

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 13 March 2013

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

Also present: Theresa Tanner – VHMC Chairman
 Ted Berth-Jones – Village plan steering group
 2 Villagers
 Prospective County Councillor, Paul Wood

1. **Chairman's remarks**

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. Prior to the start of the meeting there were two members of public that wished to raise points for the Council:

- a) Mike Ellison, Chartered Architect, spoke regarding the development of the site at 1 Bottom Street. He gave his initial proposals for the site and showed drawings for a single detached house. These proposal will progress through the usual planning procedures with SKDC.
- b) Mr Wood introduced himself to the Council explaining that he had again put himself forward as an Independent candidate for the County Council elections in May 2013. He gave a short address to the Council giving his background and the reasons why he wished to become a County Councillor. Mr Wood decided to stay for the rest of the Parish Council meeting.

2. **Apologies**

2.1 Cllr McKinlay and Cant sent their apologies. They had other commitments.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2013**

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

5. **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 9 January 13**

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

- a) Letter and response AGRA – roads and path surfaces in village

- b) Email request for marquee hire
- c) Letter from Community Lincs: no longer delivering BKV competition with CPRE
- d) Email and response – Mike Ellison re: 1 Bottom Street
- e) Email: Gill Towers re: buses
- f) Email re: QEII Field in Trust
- g) Email re: Restricted byways
- h) Copy of email from VHMC re: car park markings
- i) Village facilities survey
- j) Email and response – LCC re: access to the village
- k) Grantham Southern Relief road bridge options
- l) Letter Local Government Boundary Commission: Electoral review of SK
- m) Letter from : Have a Field Day organisers

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 There were no representations made since the agenda.

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.

8 Community shelter

8.1 Pete Fox had made an excellent job coating the Community Shelter on the Green with a wood treatment. The clerk confirmed that she had reimbursed him for the cost of the treatment and a letter of thanks had been sent to him. All Councillors thanked him for his efforts.

9 Annual Parish Meeting – 10 April 2013

9.1 The Village Plan would be formally presented to the Parish Council at the Annual Parish meeting in April. Copies of the Village Plan would be made available online as well as paper copies would be available to borrow from the pub, the shop and the doctor's surgery.

9.2 The clerk would write to all village groups and societies to invite them to the meeting and posters would be put on noticeboards to encourage villagers to attend. **(Action point: clerk)**

10 Village Cross

- 10.1 Cllr Bosworth had nothing further to report regarding repairing the erosion on the Village Cross. The situation was ongoing and Cllr Bosworth would report back on the matter at a future meeting. . **(Action point: AB)**

11 Highway matters

- 11.1 The beck bridge on Allington Lane had finally opened on 1st March after almost 4 months but the state of the road surface on it is poor. The clerk would contact Highways and report this. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 11.2 The roads in and around the village are in a poor state following the bad weather. The clerk would report again the numerous potholes specifically those around the Green and the shop. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 11.3 Despite efforts the clerk had still not had permission for planters to be erected at the village's road signs. She will continue to chase this. **(Action point: clerk)**

12 Playing field matters

- 12.1 On behalf of Cllr McKinlay, Cllr Taylor reported that the Playing Field Committee had met recently. She stated that work was continuing towards making an application for funding from the Lottery. If the grant application was unsuccessful the Committee had decided that it would go ahead and develop anyway with its own funds.
- 12.2 The hedge around the field had been cut back. Though the hedge along the back of the children's play area still needs a cut. The clerk would contact Hempsteads to see whether they would do this work. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.3 Councillor Cragg reported that he believed that there was a broken drainage pipe underground near to the verge on the approach to the playing field. The clerk would contact Anglian Water. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.4 Councillors discussed the matter of hiring out the marquee. Councillors concluded, unanimously, that the marquee would not be hired out to village groups. The marquee is a large and cumbersome structure to erect and it needs a minimum of 5 people who are familiar with its construction. The marquee could be easily damaged if people that are not familiar it, try to erect it. Damage to it would be costly. The clerk would respond to Allington Gardens Residents' Association accordingly. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 12.5 The annual Party in the Park would go ahead on 6 July. Cllr Jackson confirmed that the bands and the marquee had been booked. It was agreed, unanimously, that this year tickets could be bought online through an agent Eventbrite as well as within the village.
- 12.6 The clerk updated Council on the Field in Trust (FIT). The playing field isn't registered with the Land Registry as it was purchase prior to this being mandatory. Presently the clerk is arranging with the FIT legal advisor to obtain the deed for the QEII Field in Trust status, as well as then getting the playing field registered with the Land Registry. A Tripartite Deed which will have to be signed by two members of the PC, and two members of the Playing field committee. **(Action point: clerk)**

12.7 The clerk had not heard any more from the landowner regarding licencing the Parish Council to use the copse at the far end of the playing field. She would continue to try and contact him. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Planning matters

13.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish Council meeting on 9 January 2013:

- a) Approval - Berberene, Main Street – Demolition of previous 2 storey side extension, erection of single and 2 storey side extension and erection of detached garage with store above
- b) Application and approval – reduce height & crown lift horsechestnut, 74 Park Road
- c) Application – Side extension, 74 Park Road
- d) Application – Crown reduce Ash tree, The Dingle, Bert's Way
- e) Application – Demolition of existing dwelling / out buildings and proposed detached chalet bungalow with integral garage

14 Financial matters

14.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 9 January 2013:

Income

- Bank interest – £3.30
- Beer Festival - £192.83
- Petal donation - £55.00
- Bonfire night - £2080.67
- Christmas tree lighting - £56.40
- VAT reclaim - £965.76
- GYFC pitch hire - £234.00

Total £ 3587.96

Expenditure

- PE Hempstead (MUGA) - £126.00
- Kath Green (Village plan expenses) - £15.00
- Fireworks - £700.00
- Glasdon (village bench) - £448.62
- Band deposit (Party in the Park 2013) - £120.00
- Art Works (Village plan printing) - £123.00
- Pete Fox (Wood stain for Community shelter)- £51.28
- LALC subscription - £257.90
- Simon Phillips (P/field hedge cutting) - £420.00

Total £ 2261.80

Plus Clerk and Caretakers' salaries.

14.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

15 Any other business for future meetings

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

- a) High speed broadband. Onlincolnshire.org states that the village is in area to get superfast broadband. The area that includes Allington is in Phase 6, so improved broadband should be available between April 2015 and September 2015.

16 Date of next meeting

16.1 The Annual Parish meeting will be on Wednesday 10th April 2013 at 7.30pm. The Parish Council's AGM will be on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm.

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