

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 8 March 2006

Present: Councillor Taylor Councillor North
 Councillor Hubbard Councillor Cutting
 Councillor Sewell Sharon Milne (clerk)

Also present: Mr Oley (Arena UK), Mrs Harrison (Arena UK)
 3 parishioners.

1. **Chairman's remarks**

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the members of the public for their attendance. Mr Oley and his daughter had come to talk to the council about their plans for the development of the Arena UK site. There was nothing in particular that the other parishioners wished to raise.

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 Councillor McKinlay sent her apologies; she had a pre-arranged engagement. Councillor Jackson sent his apologies; he was working away.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 Councillor Taylor declared an interest in agenda item 9(a) kerbing around the village as she resides in Bottom Street where kerbing may be considered. No other declarations of interest were made.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 January 2006**

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

5 **Matters Arising**

- 5.1 Councillor North reported that the two community support officers referred to in minute 12.4, have replaced the village's Police Constable.
- 5.2 Councillor North reported that Berkley Parks is the new owner of Allington Gardens (minute 12.5 refers)

6. **Highway matters**

- 6.1 For the benefit of Mr Oley it was agreed to bring forward Highway matters to a higher place on the agenda.

- 6.2** The Chairman welcomed Mr Oley and his daughter Mrs Harrison, from Arena UK. Mr Oley spoke at length about some of his ideas to develop the Arena UK site, including altering the entrance to the centre by bringing traffic in through a new entrance nearer to the A1. The current entry would be for private use.
- 6.3** Mr Oley stated that whenever possible they encourage their visitors to avoid travelling through the village and come via the A1. Mr Oley said that he would be happy to apply for brown signs to be sited on the A52 at Sedgebrook to send traffic along to the A1 junction and up to the centre via the A1. The clerk said that she would advise him as to whom he needs to apply. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 6.4** Mr Oley and his daughter also spoke of their aspirations for development in the future as they hope to make the facility the top equestrian centre in the UK.
- 6.5** Kerbing
A letter had been received by residents in Bottom Street about the state of the grass verges. Traffic is continually eroding them. It was agreed that the clerk should contact LCC's Highways Division to ask about kerbing Bottom Street and also consider kerbing other roads in the village. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 6.6** Sewstern Lane
The Chairman had reported that a trench had been dug across the width of Sewstern Lane. She had reported this to the police (incident no. 60 – 27/2/06) and to LCC's Highways Division. Highways said that they would fill the hole as a priority. The police had apparently been to the lane and had been unable to find it. The chairman expressed her disappointment with the way that the incident had been dealt with. It was agreed to send a letter to the Chief Superintendent expressing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 6.7** Allington to Bottesford Byway
It was reported that an application had been received by Leicestershire County Council from the Trail Rider's Federation to reclassify the bridleway from Bottesford to the boundary of the village as a 'byway open to all traffic'. Councillors were concerned about the impact that it would have on the village if this went ahead. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Leicestershire County Council to object to this application. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 6.8** Weight restriction limit on village approach roads
It was noted that road signs had been erected ready for the introduction of the weight restrictions on village roads. After discussion it was decided that the clerk should contact the Highways Division to see whether the signs could be moved from the bottom of Allington Lane to further up nearer the beck. This would make that Arena UK and Kestrel would be outside the access area and therefore force HGV traffic to enter the sites via the A1. **(Action point: clerk)**

7. Correspondence received since the meeting held on 11 January 2006

- 7.1** The clerk reported on correspondence received and sent:
- a) Letters regarding a new user at Playing field – more details at minute 12.3.

- b) Calor Lincs village of the year application form has been received. Entries in by 30 March. Applications will go to a panel of judges and they will make their decision based on application form. The village will be judged not on what it has, but what it does under categories:
- Building community life
 - Business
 - Young people
 - Older people

The Chairman said that she would consider the application. **(Action point: HT)**

- c) Letter from Lincs Assoc of People with Disabilities. They are setting up a project to recruit train and support disabled volunteers. Looking for volunteers. Notice will be posted on the village hall noticeboard. **(Action point: clerk)**
- d) Example letter of objection to an opening of a byway – details at minute 6.6
- e) Letter from Victim Support Lincs asking for a donation
- f) Letter from residents asking for Bottom Street to be kerbed. Minute 6.5 refers.
- g) Notification mobile police station visiting on 30 March.
- h) Reply from Planning Officer regarding minute 7.3 of PC meeting 11/1/06. More details at minute 10.2.
- i) Letter SKDC no longer providing village clean up freighter. Other options for villagers to dispose of this type of waste were discussed.
- j) Reply from LCC Highways re: 40mph buffer stating there is still a lack of frontage development along Sedgebrook Road with precludes the possibility of a speed limit being imposed, but they would consider gritting Sedgebrook Road in the summer when the evaluation for next winter takes place
- k) Reply from LCC regarding the signs to direct people to the playing field. This type of sign is only usually used to show footpaths. Car parking and recycling bins causes the verge damage at the playing field. LCC suggests that the Parish look at a more permanent scheme such as 'grass crete'.
- l) LCC letter asking to use Parish media to inform public how to contact LCC. Perhaps Allington News could help. **(Action point: JC)**
- m) Letter from LCC. They are presenting a seminar about Doorstep crime on 23 March at Belton Woods Hotel (lunch inc) educate vulnerable consumers about doorstep selling and distraction burglary. **(Action point: HT)**

