

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Allington Village Hall 15 November 2023

Attendees

Cllr Marsh	Cllr Baron
Cllr Lowes	Cllr Reynolds
Cllr Storer	Cllr Plummer
Cllr Marvin	Janet Morton (Clerk & RFO)

Guests

County 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

District Councillor Pam Bosworth
District Councillor Rob Leadenham

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

No declarations of Members interests in relation to agenda items.

One request for dispensation, Cllr Marvin declared an interest regarding the donation towards the AGRA building.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was resolved to accept the Clerk's notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 September 2023 to be approved as minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Baron, seconded by Cllr Lowes unanimously agreed.

5. CLERKS REPORT

Correspondence.

St Barnardo Hospice fundraising

SKDC Richard Cleaver

Slow Ways - National walkways

Resident re parking by GYFC on 10 Sept.

Thank you letter to resident for repairing Bottom Street road sign

Housing Strategy Invitation

Parish Council Engagement Session - North and South Kesteven - 7th December 2023

The Rookery

Lincolnshire Community Foundation Launch Household Support funding in South Kesteven

Changes to SKDC Recycling – this is a National Environment Government Scheme and has to be implemented by law. Bins have been funded by LCC.

Melton Local Plan

Proposed Prohibition of Driving - The Drift & Sewstern Lane

Finance

Income from last meeting as outlined in the respective Finance Reports was noted.

Date		Amount
05-Sep-23	Bank Interest	30.79
13-Sep-23	GYFC Annual fee	550.00
28-Sep-23	HMRC VAT refund 2022/23	6245.90
05-Oct-23	Bank Interest	31.99
03-Oct-23	Girton Sailing Club	40.00
15-Oct-23	MUGA Hire	15.00
05-Nov-23	Bank Interest	33.11
	Total Income	6,946.79

It was resolved to approve the expenditure since the last meeting as outlined in the respective Finance Reports.

Date		Amount	VAT
26-Sep-23	Bank Charges	5.00	
28-Sep-23	Opus Energy	30.89	1.47
28-Sep-23	P E Hempstead 56946	415.50	69.25
03-Oct-23	HMRC	342.00	
03-Oct-23	PKF Littlejohn (external audit)	378.00	63.00
04-Oct-23	Playsafety (RoSpa)	115.20	19.20
13-Oct-23	LALC (Training Course)	30.00	5.00
13-Oct-23	Allington Village Hall Hire	46.00	
13-Oct-23	Chain Links (D Smedley)	9.78	
13-Oct-23	Smith Construction	300.00	50.00
14-Oct-23	Phenominal Fireworks	1500.00	250.00
15-Oct-23	PF Doors (J Morton)	164.54	26.83
16-Oct-23	P E Hempstead 56991	415.50	69.25
19-Oct-23	Post protection material	12.00	
19-Oct-23	LALC (Training Course)	15.00	2.50
19-Oct-23	License for Bonfire night	21.00	
19-Oct-23	Tubs for sweets bonfire night	13.97	2.33
26-Oct-23	Bank Charges	5.00	
01-Nov-23	Allington Village Defib expenses	25.00	
12-Nov-23	Opus Energy	20.04	0.95
12-Nov-23	Clerk Expenses	27.00	
12-Nov-23	Chair Expenses	22.50	
13-Nov-23	PWLB	2,076.20	
13-Nov-23	PE Hempstead Inv 57054	415.50	69.25
13-Nov-23	Manor Farm Tree Services	550.00	
	Staff Costs	1811.00	
	Total	8766.62	629.03

It was resolved to approve the External Audit

It was resolved to approve Q2 report

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Clerk's report

Quarter ending September 2023

	Opening balance	£53,723.04
Income		
Precept		
SKDC Caretakers grant		
PFC (ringfenced) income	£ 5,539.35	
Red Phone Box (ringfenced)		
Easyfundraising	£ 25.69	
Playing Field	£ 635.00	
Lives (Ringfenced)		
VAT reclaim	£ 6,245.90	
Bank Interest	£ 83.85	
sub total	£12,529.79	£66,252.83
Expenditure		
PFC (ringfenced)	£ 1,745.87	
Playing field outgoings	£ 4,793.55	
Salaries & Income Tax	£ 2,699.57	
Insurance		
Administration expenses	£ 1,818.50	
Chairman's expenses		
Village maintenance	£ 1,428.80	
Grants & Donations	£ 60.00	
sub total	£12,546.29	
	Closing balance	53,706.54

It was resolved to approve the budget to date

It was resolved to approve the 2024/25 Budget

It was resolved to approve the precept of £24,000 for 2024/25. Proposed, Seconded and agreed by all councillors.

AGRA asked if the Parish Council could donate towards a storage shed for keeping their equipment in. After discussion it was agreed to donate £400 towards the storage shed. Proposed, Seconded and unanimously agreed.

Grass Cutting Contract for 2024 season

Three contractors were asked to quote for the 2024 grass cutting season.

It was resolved to approve the P E Hempstead & Sons for the 2024 grass cutting season.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

The Drift and Sewstern Lane consultation – the first consultation to try and downgrade many rights of ways within Lincolnshire are to be held.

