

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 11 March 2009

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

Also present: Mrs Tanner

1. Chairman's remarks

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those for attending. Mrs Tanner raised the poor state of Side Street. The clerk will report the potholes in Side Street and others in the village to Highways. **(Action point: clerk)**

2. Apologies

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Hubbard he was working and Cllr Connors who was unwell.

2.2 District Councillor 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 14 January 2009

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

5 Matters arising

5.1 The clerk had spoken with SKDC's planning department. The Thackson Well Windfarm anemometer mast was licensed for 2 years. The licence expires on 23/3/09 and they have 3 months to dismantle it. (minute 5.2 refers)

5.2 An article was in the recent Allington News asking for volunteers to help set up the tennis net for specific tennis times. Willing villagers are asked to contact John Slater. (Minute 9.2 refers)

5.3 The community shelter is still not lit as E-on await the lantern from the manufacturers. E-on have said that they would pay the cost of a special delivery and will be connecting as a priority. (minute 8.1 refers)

5.4 The clerk will draft an Emergency plan for the village for a future meeting (minute 6.1(h) refers). **(Action point: clerk)**

6 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 14 January 09

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

- a) Letter to a villager re: dog mess
- b) letter and reply: John Swallow re: electricity consumption
- c) Age Concern re: First Contact information
- d) Belvoir Heartbeat information
- e) Letter SKDC re: Dog Control Orders – play areas
- f) Response: weight restrictions and Gonerby Lane
- g) CPRE Affiliation 2009
- h) Letters re: Best Kept Village & Village of the Year competition

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

7 Belvoir Heartbeat

7.1 Following the discussion at the January meeting Cllr Taylor and the clerk met the Chairman of Belvoir First Aid, Martin Fagan, to hear about their campaign to place an 'automated external defibrillator' (AED) in every local community. The clerk and Cllr Taylor relayed the information to the Council and it was suggested and agreed that Mr Fagan be asked to give a presentation at the Annual Parish meeting giving full details of the scheme to gauge the interest of villagers. **(Action point: clerk)**

8 Village Plan

8.1 Councillors discussed the idea of drawing up a village plan. It was generally thought that one ought to be done and Councillors should start thinking about villagers that could be involved in the Village Plan working group. It was noted that a village plan working group should not be lead by the Parish Council. The matter would be raised by the Chairman at the Annual Parish meeting to get as many individuals interested as possible. **(Action point: HT)**

9 Annual Parish meeting

9.1 The Annual Parish meeting would be held on 8 April. As stated at minute 7.1 and 8.1 the Belvoir Heartbeat campaign and Village Plan would be raised. There should be refreshments again this year. The clerk will send invitations to the village groups and societies and put out some posters nearer the time. **(Action point: clerk)**

10 Feedback from Community Police forum

10.1 Cllr Taylor attended the most recent Community Police forum held at Long Bennington. The forum is, in future, to be called the 'Neighbourhood Panel meeting'. There were representatives from a number of surrounding villages. The forum discussed various issues including speeding traffic, gritting of Sedgebrook Road, weight restrictions and the use of Back Lane by motor vehicles. The next meeting will be held in Allington Village Hall on Thursday

16th April. It was decided that the village should have a representative for the group which was not necessarily a Parish Councillor. A name was suggested and Cllr Taylor said she would ask if they were interested. **(Action point: HT)**

11 Playing Field matters

11.1 Cllr McKinlay reported that the volunteer was still keen to be the MUGA caretaker.

11.2 There had been no response to the article in Allington News asking for volunteers to organise specific sports, like tennis. It was thought that once the better weather and the lighter evenings start there may be a better response.

11.3 Further funding opportunities with organisations would be considered for further projects at the field.

12 Planning matters

12.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 14 January 09:

- Application – Palmer’s Hollow windfarm, Bottesford.
- Application – 2 dwellings one with a triple garage, on the plot adjacent to Wellington House, Bottom Street

12.2 The Parish Council’s comments and observations regarding Palmer’s Hollow windfarm application had been sent to Melton Borough Council.

12.3 No response had been received regarding Chestnut Farm development. The clerk would chase the decision. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Financial matters

13.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 14 January 09

Income

- Bank interest - £2.53

Total £ 2.53

Expenditure

- Christmas tree electricity consumption - £120
- Electricity for playing field - £125.30

Total £ 245.30

Plus Clerk’s and Caretaker’s salary

13.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

13.3 The electricity bill for the pavilion at the field was larger than usual due to underestimates being made throughout the year. The direct debit amount would be adjusted accordingly.

13.4 The clerk gave an estimate of the amount likely to be carried forward into the new financial year. It was suggested that the community shelter area on the Green be developed and more of a feature be made of the shelter using some of the carry over figure. The area surrounding the shelter could be slabbed and a path be created from one side of the Green to the other. Once the lighting pillar had been installed the clerk would contact contractors who may be interested in this work. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Any other business

14.1 The Welby Arms was considering putting on an event in the summer, perhaps a hog-roast, to raise money for village organisations.

15 Date of next meetings

15.1 The next meetings will be on

- Wednesday 8 April at 7.30pm for the Annual Parish Meeting
- Wednesday 13 May for the Parish Council's AGM.

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