

**WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2019**

**PRESENT:** Parish Council Cllr Iain Stowe - Chair  
Cllr Maggie Ashcroft  
Cllr Colin Blagrove  
Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Michelle Laughton (Lincolnshire Area Police), Cllr Ashley Baxter, Mr P Bragg, Mrs P Dethick,  
Mr G Magee, Mrs J Stowe, Mr D Ward

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Sue Latham Cllr Stephen Snell Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2018, previously circulated, were agreed unanimously as a correct record. They were proposed by Cllr Colin Blagrove, seconded by Cllr Maggie Ashcroft and signed by the Chairman.

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

At the last Meeting, a resident mentioned that a puddle had developed on the Boaty which is affecting access to their property. Cllr Iain Stowe has discussed this with them and the issue has been resolved.

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

Cllr Ashley Baxter summarised his report to us including planning and highways updates.

Michelle Laughton of Lincolnshire Area Police also provided us with an update of various matters which have been affecting both ours and neighbouring villages and offered her support, if required, on any specific problems that we encounter.

**6. SPEED SIGNS**

Following on from discussions at the last Meeting, we have purchased a speed indicating device from Gosberton Parish Council. Cllr Colin Blagrove has been liaising with them and a reduced price of £1,500.00 was agreed, including the fixing brackets. This has now been installed and Cllr Colin Blagrove confirmed that there has been positive feedback from residents. We also have the facility to move the device to different locations within the village in the future and will consider doing so periodically. Our insurers, Came & Company, have also been advised of this purchase.

**7. CEMETERIES**

Nothing to report at this Meeting.

**8. POTHOLES**

Cllr Colin Blagrove updated the Meeting on current pothole problems in the village, some of which have been repaired but many remain outstanding. Lincolnshire County Council offer a 'Fix My Street' facility which can be used by all residents to report problems and everyone is encouraged to use this.

**9. SEWAGE PROBLEMS**

At the last Meeting, Nick Daubney and Jackie Allen from Anglian Water were present and a lengthy discussion took place regarding the sewage problems that several residents experience in the village. Cllr Ashley Baxter has been dealing with this issue for us and advised that he had met with an Environmental Health Officer and has been in correspondence with Anglian Water since then. They have confirmed that they are currently undertaking an investigation to ascertain where excess ingress may be entering the sewage network and to establish if there are any 'misconnections' which can cause flooding by allowing surface water to enter the network. Further updates will be provided at the next Meeting but if residents wish to contact Anglian Water directly, their helpline number is 03457 145145.

## **10. GARY'S GARDENS / VERGE CUTTING**

We have recently received quotations from Gary's Gardens for the usual work that he carries out in the village for the next two years. The cost of most of their work has been increased modestly and despite reservations from one councillor, it was agreed that we should accept these. It was thought, however, that we should also consider obtaining alternative quotations in the future to ensure that the rates charged are competitive. Mr Ian Coles advised that he had been in contact with West Deeping Parish Charity who had also agreed the quotation for the cost of the regular work which is carried out in the Tinsley Field.

## **11. PLANNING**

### **11.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There has been one new planning application since the last Meeting – the replacement of a rear extension at 15 King Street (S18/2254). This has been considered by councillors prior to the Meeting and no objections were offered in respect of this.

### **11.2 TREE FELLING APPLICATIONS**

There have been two tree felling applications since the last Meeting at 45A King Street (S19/0032) and 12 The Lane (S19/0042). Both of these applications have been considered by councillors and no comments or objections were offered.

### **11.3 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

We have also been notified that LCC propose to construct up to 260 dwellings on land off Millfield Road in Market Deeping. This was also considered by councillors and we made comments to them in respect of our concerns on both sewage and traffic issues. It has subsequently transpired that a separate application has been made for a village green on this land which could prevent the original application from proceeding.

## **12. FINANCE**

### **12.1 BALANCES / INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

The bank balances in our current and deposit accounts are £437 and £4,932 respectively. Since the last meeting, we have received deposit account interest of £3.52 and £187.50 from WD Charities as reimbursement of expenditure that we have incurred in maintaining the Tinsley Field. We have purchased a speed indicating device for £1,500.00, paid £200.00 to the clerk, £43.00 to the Society of Local Council Clerks for our annual membership and £185.00 to Gary's Gardens, of which £45.00 will be reimbursed from WD Charities in due course.

### **12.2 BUDGET : 2019/20**

Mr Ian Coles presented a budget for the next financial year at our last Meeting which was discussed and agreed subject to final approval before implementation. This will be circulated again to all councillors for any further amendments to made, if required.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE NOTED**

Mr Ian Coles advised that he had received a letter from Cllr Iain Stowe confirming that he would be standing down as a councillor at the forthcoming parish council elections in May 2019. He also advised that he will be attending a briefing session on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Bourne with SKDC in respect of the procedures that should be adopted for the forthcoming elections.

We have also been advised by West Deeping Parish Charity that the bench in the Tinsley field is in need of repair and that they do not consider it their responsibility to undertake this. It was agreed that Mr Ian Coles would contact Melanie James as this may be something that the Jubilee Fund would be prepared to do on behalf of the village.

## **14. PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY 2019**

Cllr Maggie Ashcroft gave her thoughts on possible events that we could consider for our centenary which is on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 including a coffee morning, afternoon tea or an evening function, likely to be held in the Village Hall. A village sign is also being considered, possibly engraved in stone at a certain location. It was agreed that we all need to give this some further thought and that someone needed to be appointed to co-ordinate the event.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There have been several comments made by residents in respect of debris which has been left on one of the footpaths to Tallington from the village after recent trees and bushes had been trimmed on nearby private land. Apparently, SKDC's Footpath Officer has been in touch with Cllr Sue Latham regarding this so Mr Ian Coles will liaise with her to check the current position.

There is inadequate signage and access to part of the public footpath between West Deeping and Tallington, where some years ago the path was diverted to pass through a field. In order to cross a barbed wire fence, there is only a breeze block step and the area is overgrown with brambles. There is no protection from the barbed wire and there is no footpath sign. As part of this land is under the jurisdiction of Tallington Parish Council, Mr Ian Coles agreed to contact the Parish Clerk there and ask them for their comments on this.

Cllr Maggie Ashcroft advised that both Cllr Colin Blagrove and Mr Ian Coles are providing assistance on updating our website in respect of various matters.

A West Deeping Quarries Liaison Meeting was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 which Cllr Iain Stowe and Mr Ian Coles attended at Breedon's offices in West Deeping. The Meeting provided an update on progress and systems and also raised the issue of additional access to Tallington Lakes by residents and visitors from King Street which we felt was dangerous. Cllr Iain Stowe has asked SKDC about this but has not yet received a reply. Cllr Ashley Baxter agreed to follow this up on our behalf.

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at The Village Hall on Monday 1 April 2019 at 7:30pm. The dates were agreed for subsequent meetings to be held in 2019 as follows:-

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May (starting at 7pm to include the Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

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

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