WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Parish Council

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

Mr Ian Coles – Clerk

Mr P Bragg, Mrs P Dethick, Mrs J Stowe

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew, Cllr Ashley Baxter

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018, previously circulated, were agreed unanimously as a correct record. They were proposed by Cllr Stephen Snell, seconded by Cllr Maggie Ashcroft and signed by the Chairman.

4. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA None

5. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE THE PARISH COUNCIL None

6. SPEED SIGNS

Cllr Colin Blagrove advised that we still have some additional speed signs which could be erected in the village if we can find a suitable location for them. The possible purchase of a Speed Indicating Device was again discussed with the likely cost of this to be around £2,000 plus installation costs. As an alternative, Cllr Colin Blagrove has discussed the possibility of sharing a device with Deeping St James who presently own two devices which they rotate around six locations on a periodic basis. Initial discussions indicate that they would be happy to consider doing so with West Deeping as well. It was agreed that this is our preferred option and Cllr Colin Blagrove will pursue this with them. He also advised that we can apply to take part in the Community Speed Watch Volunteer Scheme although we would need to purchase equipment at a cost of around £300 and recruit and train volunteers who would be willing to take part in this. It was agreed that we will not join the Scheme at present but will keep this under review.

7. CEMETERIES

There are several yew trees in King Street Cemetery and two in particular are growing rapidly. We would like to retain these, if possible, although this would involve losing two plots in the Cemetery which have already been sold. Cllr Sue Latham is liaising with the two grave owners concerned to try and resolve this. Retaining the yew trees does restrict our option to sell further plots although we still have around 40 spaces available. We have also had an application for one or two burial plots from Mr Barker, a former resident of West Deeping and it was agreed that we will give our consent.

8. POTHOLES

Despite both Cllr lain Stowe and Mr Ian Coles being in contact with the Highways Department at Lincolnshire County Council to rectify the number of potholes exceeding 40 mm in the village, these have not been attended to. Cllr Iain Stowe agreed to contact them again regarding this.

9. SEWAGE PROBLEMS

Cllr Stephen Snell advised that he has been liaising with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency regarding the problem of sewage ingress at the North end of the village. It was agreed that we should invite representatives from Anglian Water and Tallington Parish Council to our next meeting to discuss this matter in further depth. We are also waiting for an update from Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew from a meeting that she has recently attended regarding this.

10. FORMER WEST DEEPING CANAL

Cllr lain Stowe advised that he has contacted HM Land Registry and the section of land, a public footpath, to the north of and adjoining the river, through which there is a sluice feeding into the former canal, is not registered. The reason for trying to establish this led from a request from two residents for a contribution by the Parish Council towards the costs of clearing a blockage in the sluice. As this request was subsequently withdrawn, there is no further action required.

11. PLANNING

11.1 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There have been two new planning applications received since the last Meeting. These had been considered by councillors prior to the Meeting and no objections were offered in respect of them. In addition, it is noted that SKDC have refused planning permission for application reference \$18/1038 for the construction of two additional single storey dwellings at 18 / 20 King Street.

11.2 SKDC NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATION

SKDC have recently reviewed their Statement of Community Involvement which was adopted in 2014 and outlines how organisations and individuals can be involved in the planning application process. This had been considered by all councillors prior to the meeting and we have no comments to make.

12. FINANCE

12.1 BALANCES / INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The bank balances in our current and deposit accounts are £190 and £7,428 respectively. Since the last meeting, we have received deposit account interest of £3.70. Expenditure incurred represented £622.00 to Gary's Gardens and a payment of £50.00 to the Clerk for work in connection with GDPR regulations.

13. CORRESPONDENCE TO BE NOTED

Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Fire Safety Engagement have e-mailed us regarding an initiative that they are undertaking to ensure that all organisations within our village are aware of fire safety and have asked for contact details in each case. The appropriate details are all shown on our website and Mr Ian Coles will refer them to this for the information that they have requested.

14. GDPR

At the last meeting, Cllr Stephen Snell suggested that all councillors should give their consent for their personal data to be used in connection with Parish Council business. Mr Ian Coles had prepared suitable forms for completion and signature by all councillors which was done at this meeting and will be retained in our records.

Cllr Maggie Ashcroft also suggested at the last meeting that we may need to amend our Records Retention Policy to include Cemetery records. Mr Ian Coles had circulated the existing document that we have adopted prior to the meeting and Cllr Stephen Snell agreed to ask his company's legal team to review this for us and advise further at the next meeting.

15. PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY 2019

It was agreed that this item would be discussed in further depth at the next meeting.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reminded everyone that there is a litter pick scheduled for Thursday 4th October 2018.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at The Village Hall on Monday 19 November 2018 at 7:30pm. This will be our last meeting in 2018 and dates will be agreed for the meetings to be held in 2019 at that time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman:_