Speedwatch – DC Leadenham is collecting the names of volunteers for training.

Sedgebrook bridge flooding – The bridge flooding is being looked into by the flood management team. Unfortunately, this occurs partly due to poor ditch management by the landowners and the railways.

A52 has an increase in accidents which has an impact on all the local villages it is being considered reducing the speed limit to 50mph a champion from each village is wanted as a representative.

7. PLANNING

To consider the following planning applications-

S23/0831 Conditional Approval

Date Registered: 27th April 2023

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Machin

Proposal: Submission of details in relation to conditions 3 (method statement) and 4 (joinery) of S22/2226 (Replacement timber sliding box sash windows).

Location: Corner House The Green Allington

S23/1431 Permission Refused

2nd August 2023 Date Received:

Applicant: Proposal: Mr R Smith 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

S23/1491 Permission Granted

Proposal: GT1 - (Sycamore, Cherry) - clearance around telephone wires and limb reduction GT2 - (Limes and Sycamore) - deadwood removal

Location: Land At The Green Allington

S23/0830 Permission Granted

Date Received: 27th April 2023

Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Barnett

Proposal: Conversion and extension of outbuildings to gym/home office and open fronted garage

Location: Chestnut Farm, Bottom Street, Allington Lincolnshire NG32 2DT

S23/1505 Permission Granted

Date Received: 15th August 2023

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Filby

Proposal: Addition of a bespoke timber and double-glazed garden room.

Location: Old Manor Lodge Bottesford Road Allington Lincolnshire NG32 2DH

S23/1743

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Matt Street

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property.

Location: Greenbanks, Bottom Street, Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2DT

S23/1854

Applicant: Mrs Theresa Burrows

Proposal: Replace degraded brickwork on 3x chimneys. Replace broken bricks with matching reclaimed engineering bricks and repoint with lime mortar.

Location: Plumtree House, The Green, Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EA

S23/1848

Applicant: Mrs Theresa Burrows

Proposal: Replacement of 14 existing windows the front, side and rear elevation.

Replacing single glazed windows with heritage slimline double glazed

Yorkshire Sash windows to ensure identical appearance.

Location: Plumtree House, The Green, Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EA

App Type: Listed Building Consent

The Rookery

Information regarding the outcome of the planning consultation complaint. Cllr Baron was not happy with the response and feels that it was not looked into properly but accepted that nothing further could be done.

The application regarding works on the site was discussed and a letter has been sent to SKDC planning.

The contractors have already breached conditions three times even before being given a works order.

8. VILLAGE IN BLOOM

Planters around the village

It was suggested large concrete blocks to be placed on The Green to protect it whilst the building work is done at The Rookery. Although unsightly it would be for a short term and would protect The Green from damage.

Tree pruning around the Village

The dead wooding and trimming trees of trees around the village has now been completed. The contractor suggested another inspection in a couple of years.

9. VILLAGE CROSS

To discuss and agree the future maintenance of the village cross. – Cllr Plummer suggested that a team of people look after the weeding around the Cross. Resident Mr Mould who was present at the meeting put himself forward for this.

10. PLAYING FIELD

MUGA – Muga maintenance, weed killing done, padlocks on goal posts cleaned of all sand and replaced higher to prevent blockages,

Damaged MUGA Fencing – Cllr Plummer is still looking into.

Car Park and further extension – The car park hedge has been cut back. Clerk has sourced someone to put weedkiller down over for the area. The 'No BBQ or fires' signs put back, strimming protection has been put around the car park posts. Further gravel is required for the carpark to level it up, Cllr Plummer to source colour and costing and report back to the council this was Proposed, seconded and agreed by all councillors.

Toilet doors update – The toilet doors have now had a treated veneer over the top to prolong their life. It was resolved to approve a councillor to do monthly play area checks. Training will be given via LALC.

It was resolved to get further stones to extend the entrance near the bonfire site entrance.

The artificial grass footpath has become very slippery sand has been applied as a temporary measure. – Clerk to ask Smith Construction if they can give it a clean at the same time as the MUGA clean

11. DEFIBRILLATORS

Red Phone Box and Playing Field defibrillators update – [contractor hoping to be able to fit towards the end of December](#)

12. HIGHWAYS

The recent flooding caused some of roads to become only passable if you had a 4x4 vehicle.

The bridge at Sedgebrook - CC Mark Whittington is already in communication with the railways and local farmers.

The A1 unfortunately is out of our control and is a National Highways issue we are hoping they will be looking into problems.

Sedgebrook Road overgrown hedgerows – This needs everyone to put it on Fix my Street, CC Mark Whittington has already highlighted to LCC but needs more people to do so to support his application to give it higher priority.

13 POLICIES

It was resolved to approve the following policies

Code of Conduct

Environment and Sustainability Policy

Communications Policy

Equal Opportunities Policy

Complaints Policy

Media Policy

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Petanque Piste

District Diary

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3 January 2024

Closed session if required

A 5% pay increase was agreed for all staff