

Allington Parish Council

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

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

Also present: 5 parishioners

1. **Chairman's remarks**

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. There was nothing specific that villagers wished to raise.

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 No apologies were received.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 All Councillors declared an interest in the windfarm as they all live within the village.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 November 2007**

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

5 **Matters Arising**

- 5.1 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown was not able to report back regarding her enquires with SKDC officials about light pollution as she was not in attendance (minute 1.4 refers).

6 **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 14 November 2007**

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

- a) Letter to Douglas Hogg re: windfarm and PO closures
- b) Letters to unelected co-option candidates
- c) Letter to Norman Oley re: Arena
- d) Reply from clerk to Harold Derry re: windfarm
- e) Letters to and from Allington Gardens' Residents Assoc re: PO closure and outreach options
- f) Email from Sedgebrook clerk re: reactive speed sign

- g) Letter from Will Cragg re: 20mph limit in school zone
- h) Letter from SKDC re: Leisure Directory
- i) Notification of Rural North meeting on 25/1/08 at Ancaster Parish Hall
- j) Lincs Police Authority questionnaire for completion

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

7 Windfarm proposals

- 7.1 The clerk reported that she had completed the submission to SKDC's planning department giving the Parish Council's representations. All Councillors stated that they had read the report and were content for it to be forwarded. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 7.2 The Council thanked the clerk for her work on the report.
- 7.3 There was no representative from BLOT (Belvoir Locals Opposing Turbines) at the meeting to give an update, but it was understood that they intend to fly a tethered balloon 'blimp' at 125m near to the proposed site to give locals an idea of the height of the turbines and where they could be seen from.

8 Affordable housing

- 8.1 Cllr Cant reported that some people had moved into the new affordable housing development in Bert's Way. The 3 houses for rent were occupied but the 3 shared ownership houses were yet to be moved into.
- 8.2 The clerk reported that she had not heard anything from Muir Housing following a letter that was sent to SKDC about the selection criteria for potential residents, to which they were copied. Muir Housing's response to this letter would be chased. **(Action point: MC and clerk)**

9 Playing Field matters

- 9.1 John Slater and Cllr McKinlay updated the Council about the bid for lottery funding for a multi use games area at the playing field. John Slater gave a short address giving details of the allocation of lottery funding. SKDC have confirmed that they will be receiving funding from the Lottery and Allington's project will receive an allocation of it. The tender process will begin soon. Notts Sports will be managing the project.
- 9.2 The Parish Council will need to consider the playing field insurance. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.3 Party in the Park, Bonfire Night and the lighting of the Christmas tree had been a success. However, a final figure of funds raised was not yet available. **(Action point: SC)**
- 9.4 Cllr Cant said that she would be happy to undertake the role of Secretary of the Playing Field Committee and take the minutes at meetings. The Clerk will deal with other administration. **(Action point: MC)**

10 Highway matters

- 10.1 The Sedgebrook clerk has been in touch about the speed indicator signs. Highways have told her that the County Council are currently trialling the used of reactive signs. Twelve sites were selected last year, throughout the county and County Councillors have decided that they will wait for the results from the trial before determining their policy on further deployment. The policy will determine how they will deal with offers of external funding. Currently they will not allow parishes to use these signs but may do so at some time in the future.
- 10.2 Councillors discussed a number of other issues, including the increase of village traffic, the 'rat run' which has developed from the A1 to the A52 via Bottom Street, speeding traffic, the policy of LCC not to grit Sedgebrook Road in icy weather and the long awaited 20mph restriction in the vicinity of the school. It was decided that a site meeting be request with LCC Highways officers to discuss all these issues and ask for their help and advice on the matters. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 Planning matters

- 11.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 14 November 07:
- Application – 10 wind turbines, Thackson's Well Farm
 - Application – Two dwellings adjacent to Wellington House, Bottom Street

12 Financial matters

- 12.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 14 November 07:

Income

- Bank interest - £53.61
- GYFC – £310.50

Total £ 364.11

Expenditure

- Timberline - £4326.94
- Mike Leech shelter base - £1645
- British Gas (electricity) - £5.84
- Belvoir Estate (Christmas tree) - £100

Total £ 6077.78

Plus Caretaker's and clerk's salary

- 12.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.
- 12.3 The clerk reviewed the decision made at the November Parish Council meeting to request a precept of £15,000. Councillors were happy to stick with this figure.

12.4 The clerk stated that notice had been placed in the Grantham Journal by SKDC confirming that the new Code of Conduct had been adopted by a number of Parish Councils including Allington.

13 Any other business

13.1 Regarding the new community shelter on The Green it was decided that the electricity supply should be made safe by the electricity company, and that the path to the shelter should be extended to cross to the road side. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Date of next meeting

14.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 March 08 at 7.30pm.

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