

# Allington Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Allington Village Hall 3 January 2024

### 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**

The Chair welcomed and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and looked forward to working together to continue making Allington a lovely safe Village to live in. To add structure to meetings and become more professional, the Chair asked councillors to “speak through the Chair” raising their hand to be invited to speak. The Chair encouraged all councillors to participate.

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

District Councillor Pam Bosworth

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

No declarations of Members interest in relation to agenda items.  
No requests for dispensation.

#### 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was resolved to accept the Clerk’s notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 November 2023 to be approved as minutes. - All agreed

#### 5. **CLERKS REPORT**

##### **Correspondence.**

Proposed Prohibition of Driving - The Drift/Sewstern Lane  
Parish Council Engagement Session - North and South Kesteven - 7th December 2023  
Flood Alert  
Summary of Devolution Deal Lincolnshire  
Thank you letter from AGRA for the donation.  
Community Ownership Fund  
Digital Transformation survey  
Email from a resident regarding Sedgebrook Rd hedges.  
Invitation to stakeholder workshop 18th January - SKDC Tree & Woodland Strategy

##### **Finance**

Councillors discussed how best to deal with the “playing field fundraisers” finances. This voluntary group are an important asset to the village and take primary responsibility for a series of events each year, raising funds to be used in conjunction with the parish council for playing fields projects. A full report of the fundraiser’s accounts will be available for the next meeting.

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

Date	Description		Cost
14-Nov-23	Easy Fundraising		23.11
20-Nov-23	Bonfire Night Cash		5223.30
05-Dec-23	Bank Interest		32.09
13-Dec-23	Donation from Xmas Tree Lighting		109.37
19-Dec-23	Community Cleaner Grant		463.32
			<b>5851.19</b>

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

Date	Description	VAT	Cost
15-Nov-23	Unipart (speed camera cable)	30.12	180.72
26-Nov-23	Bank Charges		5.00
28-Nov-23	AGRA Donation		400.00
28-Nov-23	LALC Course Fee		24.00
28-Nov-23	Manor Farm Tree Services		500.00
28-Nov-23	Opus Energy	1.42	29.80
29-Nov-23	Manor Farm Tree Services		500.00
30-Nov-23	Manor Farm Tree Services		100.00
02-Dec-23	P E Hempstead INV 57117	83.25	499.50
02-Dec-23	P E Hempstead Inv 57052	24.00	144.00
24-Dec-23	BWP Creative (Email domain)	20.00	120.00
24-Dec-23	P Trundley (Bonfire Night Bar)		392.09
26-Dec-23	Bank Charges for depositing cash		26.29
27-Dec-23	Opus Energy	1.22	25.69
	Staffing Costs		1757.46
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>160.01</b>	<b>4286.17</b>
	Ringfenced Playing Field Fundraisers expenditure		
30-Nov-23	CJ Wade (Bonfire Night Lighting)	14.71	88.24
11-Dec-23	J Slater Xmas tree lights	31.80	190.80
24-Dec-23	P Trundley (Bonfire Night Bar)		392.09
26-Dec-23	Bank Charges for depositing cash		26.29
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>46.51</b>	<b>697.42</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206.52</b>	<b>4,983.59</b>

Q3 report was noted

#### **ALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk's report

Quarter ending December 2023

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>£53,706.54</b>
<b>Income</b>		
SKDC Caretakers grant	£ 463.32	
PFC (ringfenced) income	£ 5,372.67	
Village Amenity Fund (ringfenced)	£ 23.11	
Playing Field	£ 15.00	
Bank Interest	£ 97.19	
<b>sub total</b>	<b>£5,971.29</b>	<b>£59,677.83</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
PFC (ringfenced)	£ 4,303.59	
Playing field outgoings	£ 902.06	
Salaries & Income Tax	£ 3,108.03	
Administration expenses	£ 690.99	
Chairman's expenses	£ 22.50	
Village maintenance	£ 3,102.22	
Grants & Donations	£ 400.00	
<b>sub total</b>	<b>£ 12,529.39</b>	
	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>47,148.44</b>

#### **Grants**

The clerk informed the council that she had had a meeting with the grant advisor at SKDC and was advised that for most positive grant outcomes you need to show that you have involved the local residents, it was suggested that a survey regarding any applications is done, the best way to do this is via internet sites such as survey monkey. Generally, there is a response rate of about 5%.

#### **6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

##### **Flooding**

DC Mark Whittington informed the council that The Beck was flushed through before Christmas but a month's rainfall in 24 hours it could not cope. The bridge flooded due to the amount of rain in a such a short timescale, the work done previously is sufficient with normal rainfall, monitoring will continue to see if further work is required. During the latest floods the fire brigade pumped out the bridge at Sedgebrook and Gonerby Lane these have remained clear since. It has been agreed with Railways and LCC that the bridge drainage will be jetted on a regular basis.

