Association had begun to raise funds for this and that the Parish Council had not, at this stage, agreed to help finance this project.

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 Cllr Jackson sent his apologies; he is on holiday. Cllr Hubbard sent his apologies, he had a pre-arranged engagement.
- 2.2 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown, Mr Leeming (Indoors Bowls club), Mrs Tanner (VHMC & Twinning Association) and the school, also sent their apologies.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 Being a resident of Allington Gardens, Cllr North declared a personal interest regarding the traffic calming measures proposed for Sedgebrook Road. No other declarations of interest were made.

4. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11 May 2005**

- 4.1 Cllr Taylor asked that the minutes from the meeting on 13 May 2005 be altered at minute 13.4 to read, "... Kestrel vehicles were often seen *cutting through* the

village. Otherwise the minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters Arising

- 5.1 The recycling bin has now been installed at Allington Gardens.

6 Eco-village proposal and recycling

- 6.1 Dawn Temple, from SKDC, gave a presentation to Councillors regarding the eco-village proposal. The District Council are hoping, subject to Government funding, to set up two Eco-villages in South Kesteven to make them clean energy efficient and 'green'. She stated that a number of villages had already expressed an interest and if Allington were interested they could be considered as well. She confirmed that Allington Gardens would be included in the scheme.
- 6.2 Following the presentation Councillors agreed unanimously that it sounded like a proposal worth pursuing. The clerk will write to SKDC confirming the Councillors decision to put the village forward. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 6.3 Dawn Temple then answered a few question from the public and Councillors about SKDC's general policy on recycling.

7. Trafalgar weekend celebrations

- 7.1 A few suggestions have been put forward regarding the Trafalgar weekend celebrations.
- a) The Village Hall Management Committee are planning a traditional English supper on Friday 21 October, to follow a show which is already booked called "Late, Great Jake" about Jake Thackeray. They suggest that a beacon is lit outside the hall at the completion of the evening, or at some other time over the weekend.
 - b) The Twinning Association suggest a game of boule on one afternoon, with some players representing the English and some the French.
 - c) The Brownies would be willing to participate with something too – perhaps a stall of some sort.
 - d) School are interested in getting involved but as yet have nothing specific to suggest.

8. Correspondence received since the meeting held on 11 May 05

- 8.1 The Council has received correspondence a number of matter including the following:

- a) LCC – Parish Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan Survey – See minute 9.1.

- b) Bus services / Public transport. A letter has been received from Douglas Hogg MP thanking the Council for keeping him up to date with issues regarding the buses.
- c) Free Trees for Parishes Scheme. LCC are offering free trees again this year. It was agreed that 5 large Field Maples would be requested for the playing field. Trees will be available for collection in January 06.
- d) LALC ask that the Council examine their portfolio and let them know whether the Parish have any land under their control that is, or may be owned by the County Council. It was concluded that there is no such land within the Allington Parish.
- e) RoSPA. They will inspect the Play Area at the Playing Field sometime in August.
- f) Lincolnshire Police. They have a new Divisional Commander.

8.2 The following correspondence has also been received. These matters have financial implication and therefore notes of the discussions are minuted with other financial matters - minute 12.

- a) LCC Highways Traffic calming measures for Sedgebrook Road and Gonerby Lane.
- b) Linnells. Repairs to the Salt Well
- c) Hempsteads. Quote for bollards to restrict access to the Play Area behind Park Avenue.
- d) Victim Support. They are asking for a donation.

9 Rights of Way Improvement Plan Survey; including

- a) **Marston Lane**
- b) **Proposed Improvements to the A1**

9.1 Councillor Taylor stated that she had spoken to a couple of horseriding groups prior to the meeting to gauge their views on 'rights of way'. The Clerk completed the survey answering each question with the whole Council's view.

9.2 Following a discussion, councillors decided that they would suggest to the Highways Department that the access point from the A1, which leads to Marston Lane, be closed. It seems that the farming community no longer uses this access and it just poses a danger for those on bikes that do. It was suggested that the clerk write to LCC Highways accordingly. **(Action point: clerk)**

9.3 Councillor Taylor reported that she had been to see the presentation of the proposed A1 developments, at the King's Hotel. She expressed her concern to the Parish Council that no consideration seems to have been made for the increase in traffic that will affect Gonerby Lane. Highways have estimated that by the year 2015 Gonerby Lane traffic could have doubled.

