

Allington Parish Council

Notes of Parish Council Meeting held at Allington Village Hall 8 September 2023

Attendees

Cllr Marsh
Cllr Lowes
Cllr Storer
Janet Morton (Clerk & RFO)

Cllr Baron
Cllr Reynolds
Cllr Plummer

Guests

District Councillor Mark Whittington
1 resident

1. WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

Cllr Marsh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Cllr Marvin – On vacation
District Councillor Rob Leadenham
District Councillor Pam Bosworth

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

No declarations of Members interests in relation to agenda items.
No requests for dispensations from Members.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the Clerk's notes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12 July 2023 to be approved as minutes.
Proposed by Cllr Storer, seconded by Cllr Baron unanimously agreed.

5. CLERKS REPORT

Correspondence.

Clerks' correspondence and to resolve to agree any subsequent actions.

South Kesteven District Council Climate Action Strategy Consultation

Lincolnshire Highways: We need YOUR local knowledge about YOUR local roads

Connect to Support Lincolnshire Website to promote local activities

Resident regarding overgrown trees on Side Street

Request to use the tennis nets

Resident with concerns regarding fencing along Cow Lady Lane

Resident with concerns regarding the hedges on Sedgebrook Road – District Councillor Whittington is talking to Lincolnshire Highways to suggest a visit and order the land owner to cut the hedgerows back.

Proposed Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25

Finance

Income from 12 July 2023 as outlined in the respective Finance Reports was noted.

Date		Amount	
18-Jul-23	Car Parking	60.00	
05-Aug-23	Bank Interest	28.01	
	Total Income	88.01	

Date		Amount	VAT
21-Jul-23	Beermat Brewing	199.20	
21-Jul-23	Oakham Ales	236.78	
21-Jul-23	Ferry Ales Brewery	244.80	
21-Jul-23	8 Sail Brewery	185.40	
21-Jul-23	Zest Brewery	179.69	
21-Jul-23	Scott Burland	60.00	
21-Jul-23	Laptop Stand (J Morton)	8.48	
21-Jul-23	Wild Flower Seeds (A Whincupp)	22.80	
22-Jul-23	P E Hempstead 56810	415.50	69.25
23-Jul-23	HMRC	336.20	
24-Jul-23	Opus Energy	77.43	3.68
24-Jul-23	LALC Website Maintenance	102.00	17.00
24-Jul-23	LALC Internal Audit	240.00	40.00
24-Jul-23	LALC Website Maintenance	102.00	17.00
24-Jul-23	Keyboard & mouse (J Morton)	23.99	4.00
26-Jul-23	Smith Construction MUGA clean	800.40	133.40
26-Jul-23	Bank Charges	5.00	
11-Aug-23	Items for toilets (S Ashley)	9.55	
11-Aug-23	LALC Annual Training Scheme	96.00	16.00
11-Aug-23	Phenomenal Fireworks	500.00	83.33
11-Aug-23	Office Equipment (J Morton)	28.47	4.76
11-Aug-23	Speed Gun (J Morton)	182.30	
12-Aug-23	Election Charges	1202.56	
13-Aug-23	P E Hempstead 56897	415.50	69.25
11-Aug-23	RLSS	60.00	
26-Aug-23	Bank Charges	5.00	
29-Aug-23	Opus Energy	32.48	1.55
29-Aug-23	Scott Burland (Car Park)	3760.00	
	Salaries	1560.94	
	Total	11092.47	459.22

It was resolved to approve the expenditure since 12 July 2023 as outlined in the respective Finance Reports. Proposed by Cllr Baron seconded by Cllr Storer unanimously agreed.

It was suggested that the outside light at the playing field should be changed to one with a movement sensor to reduce costs.

The Budget reviewed and agreed proposed by Cllr Plummer, seconded by Cllr Reynolds, unanimously agreed

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Community Speed watch is progressing, DC Rob Leadenham is in the process of setting up training sessions dates. He will inform the Parish Councils as soon as he has some dates. DC Mark Whittington is trying to get the speed limit reduced on the A52 from Grantham to Bottesford to try and prevent accidents. All the local Parish Councils are joining forces to support this action which spans 3 counties. Local residents support is also required. Allington Parish Council agreed to support this action.

7. PLANNING

To consider the following planning applications-

S22/2440 Permission Granted

Date Received: 9th February 2023

Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Barnett

Proposal: Change of use of barns to residential annexe including single storey extension and erection of link extension including enlargement of residential curtilage

Location: Chestnut Farm Bottom Street Allington Lincolnshire NG32 2DT

S23/1054 Permission Granted

Date Received: 6th June 2023

Applicant: Mrs Anne Jackson

Proposal: Section 211 notice to remove four Cypress trees.

