

WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 AUGUST 2021

PRESENT:

Parish Council

Cllr David Ward – Chair

Cllr Iain Gowans

Cllr Ish Kamran

Cllr Sue Latham

Cllr Steve Snell

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Mrs Maggie Ashcroft, Mr Paul Bragg

Cllr David Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting which is being held in the village hall after the easing of lockdown restrictions but with all attendees complying with the current Covid-19 regulations.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Maggie Ashcroft asked for clarification on a recent suggestion that Breedon's would be moving from their location in King Street when the new quarry between West Deeping and Molecey Mill is excavated. It was confirmed that, as far as we are aware, this is not the case.

Mrs Maggie Ashcroft also confirmed that she is working with Cllr Sue Latham to prepare documents which will 'map' names and plots in the cemetery.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 24 MAY 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2021, previously circulated were agreed unanimously as a correct record. They were proposed by Cllr Sue Latham, seconded by Cllr Steve Snell and signed by the Chairperson.

5. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

6. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH COUNCIL

Our PCSO, Rowena Everitt, provided a written report in advance of the meeting which was summarised by Mr Ian Coles, covering areas such as inappropriate vehicle use, anti-social behaviour, a burglary and suspicious activity in the Market Deeping area.

7. WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting, there were three representatives of Anglian Water present with positive and in-depth discussions held amongst all those present.

Cllr David Ward reported that a resident had asked him for a direct contact number for the Senior Project Engineer of Anglian Water (AW) but he felt that it was inappropriate for this to be provided and that they should either make comments through ourselves, the Drainage Action Group or directly to AW on the publicly advertised contact numbers.

8. MINERAL EXTRACTION

A further meeting to discuss the MS29 project in more depth is being held at Breedon's on Wednesday 1st September. Cllr Ish Kamran is attending this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mr Ian Coles confirmed that there was a Planning & Regulation Committee at Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) due to be held on Monday 5th July 2021 in respect of the MS25 project at Greatford. No further correspondence has been received subsequently and we therefore await developments.

9. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Mr Ian Coles confirmed that he had been in contact with SKDC regarding the large pothole in the area in front of 10-13 King Street and that they were due to visit the site with a contractor by the end of July 2021. No further progress has been made so he will chase them up in order that we can rectify this as soon as possible.

Cllr Sue Latham confirmed that several footpaths which had needed attention following significant growth in the last few months have now been attended to by Highways at Lincolnshire County Council (LCC).

10. CEMETERIES

Following the removal of the metal gates at the entrance to the cemetery last year, we planned to have these repaired in the 2021/22 financial year by B & R Fabrications following all the quotations that we received. However, certain residents had commented that having an 'open' entrance made the cemetery more welcoming and following discussions at the recent Annual Parish Meeting, it was agreed that they would not be reinstated at the present time. Following this meeting, Mr Ian Coles advised that he had been contacted by Mrs Rosie Sly whose husband, George, would be willing to shot blast and paint the gates for us without charge. It was agreed that we should take up this kind offer although the gates also need to be galvanised so Cllr Sue Latham will liaise with her husband, Dick, to do this and will contact Rosie to discuss this. It was pointed out that we will then need to attend to the gate posts but it was felt that we should proceed with repairing the gates in the meantime and discuss this further at the next meeting.

Woodcraft Tree Services had previously offered us an additional half-day of work at no extra charge after completing the work they did earlier in the year in a shorter time than previously anticipated. It has been brought to our attention that there are several trees in the churchyard which need cutting back and it was agreed that Mr Ian Coles should contact Woodcraft to arrange for this as soon as possible.

Cllr David Ward mentioned that the hedge at the front of the cemetery is protruding on to the pavement and has been causing difficulties for residents walking past it. Whilst we know that there are certain restrictions on when hedges can be cut back, Mr Ian Coles and Cllr Sue Latham will liaise with Gary's Gardens regarding this.

11. GARY'S GARDENS

Mr Ian Coles confirmed that he had received correspondence from Gary's Gardens expressing their disappointment at not being appointed as the contractor to deal with the cemetery trees which were cut back earlier in the year by Woodcraft, particularly as they had become aware that their initial quotation was cheaper. It was confirmed that the reason Woodcraft were chosen was because they produced a 'long term plan' for dealing with the cemetery trees which councillors were very impressed with. In actual fact, the cost of dealing with the cemetery trees was almost identical to the original quotation from Gary's Gardens as Woodcraft completed the work in a shorter time than originally anticipated and have offered us the additional half-day work free of charge, as in point 10. above.