9.4 Additionally, it was understood that Arena UK has been sold and that the new owners are considering extending the land available to riders to make a cross country course. This would inevitably have an impact on number of horses being brought to the venue, and a further increase in traffic. The clerk will

write to the Highways Agency and LCC Highways with the Council's concerns. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 9.5 A question was raised as to whether the proposed 7.5 tonnes weight restriction was still going ahead. Apparently there have been objections from other villages. County Cllr Farrar stated that a site meeting was planned for later in the month.

10 Dog Waste Bin

- 10.2 It was suggested that a secondary dog waste bin be purchased and sited more centrally within the village. The Clerk would look at the Council's budget and see if costs allowed for this. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 Planning matters

- 11.2 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 11 May 2005:

- a) Approval – Two storey extension at the Old Manor Lodge, Bottesford Road
- b) Approval – Residential development at The Nurseries, Bottesford Road
- c) Refusal for 2 dwellings, land off Lambert Rd
- d) Application and approval for a dwelling, land off Lambert Rd
- e) Application for replacement doors and window at Red House Farm
- f) Application extensions to 10 Park Road
- g) Application extensions to bungalow and garage 29 Park Road

12 Financial matters

- 12.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 11 May 05 and referred to the April to June quarterly figures. Councillors stated that they were happy with the revised spreadsheet format.

- 12.2 The following payments were presented to the Council and unanimously approved:

- a) £21.15 copying for flyers in AN
- b) £110.04 signs at the Playing field
- c) £50 Village clean up
- d) £15.16 Plaque for bench

Total: £196.35 – retrospective approval

- e) Party in the Park expenditure (breakdown of which will be presented at the next meeting)

Total: £1378.58 – retrospective approval

- f) £406.18 – Pitch markings
- g) £141.00 – Moore Stephens, 2003/04 audit fees

Total: £547.18

- 12.3 LCC Highways have provided a quote of £426.43 for 10 yellow bar markings and a “slow” for Sedgebrook Road. It was agreed, after discussion, to accept the quote. It was decided though, that a site meeting be sought to establish exactly where the marking should go. The letter from Highways also referred to the Council’s request for an advisory 20mph zone in the vicinity of the school. They state that it is unlikely that funding would be available in the current financial year. Cllr Farrar said that he would make enquiries on the matter. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.4 Linnells have provided a quote of £376.00 to repair the Salt Well as detailed in their letter dated 24 June 05. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.5 Hempsteads have provided a quote to restrict access to the Play Area behind Park Avenue. They suggest that they could:
- a) install one removable and one fixed bollard, which would cost about £350; or
 - b) install two oak posts with a chain and padlock, which would cost about £150.

It was agreed that option (b) should be pursued. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 12.6 The organisation Victim Support Lincolnshire has written to the Council asking for a donation. It was agreed that the clerk should write back stating that the budget for donations for the current financial year had been agreed and spent, but their organisation would be consider for a donation in the next financial year. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.7 The clerk reported that the internal audit has been completed. The official audit will take place by Moore Stephens on 31 August. Parishioners are able to inspect the Parish Accounts during the inspection period 25/7/05 to 19/8/05, as detailed on the Parish Council notice board.

13 **Report form the Playing Field Committee.**

- 13.2 A Playing Field Committee meeting has yet to be held following the Party in the Park and Cllr McKinlay was therefore unable to give a full report to the Council.

14 **Any other business**

- 14.1 Cllr Cutting asked for an update on the painting of the play equipment. Cllr McKinlay reported that Gonerby Youth Football Club and the Playing Field Fund Raising group are to do the job between them and that the paint had been sourced.
- 14.2 Mr Bosworth updated the Council regarding setting up a village web-site. He suggested that Grantham-online seemed the best option, and would not cost anything to set up and administer. The clerk would liaise with Mr Bosworth to take the next step towards setting up a site. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 14.3 Cllr North reported that Peach Lane had been successfully resurfaced and the new surface seemed to be standing up to the hot weather.
- 14.4 Cllr Cutting asked whether the Council could consider asking Hempsteads to cut the Sedgebrook Road verges as part of their contract. It was agreed that

the clerk would speak to them and allow them to revise their grass-cutting quote accordingly. **(Action point: clerk)**

15 Date of next meeting

15.2 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 14 September 05.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: ----- (Chairman)

Date: _____