

WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025

PRESENT:

Parish Council

Cllr Glenn Fuller – Chair

Cllr Sue Latham

Cllr Anna Thompson

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Cllr Ashley Baxter, Cllr Pam Byrd, Mr Paul Bragg, Ms Anne Davison, Mr Mike Hutchings, Mr Graham Magee, Mr Iain Stowe

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Gareth Williams

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2024, previously circulated, were agreed unanimously as a correct record. They were proposed by Cllr Anna Thompson, seconded by Cllr Sue Latham and signed by the Chair.

4. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

5. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Ashley Baxter and Cllr Pam Byrd updated us on various matters from SKDC including :-

- Ongoing discussions regarding the increased development at Tallington Lakes;
- Weight restrictions through the villages of Langtoft and Baston;
- SKDC fees and charges review;
- Deepings Leisure Centre (no further developments since last meeting);
- The reclassification of land for mineral extraction from 'green fields' to 'brown fields';
- The possible transfer of land from Breedon's to the Langdyke Trust for future management once mineral extraction work has been completed;
- The possibility of establishing an Urgent Treatment Centre in conjunction with the Patient Participation Group of the Deepings Practice.
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6. WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

In the absence of Cllr Gareth Williams, Mr Ian Coles provided an update from the recent meetings of our 'Multi Agency Group' (MAG), set up by Anglian Water to discuss and try to minimise the impact of any ongoing and future flooding and sewage problems. This is a joint group with Tallington and recent issues have primarily focused on problems beneath the railway crossing, where blockages have been identified.

7. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

At the last meeting, we discussed the repair of potholes and tree work in the Boaty, which Cllr Gareth Williams had previously suggested could be dealt with at an estimated cost of £750. Mr Ian Coles confirmed that, based on an updated projection of our financial position up to 31st March 2025 sent to councillors recently, we should now have sufficient funds to be able to deal with this. It was agreed that he would contact Gareth to ask him to obtain definitive quotations so that we can now move forward and rectify both issues as soon as possible.

8. CEMETERIES

It was agreed at the last meeting that Cllr Sue Latham and Mr Ian Coles will examine all the trees in the cemetery to assess which ones need to be removed so that we apply for appropriate planning permission. This was carried out and we concluded that two trees have died, including the one that has fallen over, so we applied to SKDC for permission to remove them, which was granted on 17th December 2024. Sue mentioned that Gary's Gardens had visited the cemetery recently and has dealt with the two dead trees already, although we still need them to deal with other trees which need 'tidying up' and are also overhanging adjacent gardens.

Cllr Sue Latham also mentioned that Gary's Gardens have trimmed back our yew trees, as part of their standard annual work carried out for us.

9. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

There have been no further developments since the last month, although we understand that Cllr Gareth Williams has asked for volunteer committee members through Facebook so we will review this further at the next meeting.

10. BUS SHELTER

Mr Paul Bragg pointed out at the last meeting that there are bus shelters in the villages of Barnack and Pilsgate which he feels would be suitable for us and it was agreed that Mr Ian Coles would contact their Parish Council to ask if they could provide us with information of the costs / suppliers. As a result, we have ascertained that these were provided by Littlethorpe of Leicester, who our previous Chairman, David Ward, had contacted a few years ago and obtained quotations. However, as we believe that they were funded by Peterborough City Council, they were unable to supply us with any indication of cost. Mr Ian Coles contacted Littlethorpe independently for an estimation and we have now concluded that this would be a minimum of £10,000, including delivery, installation and VAT. As we are unlikely to be able to proceed with this in the foreseeable future, it was agreed that, from 2026/27 onwards, we would aim to build up surplus funds of £1,500 per year which, with possible grants available from Lincolnshire County Council, may allow us to reconsider this in around 5 year's time.

11. GARY'S GARDENS

Gary's Gardens have emailed us with a cost quotation for this year, with certain items having increased slightly from last year. However, it was felt that these were reasonable and we were happy to accept it. This was proposed by Cllr Glenn Fuller, seconded by Cllr Anna Thompson and agreed by all. Mr Ian Coles will contact Gary's Gardens to confirm this and also reminding them of the previous agreed number of cuts to grass areas, trees and hedges. We also received approval from West Deeping Parish Charity for the charges proposed by Gary's Gardens in respect of the Tinsley Field.

12. MINERAL EXTRACTION

Cllr Glenn Fuller advised that there had no been developments since the last meeting in respect of the expected application for planning permission for additional mineral extraction by Breedon's.

We have received notification of a revised application for additional gravel extraction at the present site at Greatford and whilst this has been amended to exclude the transportation of minerals from the site until the road has been sufficiently widened, we still intend to raise objections to this prior to the forthcoming deadline.

13. PLANNING

Apart from the aforementioned application for tree work in our cemetery by ourselves, there has been one other application received since the last meeting:-

S24/1929 – Removal of existing extension and erection of single storey rear extension and single detached garage at 20 King Street.

This has been considered by councillors who had no comments or objections and planning permission was granted by SKDC on 29th January 2025.

Cllr Glenn Fuller mentioned that he has become aware of an application for an electricity station around the entrance to Crown Farm. We do not appear to have been officially notified of this so Mr Ian Coles will investigate it and advise further as soon as possible.

14. FINANCE

Our current balances are £457.02 (current account) and £3,000.00 (deposit account). Since the last meeting, we have received reimbursement of charges for the Tinsley Field of £190.00 from West Deeping Parish Charity and deposit account interest of £18.87. Our expenditure was made up of £934.79 in respect of the Poppy Appeal, clerk salary payments of £1,867.09 and administration expenses of £174.95.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Ian Coles mentioned that he had been contacted by James Pepper (who lives in our village) of St John Ambulance prior to Christmas last year to ask if we felt if it would be beneficial for them to run a 'Restart a Heart' session for our residents. This would not only include information and demonstrations for CPR but would also provide instruction on the operation of our defibrillator in the event of an emergency. Previously, the Patient Participation Group of the Deepings Practice had contacted us to ask if we would be interested in a similar session, which was discussed at an earlier Parish Council Meeting and received a positive response. Consequently, we publicised this on our website and Facebook page and organised a session in our village hall for Tuesday 28th January 2025 which was attended by 14 people. We thank James for coming along and providing us with a very informative and useful session which was very much appreciated by everyone present.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

17. OPEN FORUM

No matters raised.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 14th May 2025. This will be our Annual Parish Council Meeting and will commence immediately after our Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7 p.m.

Additional meeting dates for 2025 were also agreed for :-

Tuesday 5th August 2025

Tuesday 11th November 2025

These will commence at 7 p.m. in the village and Mr Ian Coles confirmed that these will be published on our website and Facebook page as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____