

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 10 March 2010

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

Also present: Theresa Tanner & Becky Hilton (VHMC)

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 Cant, she was working.

2.2 Sharon Andrews (LIVES) sent her apologies but had forwarded a written report to update the Council on the LIVES project.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 Councillor Jackson declared that he was helping the builder installing bollards at the playing field car park.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2010**

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

5 **Matters arising**

5.1 There was no more news to report about the sale of Chestnut Farm and the question of the strip of land that borders the property (minute 5.3 refers).

5.2 The clerk reported that Allington News could not include an article reminding dog walkers to keep to the avenue of trees along the length of the field in the forthcoming edition due to lack of space. The article would be in the next one (minute 11.4 refers)

6 **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 13 January 10**

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

- a) Letter and response to Highways re: salting of Sedgebrook Rd
- b) Letter to Mr Scott re: land bordering playing field

- c) Letter from villager re: 20mph signs
- d) CPRE subscription and entry for BKV 2010
- e) Quotes for Playing field car park improvements
- f) Letter from Gonerby Moor Garden Services re: their new services
- g) Letter from Marshalls re: permeable paving
- h) Copy of invoice and reminder The Football Coaching Company
- i) Letter from Highways re: planting of the BKV tree on the Green
- j) Letter re: grit bins
- k) Letter re: changes to Library service for schools

Regarding point (h) the clerk would write again to The Football Coaching Company regarding the outstanding fees. The clerk would point out the Parish Council's policy regarding the use of the field for commercial events and explain that the company would not be permitted to use the field until the outstanding sum is paid in full. **(Action point: clerk)**

Regarding point (i) the clerk reported that the Green is listed as 'Highway maintained' and therefore the Parish Council should have applied for a permit to plant the BKV tree on the Green. The clerk has retrospectively applied for this permit.

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

7 LIVES - update

- 7.1 The clerk read from the report provided by Sharon Andrews (Annex A). To summarise there are 7 Community First Responders about to start their 3 days training in Horncastle. This initial training session will qualify all responders to carry out first aid and use the defibrillator appropriately.
- 7.2 The first 12 months of the Allington project will essentially be free as the start up costs will be met by LIVES. The following year will cost £1450 and there is an annual fee thereafter. Local businesses will be approached to sponsor the uniforms. Other fund raising events will be held.
- 7.3 On Monday 3rd May (bank holiday) there will be a Allington LIVES gazebo on the village green throughout the day to promote the group. A presentation will be given to villagers at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April.
- 7.4 Allington LIVES thanked the Parish Council for their continued support.

8 Village Plan update (aka the Community Led Plan)

- 8.1 The clerk report back in Cllr Cant's absence. A Community Led Plan meeting would take place on 17th March at 7pm in the village hall and a representative from Community Lincs would be attending to assist and talk to the group.
- 8.2 A presentation about the Community Led Plan will be given to villagers at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April.

9 20mph School Safety Zone

- 9.1 The clerk reported that she had finally received some information from a LCC official about the request for a school safety zone. The official had confirmed

that a site visit had been conducted and a zone had been recommended. The next stage is for the responsible Highways Officer to visit the school. If he also finds the site suitable local residents, parents and councils will be consulted to gain their agreement. However, School Safety Zones for installation in the 2010/11 financial year have already been decided upon and any installation would be from April 2011 onwards.

- 9.2** Councillors were pleased that there was finally an agreement that a zone could be installed but appalled that it would not be installed until April 2011 at the earliest. The clerk would write to Highways expressing Councillors dissatisfaction, this letter would also be copied to County Councillor Farrar. **(Action point: clerk)**

10 Format for Annual Parish meeting - 14th April

- 10.1** It was agreed that there would be 3 presentations at the Annual Parish Meeting.

- a) the new 'Allington LIVES' project
- b) the Village Hall Management Committee would speak about their car park improvement plans, and
- c) the Community Led Plan committee will raise awareness of and gather villagers' thoughts and opinions.

- 10.2** The clerk will write and invite to all the village's groups and societies. Posters will also be put up to encourage villagers to attend. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 Playing Field matters

- 11.1** Bollards had been installed at the Playing Field car park and the gates removed. This should alleviate the problems of parking on the verges.

- 11.2** Regarding the persistent dog mess problem. The clerk will contact SKDC again to ask whether dog fouling signs for the playing field were imminent. If this was not the case the clerk would create some signs herself. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 11.3** The entrance to the play area was in a poor state and the clerk had asked Hempsteads for their suggestions to improve it. It was agreed that Hempsteads should reinstate the entrance with turf. **(Action point: clerk)**

- 11.4** The clerk reported that she had had a conversation with the land owner of the copse at the end of the field. The land owner stated that he would be happy to discuss any project ideas with the Council concerning the use of this land.

- 11.5** A notice had been put up at the Muga asking whether anyone would be prepared to form a tennis club to organise tennis activities.

- 11.6** The Party in the Park would be held on 17th July this year.

12 Planning matters

- 12.1** Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 13 January 2010:

- Application and approval – Plot 4 Bert’s Way, inc. letter from Pam Jackson to SKDC planning
- Approval– Demolition of bungalow and erection of replacement, 3 Sedgebrook Road
- Application and approval– Plot on Bottom Street, erection of 2 dwellings with garages,
- Application– Wellington House, Bottom Street, extension of second floor
- Application– Wellington House, Bottom Street, extension of garage

13 Financial matters

13.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 13 January 2010

Income

- Bank interest – £3.00
- GYFC hire of pitch - £250.50

Total £ 253.50

Expenditure

- Hempstead (muga) - £148.38
- LALC subscription - £244.80
- Christmas lighting electric - £1.33

Total £ 394.51

Plus Clerk and Caretaker’s salaries and taxation.

13.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

14 Any other business

14.1 Cllr Bosworth reported back on the cost of repair and/or maintenance of the children’s play area at the field – Annex B. After discussion it was decided that the priority was the swing replacement, a repaint and the surface repairs. Cllr Bosworth would continue with this work and report back at subsequent meetings. **(Action point: AB)**

14.2 A number of pot holes had been created due to the extreme weather conditions over the winter months. The state of Gonerby Lane was also discussed. There was a stretch of Gonerby Lane, midway between the two entrances to Arena UK, which had collapsed causing a dip. The clerk will continue to report the potholes as they are noticed and report the Gonerby Lane matter as needing urgent attention. **(Action point: clerk)**

14.3 Cllr Hubbard reported a dip in the footpath outside 22 Park Road. The clerk would report this to Highways. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Date of next meetings

14.1 The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 14th April, and the AGM of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th May, both at 7.30pm.

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