

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 14 July 2010

Present: Councillor Bosworth Councillor Jackson
 Councillor Taylor Councillor Hubbard
 Councillor McKinlay Councillor Connors
 Sharon Milne (clerk)

Also present: Theresa Tanner (VHMC)
 Sharon Andrews, Sue Frankcom (LIVES)

1. **Chairman's remarks**

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending.

2. **Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Jackson, he was working.

2.2 District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown also sent her apologies.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2010**

4.1 The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5 **Matters arising**

5.1 The repairs on Gonerby Lane did not go ahead. Highways have stated that the work would be rescheduled for next year. This is not acceptable and the clerk has asked Highways that this essential maintenance is done sooner (minute 7.4 refers).

5.2 No fees have been received from the Football Coaching Company for the use of the playing field for this season. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that the clerk would write to the Director stating that unless fees are paid in full by 30 July the Football Coaching Company would no longer be permitted to use the field and its facilities. (minute 13.2 refers). **(Action point: clerk)**

5.3 The clerk has sent the case of the disputed gas charges to the Energy Ombudsman. The outcome of which is awaited (minute 13.3 refers).

5.4 Cllr Taylor reported that she had had four requests from villagers for an additional dog waste bin(s). The villagers that had commented were in favour of the new bin(s) being placed in Bottesford Road and/or Side Street. The question however was

where specifically they could be sited. The clerk would contact Highways and SKDC to ascertain whether there was specific regulation or guidance for Parish Councils. (minute 14.2) refers) **(Action point: clerk).**

- 5.5 The Playing field caretaker will reduce the height of the protective cages around the trees at the field to keep the rabbits away from the trunk, but not restrict the trees' growth (minute 14.4 refers).
- 5.6 The footpath which runs from the end of the playing field to Sewstern Lane would be cleared from crops by mid August (minute 18.3 refers).
- 5.7 St James' churchyard is becoming difficult to mow and maintain due to overgrown hedges belonging to neighbouring residents. It was agreed that the clerk would write to residents and ask that they cut back their hedges that surround the churchyard. **(Action point: clerk)**

6 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 12 May 10

6.1 The clerk reported on some of the correspondence received and sent:

- a) Apologies and report from District Cllr Kaberry-Brown
- b) Correspondence re: ombudsman referral
- c) Thank you letters from VHMC, CPRE, Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance,
- d) BKV round 1 qualifiers (Harlaxton, Scothern from SKDC)
- e) Note from Les North re: Rural Neighbourhood Panel & minutes from last meeting
- f) Dog control orders letter
- g) Letter re: Public footpath No 3.

This and all other correspondence will be circulated to Councillors in the box as usual.

7 LIVES - update

7.1 Sharon Andrews and Sue Frankcom from LIVES attended the meeting. Sharon reported that the group went 'live' on 1st June and between the responders they were covering approximately 40% of hours in the week.

7.2 The group's catchment area has been agreed, it will cover the whole village and:

- Foston Lane to the A1,
- Gonerby Lane to, and including, Downtown
- Sedgebrook Road and Sedgebrook village
- Bottesford Road

7.3 Sharon reported that the first 999 call since the start up of LIVES had been received and two ambulances were dispatched to this call – one from West **Bridgeford** and the other from Newark. It seems that no ambulance was available from Grantham which emphasises the importance of having first responders within the village.

7.4 The group would be interested to hear from anyone who may be interested in becoming a responder as more responders would mean that more hours were covered. In October two of the present responders would be undertaking more training to become LIVES trainers.

7.5 Councillors thanked Sharon and her group for the enormous amount of work that had been done to set up the group and thanked them for their support.

8 Community Led Plan

- 8.1 Cllr Cant reported on the Community Led Plan and its steering group. There are around 15 members of the steering group and all village groups and societies have now given their feedback from the steering group's prepared questionnaires.
- 8.2 A representative from Community Lincs had been to one of the group's recent meetings which had been very helpful. Presently the feedback from questionnaires is being compiled after which the results will be circulated. The next meeting of the steering group is scheduled for early September.

9 Playing Field matters

- 9.1 The clerk read from an email from the Football Coaching Company proposing that a joint bid be considered for funding for floodlights to enable to MUGA to be used after dark. Cllrs agreed that no discussions would take place at present. Further thought was needed as to whether floodlighting was necessary and /or appropriate. The clerk would respond to the Football Coaching Company accordingly. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.2 The Hempsteads have stated that there is moss beginning to grow in the corner of the MUGA. To stop this, they have suggested that a gully be dug around the corner affected and filled with gravel to improve drainage. It was agreed that the Hempsteads should be asked to carry out this work to preserve the Muga's surface. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.3 Cllr Bosworth reported on quotes that he had received to repair and maintain the swings and the surface in the play area. It was decided unanimously to accept the Record RSS Ltd quote. The clerk will contact them. **(Action point: clerk)**

10 Planning matters

- 10.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 12 May 2010:
- Appeal refused – Palmer's Hollow windfarm, Bottesford.

11 Financial matters

- 11.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 12 May 2010.

Income

- Bank interest – £3.71
- GYFC hire of pitch - £199.50
- Caretaker's grant – £301.60
- LIVES donations from AGRA (£1000) and GYFC (£75)
- Football Coaching Co season 2009 - £147

Total £ 1726.

Expenditure

- Hempstead (muga maintenance) - £123.38
- P J Print (PF ringfenced) - £51.00
- HMRC - £120.60
- Party in the Park marquee insurance - £25.00
- Donations:
 - Village Hall £850.00
 - Shop £25.00
 - Lincs Playing field association - £25.00
 - Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance - £50.00
 - Mum's & Toddlers group - £50.00

Total £ 1319.98

Plus Clerk and Caretaker's salaries, taxation and the transfer of £500 to the LIVES ringfenced account as per LGA s137.

11.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

12 Any other business

12.1 The state of the Gonerby Lane bus shelter was discussed. Whether the shelter needed replacing or repairing was the question. Cllr Cant would take a look at it and report back at a future meeting. **(Action point: MC)**

12.2 Cllr Taylor raised the question as to how many burial spaces there are left in the two churchyards and whether the Parish Council, if necessary, needs to take any action to gain more burial land. The clerk would contact the PCC and make enquiries. **(Action point: clerk)**

12.3 Cllr Connors said that she had witnessed three near misses with cars coming off of the new roundabout at the A1 and travelling towards Gonerby Lane on the wrong side of the road. The clerk would highlight this to Highways. **(Action point: clerk)**

12.4 An advertising board had been propped up against the wall of Yew Tree Cottage. It was considered that this board was restricting the pathway for pushchairs and motorised buggies and the resident should be asked to remove the board from this position. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Date of next meetings

14.1 The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 8 September at 7.30pm.

Signed: ----- (Chairman). Date: -----