

**WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** Parish Council

Cllr Iain Stowe - Chair  
Cllr Maggie Ashcroft  
Cllr Colin Blagrove  
Cllr Sue Latham  
Cllr Stephen Snell

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Nick Daubney / Jackie Allen (Anglian Water), Michelle Laughton (Lincolnshire Area Police), Cllr Ashley Baxter, Mr P Bragg, Mr P Ireland, Mr J Mooney, Mrs J Stowe

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2018, previously circulated, were agreed unanimously as a correct record. They were proposed by Cllr Stephen Snell, seconded by Cllr Sue Latham and signed by the Chairman.

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

None

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

Cllr Ashley Baxter summarised his report to us including planning and highways updates. Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew had submitted a report in advance of the meeting thanking councillors who attended the recent Highways Meeting and mentioned that she is meeting with Anglian Water to discuss sewerage problems that we have been experiencing in West Deeping.

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 previous meetings, councillors unanimously agreed that we should proceed with the installation of a speed indicating device in the village. Cllr Colin Blagrove had been discussing the possibility of sharing a device with Deeping St James or Greatford but their respective parish councils have now both decided that they did not wish to offer this option to us. We have been advised that Gosberton Parish Council are looking to sell their Dorman DF11 device, as approved by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, for £1,800. It was agreed that, whilst the cost was higher than we might have expected, we would purchase this subject to Cllr Colin Blagrove being happy that it fulfils our needs. Consequently, he will pursue this and endeavour to negotiate a slightly lower price, if possible.

**7. CEMETERIES**

Cllr Sue Latham advised that Mrs Black had contacted her regarding the grave of a relative, Melinda Black and she will liaise with Cllr Maggie Ashcroft regarding this matter. We previously approved the application for one or two burial plots from Mr Barker, a former resident of West Deeping, although it was noted that we had not yet been received any payment from him.

**8. POTHoles**

Cllr Iain Stowe, Cllr Colin Blagrove and Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew attended a meeting with Rowan Smith, Highways Department, LCC on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and showed him the potholes that we currently have in the village. Only one has been repaired recently and whilst he understood that we would like all these attended to, he advised that they are currently under significant pressure so they need to prioritise the main problems within the whole district.

## **9. SEWAGE PROBLEMS**

Nick Daubney and Jackie Allen from Anglian Water had been invited to attend the meeting after being provided with a summary of the sewerage problems that we have been experiencing by Cllr Stephen Snell. A lengthy discussion took place with strong comments made by residents also attending the meeting to emphasise the depth of the problems and the strong feelings that we all have regarding this matter. Nick and Jackie confirmed that there is a meeting taking place this Friday where the possibility of a new sewer will be discussed. In addition, an investigation on infiltration is being conducted by Anglian Water which includes both the suitability and legality of many homes from outside the parish being built and joining the sewerage network as well checking for any leaks which may be allowing rainwater to enter the system and accentuate the problem. They also agreed to look into an overflow at the south end of the village which might be inoperative. If residents wish to contact Anglian Water directly, their helpline number is 03457 145145. It was decided that we will write to Cllr Ashley Baxter to summarise our overall concerns so that he can take this matter up further with SKDC. It should also be noted that Cllr Stephen Snell has also spoken to the Environment Agency to make them aware of this.

## **10. FORMER WEST DEEPING CANAL**

Cllr Iain Stowe advised that the pipe which runs under the former West Deeping canal has now been unblocked and that steps have been taken to avoid future problems by reinstalling grating. Councillors are all aware that there was no involvement of the Parish Council in the extraction of water from the river and this is the responsibility of the landowners.

## **11. PLANNING**

### **11.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There have been two new planning applications approved by SKDC since the last Meeting – the erection of two storey side and front extensions at 1A King Street (S18/1333) and a single storey rear extension at 31 King Street (S18/1668). These had been considered by councillors prior to the Meeting and no objections were offered in respect of them.

## **12. FINANCE**

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

The bank balances in our current and deposit accounts are £178 and £6,928 respectively. Since the last meeting, we have received a burial fee of £35.00 and £530.00 from WD Charities as reimbursement of expenditure that we have incurred in maintaining the Tinsley Field. We have paid £205.05 to the clerk (including expenses) and £872.00 to Gary's Gardens, of which £187.50 will be reimbursed from WD Charities in the last quarter.

### **12.2 CLERK'S ANNUAL PAYMENT**

It was proposed by Cllr Iain Stowe and seconded by Cllr Colin Blagrove that the annual payment to the Clerk should be increased from £800 to £1,000 per annum with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

### **12.3 BUDGET : 2019/20**

Mr Ian Coles had prepared a budget for the next financial year which was discussed and agreed subject to a possible amendment in due course for the cost of our speed indicating device(s).

### **12.4 PRECEPT : 2019/20**

After consideration of the budget, it was agreed to increase our precept for the next financial year from £3,800 to £4,000 to cover expected increases in expenditure. This was proposed by Cllr Maggie Ashcroft and seconded by Cllr Colin Blagrove. Mr Ian Coles will complete and return the usual forms for SKDC in respect of this.

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

Mr Ian Coles advised that SKDC have reviewed the polling districts and polling places within the district. There is no change that affects West Deeping and the Village Hall will continue to be our polling station.

## **14. GDPR**

Cllr Maggie Ashcroft had previously suggested that we may need to amend our Records Retention Policy to include Cemetery records. Cllr Stephen Snell asked his company's legal team to review this for us and confirmed that our existing is fit for purpose.

**15. PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY 2019**

Cllr Maggie Ashcroft confirmed that the actual date is 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and circulated a summary of suggested options that we could consider including a village sign, a possible book launch and a display of the history of West Deeping in the village hall. Councillors will consider this and discuss it further at the next meeting.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr Iain Stowe mentioned that we may be able to obtain a Christmas tree free of charge but, if not, we could look to purchase one from Gary's Gardens.

Cllr Maggie Ashcroft asked if the Parish Council were happy for the telephone box in the village that we own to be decorated leading up to Christmas and there were no objections.

A resident mentioned that a puddle had developed on the Boaty which is affecting them when accessing their property. It was thought that additional gravel may resolve this and Cllr Iain Stowe agreed to discuss this with them.

There is a West Deeping Quarries Liaison Meeting being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 which Cllr Iain Stowe and Mr Ian Coles are attending at Breedon's offices in West Deeping.

It was pointed out that there are some issues with street lighting in the village and Cllr Colin Blagrove agreed to investigate this further.

Mr Ian Coles advised that Barclays had contacted him regarding our bank account to undergo additional security checks as part of standard regulatory procedure. A form needs to be returned to them with various information to be completed and he will arrange for this to be done.

Mr Ian Coles mentioned that he had received information regarding the election of councillors in May 2019 although no further action is required at this time.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at The Village Hall on Monday 11 February 2019 at 7:30pm. The dates were agreed for subsequent meetings to be held in 2019 as follows:-

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

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 10.08 pm.

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

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