8 Feedback from Foston's Parish Plan meeting

- 8.1 The clerk reported back on Foston's Parish Plan meeting that she attended on 7 February.
- 8.2 Foston have a group of 14 -15 villagers, two of which happen to be Parish Councillors, and the clerk to the Council acts as the treasurer for the group. The group, however, is not lead by the Parish Council. The group initially met on 14th November 05 and from that meeting put together a bid for funding. They had just had confirmation of funding of £2,900.
- 8.3 The villager who had been elected as ' project manager' had put together some thoughts on what needed to be in the plan under headings:
- a) Suggested plan structure

- b) Suggested village design statement structure
- c) Proposed study groups
- d) Consultation events

8.4 The next step for the group was to find out what villagers want and the group had started working on a questionnaire to be distributed to all households. A copy of the example questionnaire (18 sides) from which they were working will be included in the correspondence box. At their next meeting they would look further at the questionnaire to 'Fostonise' it to suit their village.

9 Annual Parish meeting due on 19th April 06

9.1 Councillors recalled that last year's Annual Parish meeting and its new format had been a success. It was therefore decided to repeat a similar format this year. It was agreed for the clerk to write to all groups and societies around the village to invite them to the Annual Parish meeting. The letter will also tell them that their group, if they wished, would have the opportunity to speak to the meeting if there was anything particular they wanted to say. **(Action point: clerk)**

10 Planning matters

10.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 11 January 06:

- a) Application – Extension to 42 Park Road
- b) Application – 6 dwellings r/o Berts Way

10.2 The clerk reported that she had received a letter from Mr Hubbard the Planning officer following the letter that the Parish Council had sent regarding SKDC's policy and procedures in particular for retrospective planning matters. Mr Hubbard had written, as he was unable to attend the meeting. The letter will be put in the correspondence box and circulated to all councillors.

10.3 It was thought that, as it had been a while since the village's conservation area had been established it would be a good idea to put a map on the Parish notice board to remind parishioner of the conservation area. The clerk would try and find out some information about resident's responsibilities within a conservation area. **(Action point: clerk)**

10.4 SKDC had reported that a new planning application would have to be submitted for Yew Tree Cottage for new work being undertake

11 Financial matters

11.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 11 January 06.

11.2 The income since the last meeting had been:

- £10.65 - bank interest
- £43.45 - profit from Trafalgar weekend celebrations

- £509.79 - profit from Bonfire night
- £329.69 - profit from Pamper evening
- £112.02 - profit from Christmas tree lighting event

The expenditure was:

- £171.55 – payment to Hempstead’s for Park Avenue security
- £17.01 – payment to Powergen, playing field electricity
- £178.00 – LALC subscription
- £84.00 – village hall rent (2005/06)

Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

12 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

12.1 Cllr Sewell reported back from the last Playing Field Committee meeting.

12.2 Cllr Sewell told the Council that he had visited Wickstead’s, with John Slater, to find out more about their multi sports surface to develop part of the field. He said that they had been impressed with what they had seen. He said that the Playing field committee would pursue this further and get a quote to see whether it was still a feasible project.

12.3 There is a new user for the playing field. A parishioner shall be using the field for archery practice. He is qualified to teach and coach archery and is obviously aware of good practice. He has been given storage facilities and he will pay the clerk for the use of the field.

12.4 Cllr Sewell stated that he had been asked by the fund raising group whether they could plant a permanent Christmas tree on The Green. After discussion it was decided that another tree may inhibit activities on the Green, and there was also the question of the impact additional roots would have on the service pipes buried there. The trees already on The Green were substantial in size and the Council questioned whether another tree would be too much.

12.5 Cllrs North and Taylor said that they had been approached by the new owners of Allington Gardens for permission to use the Playing field to land their helicopter when they visit. Permission this time was denied due to the short notice.

13 Any other business

13.1 There is uncertainty about the future of the mobile library van. Cllr Cutting reported that even the employees on the van did not know whether they would continue the service after the end of the month. The clerk is to find out more. **(Action point: clerk)**

13.2 Mrs Tanner from the Twinning Association reported that the Association has raised funds to have a ‘Twinned with Tuffé’ sign. The clerk said that she would find out more about the procedure to get the sign. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Date of next meeting

14.1 The Annual Parish meeting will be on Wednesday 19 April 06.

14.2 The next Parish Council meeting will be the AGM on 10 May 06.

The meeting closed at 10.40 pm.

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