

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 12 July 2006

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

Also present: Theresa Tanner

1. Chairman's remarks

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked Theresa for her attendance.

2. Apologies

2.1 Councillor Jackson sent his apologies; he was working away.

2.2 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown and County Councillor Farrar also sent their apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 Councillor Cutting declared an interest in agenda item 9 Twinning Association, being a member of the Association.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 May 2006

4.1 There was a typing error at minute 7.2. It should have read that the "**Planning Consultation Advisory Group** would remain as before ..." Otherwise the minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5 Matters Arising

5.1 The date for the Annual Parish meeting next year, referred to at minute 8.2, was set. It will be on Wednesday 18th April 07.

5.2 It was decided to pursue the idea of the Parish having a lorry to collect combustible waste sometime around the end of September, or early October to collect for the bonfire in November (minute 9.3 refers). The clerk is to speak to Cllr Jackson regarding the matter. **(Action point: clerk and GJ)**

- 5.3 Councillor North reported that the village diary idea referred to in minute 9.5 would begin in September. Details will be publicised in Allington News. **(Action point: LN)**
- 5.4 Kerbing has started around some of the problem areas of the village. **(Minute 9.6 refers)**
- 5.5 It was agreed that the wording for the Salt Well should read "This spring has been a water source for the village since the 13th Century and now remains a village landmark". Cllr Taylor said that she would make enquiries about a suitable plaque. Minute 13.1 refers. **(Action point: HT)**
- 5.6 A message was received from Alan Bosworth to say that he believed that the bench referred to in minute 14.1 was beyond repair. Cllr Hubbard said he would take a look at it and consider the options. **(Action point: AH)**
- 5.7 Cllr Cutting reported that the new Police Officer for the village is PC Tom McGibbon, he can be contacted on 01400 281852.

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

6.1 The clerk reported on correspondence received and sent:

- a) Highways confirmed that they would kerb Bottom Street, the back of The Green and opposite The Green and they would repair the concrete path which we assume is the path on Main Street.
- b) Bottom Street will be closed for traffic on 25 July for 5 days for essential maintenance (ie kerbing)
- c) The Free Trees for Parishes Scheme application form has been received. More details at minute 8.
- d) Confirmation has been received from Calor that the village is going forward to the next round in the Best Kept Village competition, and feedback has been received regarding the Lincolnshire Village of the Year entry.
- e) Lincolnshire Police are holding public meetings regarding the possible merger of forces.
- f) A new business from Grantham wants to set up a fish and chip round in the village. More details at minute 7.
- g) A complaint from a villager about the condition of the footpaths around the village and a request for more dog waste bins.
- h) Various letters of thanks have been received following the donations made after the AGM.
- i) SKDC will train those who are put forward by Parish Councils to act as officials to carry out duties under the new Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act.
- j) Negotiations are underway for signs to be installed as far away as Bingham on the A52, warning motorists about vehicle weight restrictions on local roads.
- k) RoSPA will inspect the playing field equipment in August.

7 Fish and Chip round in the village

- 7.1 The Council had received a letter from someone wishing to introduce a fish and chip round to the village. Councillors welcomed this and suggested that the van stops twice in the village, once outside the Village Hall and also at Allington Gardens. Cllr North confirmed that he had spoken to Berkley Parks and they had no objections to this. The clerk will contact the person concerned to say that the Council have no objections and asking for more information. **(Action point: clerk)**

8 Free Trees for Parishes Scheme

- 8.1 Councillors agreed to apply for free trees again this year. It was agreed that 5 Field Maples for the playing field be sought. **(Action point: clerk)**

9 Twinning Association

- 9.1 The Twinning Association have been raising money to erect a 'Twinned with Tuffé' sign for the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council buy a sign with a donation towards the cost from the Twinning Association. It was unanimously agreed that a single strip sign saying 'Twinned with Tuffé' be ordered, which will fit under the 'Allington. Please drive slowly through our village' sign on the Gonerby Road site. The Twinning Association are to liaise with the clerk to arrange for the sign to be ordered. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.2 The Parish Council is very proud of the work of the Twinning Association and Councillors felt that perhaps the Council would do more in welcoming the French visitors on their next visit to Allington. Councillors would consider this again at future meetings.

10 Village Hall matters

- 10.1 After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would consider helping the Village Hall out financially in order to help it continue to run efficiently. There are a number of minor repairs needed at the Village Hall and the Management Committee are reliant on fundraising events for this purpose. It was agreed that the Council would consider the Village Hall when drawing up the budget for next year, 2007/08. The Village Hall Management Committee agreed to consider what expenditure was needed in the short term and inform the Clerk of this so it can be put to the Council at the November meeting. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 Planning matters

- 11.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 10 May 06:

- a) Allowed – construction of a detached dwelling Plot 5 Bert's Way

- b) Allowed – change of use of annex to self catering holiday let / B&B, Ashes Farm, Side Street
- c) Application and approval – single storey side extension 7 Manor Paddock
- d) Application and approval – erection of dwelling Plot 6 Bert's Way
- e) Application – removal of condition to allow annexe to be used as a separate dwelling, Home Farm Barn, West Meadows

11.2 It was agreed that the clerk write to SKDC stating that the Parish Council would like a levy to be put on future development within the village in the future. The levy would be put towards village projects. **(Action point: clerk)**

12 Financial matters

12.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 10 May 06.

12.2 The income since the last meeting had been:

- £14.14 - bank interest
- £312.00 – Gonerby Youth Football Club rental

The expenditure was:

Clerk and caretaker's salaries.

- £6000 – grant to Village Hall towards the new toilet extension
- £700 – grant to Village Hall to help keep hire fees down
- £25 – donation to PO for notice board
- £15 – donation to Vitalise
- £15 – donation to GIFTS Hospice
- £15 – donation to Lincolnshire Victim Support
- £15 – donation to Kesteven Blind Society
- £15 – donation to Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association
- £200 – float for Party in the Park

Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

12.3 The clerk stated that the audit for the financial year 2005/06 had been submitted to Moore Stephens the official Auditors.

13 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

13.1 Cllr McKinlay reported back from the last Playing Field Committee meeting.

13.2 There is still a considerable amount of dog mess on the field. The problem may be alleviated when the signs are put up asking dog owners to use the avenues for exercising their dog and not the playing field itself. The signs will be installed as soon as possible. **(Action point: Playing field committee)**

13.3 Cllr McKinlay told the Council that the plan for the playing field's development had been agreed with all interested parties and grants would now be sought.

13.4 The Party in the Park had been very successful. More details would follow at the next Parish Council meeting once the Playing Field Committee had met to report fully on the event.

14 Any other business

14.1 There was no other business.

15 Date of next meeting

15.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on 13 September 06.

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