12. BUS SHELTER

Mr Ian Coles had contacted three companies and asked them if they would like to quote to repair the bus shelter for us. Only one of these companies chose to do so but, on inspection, they produced an in-depth analysis for us and advised that they felt the shelter was beyond repair and should be replaced. Cllr Ish Kamran has also inspected it and has come to the same conclusion. Mr Ian Coles pointed out that we can apply for a grant from SKDC to do this and it was agreed that we should now obtain quotations for replacement, not repair.

13. EXPANSION OF TALLINGTON LAKES

As mentioned at the recent Annual Parish Meeting, concern has been expressed on the proposed development at Tallington Lakes where it has been suggested that an aquapark is being built, increasing traffic along the A1175. However, it was felt that we can have little impact on this and we know that LCC, SKDC, The Environment Agency and Tallington Parish Council are all fully aware of the situation. Consequently, it was agreed that no further action is required at the present time.

14. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

Cllr Ish Kamran has been working with Cllr Iain Gowans and Mrs Yvonne Arnold to set up a committee, independent of the Parish Council, to discuss this in further depth. Identifying a suitable site will be a key aspect of their discussions. Cllr David Ward mentioned that a resident had already expressed reservations to him about using the Tinsley Field although it was recognised that, whichever location is chosen, we are unlikely to please everyone. It was also confirmed that the private land at the back of the Red Lion is not suitable for use and that the current playground that exists there is not available to be used by residents.

15. PLANNING

There have been the following applications since the last meeting:-

- S21/0448** – A proposed single storey rear extension at Suilven at Church Lane which has been reviewed by councillors who had no comments or objections. Planning permission was granted on 17th May 2021. At the last meeting, Mr Ian Coles advised that he had been contacted by the architect engaged in the project regarding a boundary wall which may be impacted and has asked the Parish Council to sign a document agreeing to any necessary alterations. It was also suggested that the wall in question is likely to be owned by the Parochial Church so Mr Ian Coles confirmed this to him and suggested that he should contact the]m instead. No further correspondence has been received on this matter.
- S21/1063** – Insertion of solid shutters to internal walls at The Granary, 23A King Street which councillors have reviewed and had no comments or objections. Planning permission was granted by SKDC on 6th August 2021.
- S21/1067** – Proposed first floor, side and single storey extensions at 38 King Street which councillors have reviewed and had no comments or objections. Planning permission was granted by SKDC on 26th July 2021.
- S21/0892** – Erection of two storey detached garage at 41 King Street which is currently under review by councillors.

16. FINANCE

The bank balances in our current and deposit accounts are £1,104.48 and £2,600.39 respectively. Since the last meeting, we have received £0.04 in bank interest, levies for use of the Boaty from Tinsleys and Anglian Water of £130.00, burial fees of £85.00, a VAT refund from HMRC in respect of 2020/21 expenditure of £496.22 and £480.00 from WD Parish Charity in respect of maintenance costs for the Tinsley Field. We have paid £573.00 to Gary's Gardens (of which £280.00 relates to the Tinsley Field and £240.00 has already been reimbursed), £1,047.16 for gross salary payments to the clerk plus monthly expenses totalling £52.00, £380.03 to BHIB for our annual insurance, £49.99 for stationery and £25.00 for a voucher for our internal auditor.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

None received other than from Gary's Gardens, as already referred to in point 11. above.

Mr Paul Bragg asked if we had received details from SKDC regarding the re-routing of lorries from the gravel extraction sites of Breedon and Cemex in King Street. Mr Ian Coles confirmed that nothing has been received to date so Paul will forward a copy on to him.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Iain Gowans confirmed that he has relocated the speed indicating device in the village to monitor the northbound data and compare it with that extracted so far for southbound traffic. It is questionable how much impact the presence of the device actually has as current information does not indicate that we have a speeding problem in the village. This will continue to be monitored to see if we do actually need it and if not, we could consider selling it on to another village, in the same way that we purchased it from Gosberton Parish Council.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8th November 2021, with a date of Monday 7 February 2022 agreed for the following meeting. All meetings to start at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____