

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 11 September 2013

Present: Councillor Taylor Councillor Jackson
 Councillor McKinlay Councillor Cragg
 Councillor Bosworth Councillor Hubbard
 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. There was nothing specific that villagers wished to raise.

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 Cllrs Cant sent her apologies. She was working.
- 2.2 County Councillor Paul Wood sent his apologies. He was attending another Parish Council meeting elsewhere.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the AGM held on 10 July 2013**

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

5. **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 10 July 13**

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

- a) Letter to Escritt Barrell & Golding
- b) Letter from Julia Peet & reply re: Park Road / Park Avenue open space
- c) Letters to 'inner circle' Park Road & Park Avenue residents
- d) Copy of letter from Mr Blackburn to Network Rail
- e) Copy of letter from Mrs Derry to Highways
- f) Report from Village Plan working group – list of priorities

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** It was reported that the footpath that continues towards Bottesford from the Sewstern Lane crossroads is severely overgrown. As this path is in the neighbouring county of Leicestershire it was suggested that the clerk contact the Highways division of Melton Mowbray District Council (copied to Bottesford Parish Council) to ask for it to be cut back. **(Action point: clerk)**

7 Objectives for the forthcoming year / Village Plan

- 7.1** It was agreed to discuss agenda item 11 – ‘Village Plan’ along with the objectives for the forthcoming year.
- 7.2** After discussion, and after considering the village’s priorities which were highlighted by the village plan, new objectives were made for the forthcoming year:
- a) To make safe the pavement from the property South Lodge to the church
 - b) To create a list of poor road conditions within the village in order to keep Highways updated on roads and paths that need attention
 - c) To liaise with Allington News to try and get the Call Connect bus service better advertised.

8 School safety zone

- 8.1** The clerk reported that she had been informed that the school safety zone, which was due to be implemented this financial year, had been postponed along with Highway’s improvements to Marston Lane. Marston Lane resurfacing had been postponed for budgetary reasons.
- 8.2** The clerk has written to the Director of Highways asking why the postponement of the work in Marston Lane has affected the installation of the school safety zone as they were separate issues and safety zone road markings and signage will not be in Marston Lane. As yet there has not been a reply. The clerk will inform Councillors once a response is received. **(Action point: clerk)**

9 Gonerby Lane bus shelter

- 9.1** The bus shelter on Gonerby Lane has been refurbished by volunteer villagers, led by Mr Fox and Mr Green of Park Road. The cost of materials for the refurbishment has amounted to £248. A new noticeboard has also been installed inside the shelter.
- 9.2** The clerk has already written to the volunteers to thank them very much for the excellent job they have done.

10 Library van service

- 10.1** Cllr Taylor reported that she had attended the consultation meeting at the Guildhall regarding the future of libraries and the library van service. She stated that it was an interesting meeting although poorly attended. The presenters gave an explanation of their calculation of how the number of residences within the village was established.

This figure for Allington was a lot lower than the reality. Cllr Taylor pointed out that there were considerable numbers of residents at Allington Gardens and the presenters took note of this.

- 10.2 It was concluded that there was nothing more that the Parish Council could add to the consultation.

11 Village plan

- 11.1 This item was considered under item 7 – Objectives for the forthcoming year.

12 Playing field matters

- 12.1 Cllr McKinlay reported back from the recent Playing field committee meeting. The profit from the Party in the Park is around £2000. The clerk is still awaiting a couple of invoices and once these have been received an accurate figure can be established. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.2 The annual RoSPA inspection of the play equipment was completed in August and the report has been received. The only area of slight concern is the see-saw which is due to be removed when the trim trail is installed shortly.
- 12.3 The two trim trails, one in the play area and the other beyond the MUGA will be installed as soon as possible. The clerk is in contact with Wicksteed, the installers, and will keep Councillors informed on progress. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.4 The present play equipment and surrounding fence is in need of refurbishment. A sheet has been put up in the Welby asking for volunteers to help rub down the metal and repaint it. It is hoped that this will go ahead on the weekends of 6th and/or 13th October (weather permitting). **(Action point: MMc)**
- 12.5 The next Playing field fundraising event will be the annual Bonfire event on 5th November.
- 12.6 The clerk reported that the licencing of the copse at the far end of the field is still being dealt with by the landowner and the agent.
- 12.7 A query had arisen as to whether the Playing field committee should technically be called a 'committee'. For the avoidance of doubt it was agreed that the Playing field committee should now officially be referred to as the 'Playing field advisory group'.
- 12.8 Now that the playing field has the status of a QEII Field in Trust it has been given an official plaque stating so. The plaque needs a solid construction to be attached to and it was thought that another planter, similar to the ones built at the village boundaries would be a nice idea. The clerk would make enquiries with the builder and report back at a future meeting. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Planning matters

- 13.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish Council meeting on 10 July 2013:

- Refusal – Berberene, Main Road - Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling
- Approval– Rookery Cottage, The Green – Works to Eucalyptus tree
- Notice – single wind turbine Top Farm, Back Lane, Foston
- Application – Rose Barn, Sedgebrook Road – erection of car port to side of existing detached garage

14 Financial matters

14.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 10 July 2013:

Income

- Bank interest – £3.48
- Party in the Park tickets - £3935.00

Total £ 3,938.48

Expenditure

- PE Hempstead (MUGA) - £129.98
- Planter flowers - £75.00
- Banners for Party in the Park - £114.00
- Marquee - £1170.00
- Bus shelter repair expenses - £248.14
- Playing field caretaker expenses - £22.09
- Stage for Party in the Park - £196.81
- LIVES - £250.00
- Audit fees - £240.00
- Electricity - £6.86
- Kevin Green disco - £250.00
- Generator hire - £368.16

Total £ 3,071.04

Plus Clerk and Caretaker's salaries

14.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

14.3 The clerk reported that the 2012/13 audit had been completed and the closure notice was now on the noticeboard.

15 Any other business for future meetings

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

- a) Update of the development of the Play area at the field, including the installation of the QEII Field in Trust plaque
- b) Objectives for 2013/14
- c) Development of woodland / nature area

16 Date of next meeting

16.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 7.30pm.

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