

## WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2024

**PRESENT:**

**Parish Council**

Cllr Glenn Fuller – Chair

Cllr Gareth Williams

Cllr Brian Marsden

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Mrs Maggie Ashcroft, Mrs Lisa Blackmore, Mrs Alison Ireland, Mr Graham Magee, Mr James Mooney,  
Mr Iain Stowe, Mrs Jean Stowe,

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Sue Latham

Cllr Anna Thompson

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Since the last meeting, it has been noted that all councillors have land or property interests in the village and the value of these could potentially be affected by future mineral extraction. As a result, it was proposed by Cllr Glenn Fuller, seconded by Cllr Gareth Williams and agreed by all that councillors be granted a dispensation to allow them to participate in discussions on this matter for a period up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2027. Consequently, each councillor signed a form confirming their request for dispensation, which also includes discussions to set our annual precept. In addition, councillors have updated their Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest (DPI) forms, where relevant and Mr Ian Coles will arrange for these to be forwarded to the Democracy Department at SKDC.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2024, previously circulated, were agreed unanimously as a correct record. They were proposed by Cllr Glenn Fuller, seconded by Cllr Brian Marsden and signed by the Chair.

**4. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Gareth Williams updated the meeting on previous discussions for purchasing large poppies and two metal soldier silhouettes for Remembrance Day this year. As the cost of these is not included in our budget, we are looking for sponsorship from residents and local businesses and Gareth will be sending out a letter shortly with more details about this.

At the last meeting, we discussed the funding that is available from SKDC for community orchards. Cllr Glenn Fuller and Cllr Gareth Williams have reviewed this and suggested the possibility that it could be used in the cemetery where certain trees have died. Mrs Maggie Ashcroft also mentioned that Breedon's had suggested the possibility of funding a community orchard in the village at previous Quarry Liaison Meetings. It was agreed that we would discuss this further at the next meeting.

**5. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH COUNCIL**

No reports received this month.

## **6. WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT**

Cllr Gareth Williams confirmed that he has attended meetings of a 'Multi Agency Group' (MAG), set up by Anglian Water, with four villages (including Tallington and West Deeping) invited to work together to discuss flooding and sewage problems and take any possible steps to minimise or prevent these reoccurring in the future. We have now been advised that these meetings will now be managed by AECOM, an independent consultancy firm and we are currently waiting for details of the next meetings.

Mrs Alison Ireland mentioned that the continued development of Tallington Lakes is likely to increase the impact on our flooding and sewage issues in the village. This will continue to be monitored and referred to in discussions at our MAG meetings.

## **7. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Gareth Williams confirmed that he has had discussions with Anglian Water regarding the repair of the potholes along the Boaty. It was also noted that one of the worst areas is the entrance from King Street and SKDC may be able to help with this so we will obtain quotations for rectification and then decide on the best solution. Gareth also noted that there are several trees along the Boaty that require attention, particularly at the back of the Red Lion and it was suggested that the owner should be contacted about this. It was also suggested that the Langdyke Trust may be able to provide advice or assistance and we should consider this possibility.

Mr Ian Coles confirmed that he has continued to chase the Highways Department at LCC regarding the resurfacing of the footpath on Stamford Road, which has been repaired with tarmac, whereas it was previously a grass verge. They have confirmed that an investigation is still ongoing and we await further updates.

Cllr Gareth Williams has been attending the Parish Council Engagement Sessions with Lincolnshire Police on road safety, which also includes discussions on our speed indicating device. He has been monitoring the data from this and concluded that we fall into the 'low to medium risk' category. The device will also be switched from southbound to northbound periodically to ascertain if there are any significant differences between each direction of travel along King Street.

## **8. CEMETERIES**

The fallen tree in the cemetery needs to be dealt with and it was agreed that the debris will now be cleared up. It was noted that there are several other nearby trees that have died and it was felt preferable that we apply for planning permission to remove them all. Mr Ian Coles will contact SKDC in this respect and will advise further.

We were recently asked by one of the local funeral directors if the soil removed from digging a grave in the cemetery should be taken away. In the past, the soil has been deposited at the back of the cemetery but there is quite a significant amount accumulated there now. It was agreed that we would discuss this further with Cllr Sue Latham and decide on the best course of action.

## **9. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND**

Cllr Gareth Williams confirmed that a number of options are being considered for the location of the proposed playground and has suggested that a working group should be set up to discuss this, along with possible fundraising ideas in order to finance it.

## 10. MINERAL EXTRACTION

Cllr Glenn Fuller summarised the current position with regard to ongoing and proposed mineral extraction in and around the village.

Since the last meeting, we had been successful in raising awareness of the issues that we continue to face and had received extensive media coverage following a demonstration held outside our village hall following the Public Consultation by Breedon's in our village hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

We also made extensive comments and had strong representation at the meetings of LCC's Scrutiny Committee and their Executive and have canvassed individual councillors on these and the Planning Committee to try and obtain support for our opposition to the inclusion of SG17, the land to the south of the A1175 adjacent to our village, in LCC's updated Minerals and Waste Local Plan. This Plan is now open for consultation until 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and 'response' forms are available on LCC's website for anyone who wishes to make comments regarding this.

## 11. PLANNING

There has been one application since the last meeting:-

**S24/0981** – 31 Stamford Road – Proposed two storey and single storey rear extensions.  
This has been reviewed by councillors who had no comments or objections.

At previous meetings, the following applications had been circulated to councillors and were under review. There were no comments or objections and work was allowed by SKDC on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024 respectively :-

**S23/1506** – 18 King Street – Single storey rear extension / detached double garage.  
**S24/0155** – The Granary, Stamford Road – Change of use to residential / single storey rear extension.

## 12. FINANCE

Our current balances are £599.76 (current account) and £7,000.00 (deposit account). Since the last meeting, we have received burial fees of £110.00, Boaty levies of £60.00, reimbursement of charges for the Tinsley Field of £390.00 from West Deeping Parish Charity and deposit account interest of £24.27. Our expenditure was made up of £840.00 to Gary's Gardens (of which £420.00 relates to the Tinsley Field and £160.00 is still to be reimbursed), clerk salary payments of £2,046.17, £300.00 for our annual insurance, administration expenses of £125.61 and £25.00 for a voucher for our internal auditor, as agreed at the last meeting.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

As agreed at a previous meeting, Mr Ian Coles contacted the Environment Agency to ask if they will be cutting weeds back in the River Welland this year, after previously advising us that this was monitored annually. A response is currently awaited.

Mr Ian Coles mentioned that we had been contacted by the Patient Participation Group of the Deepings Practice to advise us that a question and answer session had been set up at the surgery on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024. We are able to submit one primary question and send a representative to this meeting if we wish to do so. It was agreed that details of this would be put on our Facebook page and if any residents wished us to raise any concerns that they had, they should contact us by email and we would then deal with it on their behalf.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs Maggie Ashcroft pointed out that either our website or Facebook page refers to the fact that we have six councillors. This is clearly an error so will be investigated and corrected as soon as possible.

**15. OPEN FORUM**

No matters raised.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7 p.m.

Additional meeting dates for 2025 will be agreed at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_