

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 14 November 2012

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

Also present: Theresa Tanner – VHMC Chairman
 1 villager

1. **Chairman's remarks**

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. Prior to the formal Parish Council meeting there was a public session and Mrs Tanner informed the Council that the village hall car park would be marked soon which hopefully would avoid inconsiderate parking by users.

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 Cllr Cant sent her apologies, she was working.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2012**

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

5 **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 12 September 12**

- 5.1 The clerk reported on some of the correspondence received and sent:
- a) Letter and response Mark Williets re: turbines
 - b) Correspondence with Geoff Horsfall re: field
 - c) Emails re: Field in Trust and land registry
 - d) Letter and responses re: Gonerby Lane footpath to houses 3-8
 - e) Email re: Wind Energy consultation including Hough on the Hill's Parish Council's response
 - f) Email to Cllr Kaberry-Brown re: Corner House appeal
 - g) Beck bridge closure letters
 - h) HMRC – getting ready for PAYE Real Time Information (RTI)
 - i) BKV 2012 winners letter

Regarding (e), Councillor Bosworth would consider the consultation and liaise with other Councillor regarding any response. **(Action point: AB)**

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

6 Representations made to the Parish Council since the agenda has been set

6.1 Cllr Taylor thought that it would be an idea to have each Councillor's photograph taken to place on the village's noticeboard and on the website under the Parish Council tab. A villager had said to her that they weren't aware of whom the Parish Councillors were, nor would they recognise any. Photographs would raise awareness. The clerk would make enquiries about getting photographs taken. **(Action point: clerk)**

6.2 The verge just along from the shop, opposite the village cross, was being churned up by a large vehicle driving over it. There were a couple of thoughts as to who may be doing this and enquiries would be made with a view to asking them to stop. **(Action point: clerk)**

7 Objectives for the forthcoming year

7.1 The clerk reminded Councillors of the agreed objectives:

- a) The play area refurbishment
- b) Setting up a wildlife/nature area
- c) Consider the village 'wish list' which has resulted from the Village plan survey
- d) Repairing the playing field drains.

7.2 Action had been undertaken on all objectives since the last meeting and it was hoped that the village plan was near completion.

8 Village Plan

8.1 Cllrs Taylor reported that a new steering group was presently working on the Village plan. Significant contributions were being made by this new group and with the goal to have the project finalised by early in the New Year. The group are currently working a summary of the analysis for publication.

9 Highway matters

9.1 The clerk reported that the Highway officer had informed her of the following:

9.2 The flood investigation for the recent flooding of Fox's Cottages in Sedgebrook Road was nearing completion. He indicated that one of the reasons for the flood, which had come out of the investigation, was poorly maintained dykes surrounding the properties. This will all be reported upon shortly and it is hoped that action can then be taken to avoid the properties flooding again.

9.3 The bridge that goes over the beck in Gonerby Lane will have some essential maintenance work done on its deck and this will mean no access for vehicles along

Gonerby Lane for the period of work, 19/11/12 until 11/1/13. Whilst this work was going on it is hoped that the potholes along the lane can be filled.

- 9.4 The gritting routes have been decided and published. There is no change regarding roads in and around the village.
- 9.5 Despite being told that the school safety zone would be installed in the 2012/13 financial year this will no longer be the case. There is a school in Grantham which is deemed to have a higher priority and this zone will be done first and our request has therefore slipped back one place. Highways have now stated that our zone will now be installed during 2013/14.
- 9.6 The permission for planters to be erected at the village's road signs has not yet been granted by the Highway officer. The clerk had reminded the Highway official and he said he would look at it shortly.
- 9.7 Recently a villager had had a nasty fall tripping on the uneven path which leads to numbers 3-8 Gonerby Lane. Following this a resident of Gonerby Lane had been in touch with the Highways division complaining about the state of the path and the clerk had also written. The highway officer has now looked at the path and agreed that it needs replacing at when this happens a dropped kerb would also be installed. However, once a dropped kerb is in place from the path to the road it will be an offence to obstruct it with a vehicle. The highway officer will consider how this kerb may be installed to avoid losing the parking positions. He would look at the matter but it would depend on what services are underground.

10 Playing field matters

- 10.1 Cllr McKinlay stated that the Playing Field Committee had met recently. She reported that work was presently being done to make an application for funding from the Lottery to upgrade the children's play area. Considerable evidence is needed for the Lottery panel regarding demand for the play equipment. An online questionnaire has now been developed and will be on the village's website which would help collate this information required. The school have already contributed to this evidence.
- 10.2 The bonfire night had been a huge success again this year. Thanks to everyone involved in its organisation. The profit from the event will be notified to Councillors in the January meeting. The lighting of the Christmas tree is the next event being planned. The tree had been ordered and it would be lit on Sunday 2nd December.
- 10.3 The clerk had been in contact with the Field's in Trust organisation for the playing field to become a QEII field. Presently they needed proof of the Parish Council's ownership of the field and this was a good time to officially get it listed with the Land Registry. The clerk would endeavour to get this sorted. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 10.4 Cllr Cragg under take work on the drains shortly. **(Action point: DC)**
- 10.5 Cllr Jackson would arrange for the hedge around the playing field to be cut back. **(Action point: GJ)**
- 10.6 The clerk reported that she had been in touch with the land owner of the copse. He had spoken to Agent and arranged for the paperwork with licence sorted out. There will be a proviso in the licence to manage vermin. The land owner also said that he would be happy to square off the copse to increase the size of nature area.

11 Planning matters

11.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish Council meeting on 12 September 2012:

- a) Appeal - 1 Bottom Street, demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 dwellings
- b) Application & approval – 40 Park Road, single storey extension
- c) Scoping opinion request – Top Farm, Back Lane, Foston – erection of turbine
- d) Application – Land off Green Lane, Marston – erection of turbine

12 Financial matters

12.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 12 September 2012:

Income

- Precept (part 2) - £7500
- Car park hire - £25
- Bank interest - £3.41
- Caretaker's grant - £321.88

Total £ 7850.29

Expenditure

- PE Hempstead (MUGA maintenance) - £126
- PE Hempstead (Grass cutting 2012) - £2172
- Audit fees - £198
- Playsafety Ltd RoSPA inspection - £75.60
- Donation to LIVES (Jubilee w/end) - £100
- Bt Gas (electric) - £7.13
- Generator for Jubilee w/end - £378.85
- HMRC (PAYE) - £130.20

Total £ 3187.78

Plus Clerk and Caretakers' salaries.

12.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

12.3 Councillors considered the budget proposal that the clerk had circulated by email and it was agreed unanimously. A precept request would remain at £15k. The clerk would submit this figure to SKDC before the deadline of 7 January. **(Action point: clerk)**

12.4 The clerk informed the Council that the statutory minimum wage had been increased with effect from 1st October 2012 and the village caretakers' salaries had been increased accordingly.

13 Any other business for future meetings

13.1 The agenda for the next Parish Council meeting will include:

- a) Refurbishment / replacement of village benches
- b) Village cross
- c) The play area upgrade
- d) Village plan
- e) Broadband

14 Date of next meeting

14.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9 January 2013 at 7.30pm.

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