

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 9 July 2008

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

Also present: 3 residents

1. Chairman's remarks

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those villagers in attendance. Two of the residents wished to speak about the lack of buses and the problem that the new bus passes were only for use after 9.30am. This point would be raised at agenda item 5 matters arising.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Cant she had other commitments and Councillor McKinlay who was away from home.
- 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 AGM held on 14 May 2008

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

5 Matters Arising

- 5.1 Cllr Bosworth and Hubbard reported back on the Planning update meeting held at SKDC on 17 June (minute 13.3 refers). At the meeting officials spoke about the new changes in planning legislation to take affect soon, including new spatial and infrastructure guidelines. The changes will mean that some house extensions and conservatories will no longer need planning permission but small domestic turbines and some solar panels, which are currently exempt, will. Further guidance will follow.
- 5.2 The lack of bus services and the problem of not being able to use the new bus pass before 9.30am was raised again (minute 13.4 refers). Villagers spoke of the decline of the number of buses in the village and reiterated that the only bus

that leaves the village is at 8.55am before the bus pass is allowed to be used; villagers said that the fare before 9.30 is expensive. The clerk will inform the District Councillor that this subject has been raised again and that villagers were asking for more buses. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 5.3 The library van will continue to stop at the village green and at Allington Gardens although it will only be a monthly service, not fortnightly. The reduced service was not advertised in anyway and villagers were left waiting for the van that just did not turn up. The clerk will contact the library service and ask that in future any changes be advertised in advance as a courtesy to its users. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 5.4 Cllr Hubbard and Taylor had looked at ways of extending the path around the new community shelter (minute 14.1 refers). More slabs are needed and it was thought that the slabs along the footpath outside the church in Bottesford Road may be better utilised at the shelter. At present the footpath from South Lodge to the church entrance is in a poor state and needs attention. The clerk will speak to Highways to see what can be done. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 5.5 The poor state of Marston Lane, Side Street and Gonerby Lane would also be reported. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 5.6 The idea of putting a poster on the end of the bus shelter near Peach Lane to slow traffic would need planning permission (minute 14.2 refers). As the Highways had now installed yellow backed speed signs it was decided to see how effective they would be before pursuing the idea of a permanent notice. However Cllr Bosworth would still install a notice board inside the shelter. **(Action point: AB)**
- 5.7 Cllr Hubbard had looked at the toilet block at the field and would replace the necessary pantiles and ridge tiles. **(Action point: AH)**

6 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 14 May 08

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

- a) Letter from Village Hall – increasing the hire charges
- b) Police mobile unit in village – 17 July
- c) Thank you letters from Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association and Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance
- d) Free trees for parishes scheme – application by 30 September
- e) 5% discount voucher from Timberline valid for one year
- f) Response from SKDC re: Sedgebrook Road dykes and flooding
- g) Education for Councillors on Code of Conduct – 10 July
- h) LCC - Wild flowers on roadside verges leaflet
- i) List of finalists in Best Kept village competition – Allington is not included

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

6.2 Five Field Maple trees would be asked for to continue the avenue at the playing field (point d). **(Action point: clerk)**

7 Palmers Hollow windfarm, Bottesford

- 7.1** There had been small exhibition at Bottesford showing the plans for a windfarm to be sited at Palmers Hollow, Bottesford.
- 7.2** It was reported that BLOT were in need of finance to help fight the appeal by Infinergy for the Thackson's Well windfarm proposal. The clerk stated that she had been approached by a member of BLOT asking whether the Parish Council would be prepared to help fund BLOT. After discussion it was decided unanimously that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to fund BLOT under the S137 provision. It was suggested that BLOT perhaps hold a village raffle or Auction of Promises which have raised considerable sums in the past. The clerk would write to BLOT accordingly. **(Action point: clerk)**

8 Playing field matters

- 8.1** Cllr Connors updated the Council on the MUGA project. The work was almost complete just the line markings were needed, the weather needs to be dry for this.
- 8.2** The official opening of the play area would be on Sunday 13th July. There will be a 5-a-side 'generations' football tournament, various games and stalls, a chilli cook off competition with food and drink available. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

9 Highways matters

- 9.1** The clerk reported that she has secured the use of Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership's Speed indicating Device (SID) for the fortnight commencing 4th September 08. Cllr Taylor had already got a number of volunteers to man it. Training will be provided when the SID is delivered and the appropriate sites within the village would be agreed then. The clerk has just to complete the necessary paperwork and forward a copy of the Council's Insurance Liability certificate. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.2** The clerk had been unable to ascertain the number of cars travelling along Bottom Street from the recent count. She would continue to make enquiries. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.3** The clerk also reported that the question of whether a 20mph safety zone could be implemented near the school would be considered at a LCC Committee. The committee's decision would be known soon.

10 Planning matters

- 10.1** Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 14 May 08:
- Appeal – Thackson's Well windfarm
 - Application – Alterations to erected garage, The Dingle, Berts Way
 - Application – Works to sycamore tree, Woodnook, Side Street
 - Application – erection of two dwellings adj to Wellington House, Bottom Street

11 Financial matters

11.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 14 May 08.

Income

- Welby Quiz forum (bench) - £465
- GYFC field hire - £325
- Bank interest - £65.77
- VAT reclaim 07/08 - £1616.44

Total £ 2472.21

Expenditure

- Insurance – £475.59
- Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance - £25
- Lincs Playing Field Assoc - £25
- Allington Mums & Toddlers - £50
- Village Hall grant - £850
- R Asquith (shop noticeboard) - £25
- British Gas (electric) - £6.48

Total £ 1457.07

Plus Caretaker's and clerk's salary

11.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

11.3 The clerk stated that the audit had been signed off by the internal auditor and was now with the official auditors Clement Keys.

11.4 The annual insurance would increase by £307pa for the new games area on the playing field.

12 Any other business

12.1 Cllr Taylor reported that Les North, a former Parish Councillor, and his wife Edith were to move away from the village. The clerk is to write to wish them well and thank them for the work they have both done in support of the village. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Date of next meeting

13.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 September at 7.30pm.

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