Location: Allington Hall Bottesford Road Allington Lincolnshire NG32 2DH

S23/1491

Applicant: Janet Morton

Proposal: GT2 - removal of deadwood Location:

Land At The Green, Allington,

App Type: Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice

S23/1352 Permission Granted

Applicant: Janet Morton

Proposal: GT1 - clearance around telephone wires Location:

Land At Park Avenue, Allington,

App Type: Trees in CA - Section 211 Notice

S23/1431

Proposal: Removal of approx. 1530 metres of self-set hedgerow to prevent future flooding of farmland and improve management of the land.

Location: Marston Lane Allington Lincolnshire NG32 2DY

FOR: Mr R Smith

S23/1017 Permission Granted

Date Received: 30th May 2023

Applicant: Mr Chris McCabe

Proposal: Erection of 2(no) detached 1.5 storey dwellings following demolition of the existing dwelling.

Location: The Rookery, The Green Allington Lincolnshire NG32 2EA

Concerns were raised regarding the removal of the 'self-seeded' hedgerow along Marston Lane. It is believed that the hedge has been there for well over 30 years and would have a detrimental effect on the wildlife and natural habitat. It was agreed to put the concerns to SKDC planning.

Cllr Baron spoke about The Rookery and how disappointed he is with SKDC planning department who totally ignored all the comments from the Parish Council and residents of Allington. Cllr Baron believes the Parish Council should write to the Chief Executive asking for a review of the recording of the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to follow this action.

8. VILLAGE IN BLOOM

Planters around the village

Suggestions were put forward regarding the potential purchase of various types of flower containers. Some of which would have a dual purpose in protecting the edges of The Green from traffic.

Tree pruning around the Village

Planning has been applied for dead wooding and trimming trees. The work will be carried out when all permissions have been received.

9. PLAYING FIELD

MUGA – Further deep cleans of the matting will take place, hopefully extending the life of the flooring.

MUGA – Cllr Plummer continues to research the replacement fencing for the damaged areas.

Car Park – Cllr Marsh reported on the car park extension which was agreed during a changeover of councillors due to the elections. Unfortunately, it was not noticed prior to the agreement that the contract quote was for a smaller extension than was required. Processes will now be put in place to prevent this type of error recurring in future. The hedgerow and undergrowth will be cut back to create more space and a further extension into the field will be considered in the future.

The advisory group is to meet to discuss the way forward and present to the council for consideration at the next meeting.

The new posts require protection from strimming - clerk to organise.

Cllr Plummer and Cllr Lowes agreed to move excess bollards that are at the top of the car park into the Shed.

Childrens play area flooring – Clerk is looking for grants to assist with the cost of replacement flooring.

Toilet update – Cllr Plummer gave costings for putting a ply sheet over the front of the toilet doors and treating at a cost of around £100. Proposed Cllr Baron, seconded Cllr Reynolds unanimously agreed

10. DEFIBRILLATORS

Save a life – Cllr Baron is looking for and collating a list people who would like to attend the session in December.

Red phone box and playing field defibs have had a quote for fitting both by a qualified electrician and will be certificated at £530 plus VAT. Cllr Storer proposed and Cllr Plummer seconded unanimously agreed.

It was agreed that the playing field defibrillator needs a lock, preferably with a key if the cabinet allows to help prevent damage.

First Aid Mental Health Champion – Cllr Storer volunteered to become Allington’s champion.

11. HIGHWAYS

6 x 30 mph signs have been given to the council for around the village. It was agreed to place 1 x exiting the village near red house gardens, 3 x on each entry to the village, 1 x bottom street, 1 x Bottesford Road to the playing field. Cllr Lowes volunteered to put them up.

Community speed watch – The speed camera has been purchased; other material required to be sourced by the clerk. Only 6 residents have emailed the clerk to become a speed watch volunteer. The signs entering the village require updating showing the best kept village winning years– clerk to research.

Sedgebrook Road hedges – District Councillor Mark Whittington is in contact with Lincolnshire Highways regarding the overgrown hedgerows along Sedgebrook Road.

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Playing Field Toilet

Community Speed Watch

Village in Bloom

A52 speed reduction

MUGA fencing

Defibs

Policies

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8 November 2023

Closed session if required