Ditches are the responsibility of the landowners. DC Whittington is having a meeting with the Drainage Board agency who is responsible for enforcing the clearing of the ditches by landowners. DC Whittington asked that any information regarding ditches and flooding to be sent to him preferably with photographic evidence.

Peach Lane with regard to the field flooding over into Allington Gardens and Bottesford Road next to Cow Lady Lane and opposite the playing field were also highlighted.

Fix my Street should be used to report flooding as well as to the LCC flood site.

A councillor suggested a live webcam to assist road users to see if the bridge was clear.

Sedgebrook and Allington could work together reporting the state of the bridge and putting signs out.

##### **Grants**

DC Rob Leadenham informed the Council that a Community Grant and Prosperity Grant is available but believes that they may not be around for much longer.

SKDC is going to start having information stalls and come to village events and shows where possible to explain what the District Council does and how to get assistance if required.

DC Leadenham is to send out a list of who to contact in an emergency within the District Council  
An Emergency Plan is required for the village this will give information as to who is available in an emergency within the village and have a contingency plan if required. [Cllr Marvin volunteered to look at this.](#)

### **Speedwatch**

Training for the speedwatch programme will hopefully be in February.  
Areas for specific speed checks to be noted and sent to DC Leadenham.

## **7. PLANNING**

To consider the following planning applications-

### **S23/1743 Permission Granted with conditions**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Matt Street

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

Location: Greenbanks, Bottom Street Allington Lincolnshire NG32 2DT

### **S23/1803 Approved**

Applicant: Mr McCabe

Proposal: Submission of details reserved by Conditions 3 (Archaeology), 4 (Construction Management Plan), 6 (Materials), 7 (Site Levels), 9(Landscaping), 10 (Sustainable Buildings) and 11 (Access Improvements) of planning permission S23/1017 (Erection of 2(no) detached 1.5 storey dwellings following demolition of the existing dwelling)

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

App Type: Discharge of Conditions (Planning)

*Any damage to the village green area whilst building work at the Rookery is in progress is to be photographed and sent to the planning office immediately. Photos are to be taken now to show that there is no current damage.*

### **S23/2317**

Applicant: Barry and Carole Raynor and Hobster

Proposal: Garage conversion and reforming roof to provide first floor accommodation including rear dormer.

Location: 28 Park Road, Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EB

### **S23/2228 Approved**

Date Received: 4th December 2023

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Knox

Proposal: Non-material amendments in relation to S15/2610 (The erection of single storey side and rear extensions and two-storey front, side and rear extensions; erection of a two-storey detached garage)

Location: Conifers Sedgebrook Road Allington

## **8. VILLAGE IN BLOOM**

### **Planters around the village**

The possibility of further planters around the village green was discussed - [clerk to source some information regarding planters.](#)

## **9. PLAYING FIELD**

Damaged MUGA Fencing the source has unfortunately used all the panels they had but will let Cllr Plummer know when they purchase some more.

The artificial grass footpath has become very slippery, sand has been applied as a temporary measure. The contractors that maintain the MUGA have been asked for a quotation to include this area when they next attend – [clerk awaiting a response](#)

No parking on the grass signs to be sourced - [clerk](#)

## **10. DEFIBRILLATORS**

Red Phone Box and Playing Field defibrillators are now in place - [Cllr Reynolds to register the defibs and put contact instructions on each in case of usage.](#)

**11. HIGHWAYS**

The recent flooding caused some of roads to become only passable if you had a 4x4 vehicle. It was suggested that a live webcam be placed to observe the state of Sedgebrook Bridge rather than people having to use the Facebook site. [Cllr Lowes to supply further information as to costing.](#) [Cllr Plummer and Cllr Marvin](#) to speak to Sedgebrook Parish Council to see if they would be willing to do a joint venture with the webcam and monitoring. Sedgebrook Road overgrown hedgerows – Fix my Street report from LCC have said they will be monitoring but they have other priorities at the moment. Cllr Marsh to send the response to DC Whittington. The purchase of a further 5 x 30mph signs at £20 each to place around village was agreed.

**12. EASYFUNDRAISING**

Unfortunately, no information regarding Easyfundraising was promoted on the run up to Christmas period, the council has been told that it will be promoted on a regular basis from now on via different types of media.

**13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Planters for the Village in Bloom  
Emergency Flood Plan  
Petanque Piste funding for a picnic table  
District Diary to prevent a clash of dates with other villages  
To review the Village Plan

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6 March 2024