

# Allington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting held in the village hall  
Wednesday 8 May 2013

Present:        Councillor Taylor                      Councillor Hubbard  
                  Councillor McKinlay                    Councillor Bosworth  
                  Councillor Cant                            Councillor Cragg  
                  Sharon Milne (clerk)

Also present: 7 villagers

## 1.    **Election of Chairman**

- 1.1 Cllrs Taylor and Bosworth were nominated to act as Chairman for the forthcoming year. However, only Cllr Taylor's nomination was seconded so Cllr Taylor will therefore be Chairman for the year 2013/14.

## 2.    **Election of Vice Chairman**

- 1.2 Cllr Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Cragg proposed that Cllr Bosworth should be the Vice Chairman for the following year. There were no other nominations and it was resolved unanimously.

## 3.    **Chairman's remarks**

- 3.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

## 4.    **Apologies**

- 4.1 Cllr Jackson was absent.

## 5    **Declarations of Interest**

- 5.1 Cllr Jackson, Taylor and Cragg commented that the review of the Conservation area affected them as the proposal affects their properties (or in the case of Cllr Cant her parents' property). However there was no pecuniary interests declared.

## 6    **Appointment of other offices and committees**

- 6.1 It was agreed that councillors would continue to work on the same group / committee. Cllrs Cant, Hubbard, Bosworth would sit on the Planning Consultation Advisory Group and Cllrs McKinlay, Taylor, Cragg and Jackson would sit on the committee for the Playing field.

## **7 Dates of Parish Council meetings for the ensuing year**

7.1 The Council will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday 8 May 13  
Wednesday 10 July 13  
Wednesday 11 Sept 13  
Wednesday 13 Nov 13  
Wednesday 8 January 14  
Wednesday 12 March 14

7.2 The date for the next Annual Parish meeting is 9 April 2014.

## **8 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

8.1 The current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were reviewed and agreed without amendment.

## **9 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 March 2013**

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

## **10 Annual Parish Meeting feedback**

10.1 The Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 April had over 120 villagers in attendance which was an amazing amount. However, feedback following the evening was that many had attended to find out details about the Parish Plan, but this was not discussed specifically. The intention was that the Village Plan would be presented to the Parish Council and not necessarily that it would be debated. Unfortunately it seems that a number of villagers therefore left feeling disappointed.

10.2 It was suggested that a further information meeting be arranged for those villagers that wanted to know more. Cathy Green from the Village Plan working group said that she would arrange this and it would be advertised around the village and in the Allington News.

10.3 Nine different groups and societies spoke briefly about their group's events over the past year.

## **11 Grants for the year 2013/14**

11.1 The following grants were agreed unanimously:

- a) £1000 to the Village Hall Management Committee to help keep letting fees low,
- b) £25 to the Village shop to help with the upkeep of the shop's notice board.

## **12 Donations for the year 2013/14**

12.1 Following parishioners' suggestions at the Annual Parish Meeting on 10 April the following donations, payable under LGA s137, were therefore proposed and agreed unanimously:

- a) £50 – Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance,
- b) £50 – to the Church
- c) £50 – to the History Society to continue with their archiving costs

## **13 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 13 March 13**

13.1 The Council has sent and received correspondence on the following:

- a) Letter from Marston Lane residents
- b) Came & Company insurance renewal
- c) Correspondence from Sedgebrook PC re: salting of Sedgebrook Road
- d) Audit return - Grant Thornton
- e) Draft Wind Energy supplementary planning document: re: redefining small scale wind turbine reduced to 30m
- f) Allington Conservation area review

All correspondence will be circulated to Councillors as usual.

13.2 Regarding letter a) - Two residents from Marston Lane made representations to the Parish Council. They spoke of inconsiderate parking outside their properties which caused them difficulties accessing their drives. They also cited examples of speeding traffic. They claimed that they had had assurances that the parking problems in the Lane would be considered by the school but they had heard no more. They state that the problems are not just confined to the times of the day that children are dropped off and collected. The residents did specifically wish to point out that they had no issue with the dinner lady that brings the hot meals or the taxi that takes and collects children.

13.3 The clerk was asked to write to the school's Chairman of Governors to highlight these problems. The letter should also be copied to LCC's Highways division for their consideration. **(Action point: clerk)**

13.4 Regarding point d) the clerk stated that she had responded to say that the Parish Council was in agreement that only turbines under 30m should be defined as small scale turbines.

13.5 Regarding point f) Cllr Bosworth stated that he had found, online, a document by SKDC detailing the village's proposed additions to the conservation area. Cllr Bosworth said that he would look at the proposal in details and feedback to all Councillors before the deadline next month. **(Action point: AB)**

## **14 Representations made to the Parish Council since the agenda has been set**

14.1 There were no representations made to the Council since the agenda was set.

## **15 Gonerby Lane bus shelter**

- 15.1 Cllr Taylor raised the issue of the bus shelter in Gonerby Lane, it was in a poor state of repair and had now lost the felt off of its roof. The shelter was no longer used by bus passengers and there were no regular buses but it was thought that some villagers still used the shelter and it was also in use as a village notice board. It was suggested that a notice be left in the shelter asking users for their views as to whether it should be repaired / replaced or removed. Theresa Tanner said that she could arrange for this.

## **16 Sewstern Lane**

- 16.1 The clerk confirmed that Sewstern Lane's status is a "maintained highway". In view of its poor state, especially the part that runs towards Sedgebrook from the crossroads, the clerk would ask Highways whether the track could be improved. Quadbikes and scramblers have made the lane extremely rutted and dangerous to walk along. **(Action point: clerk)**

## **17 Village Plan**

- 17.1 (Matter was discussed at minute 10.1 & 10.2)

## **18 Playing Field matters**

- 18.1 Cllr Taylor reported back from the recent committee meeting.
- 18.2 John Slater would be making an application for Lottery funding soon to help with costs towards the refurbishment of the children's play area. However, there is a doubt that Allington will be able to show sufficient deprivation which seems to be a key criteria for funding success. Despite this an application will be made shortly and if unsuccessful the feedback will be informative.
- 18.3 The Party in the Park this year will be on 6 July. Tickets are for sale online and details can be found on the village website. This year the main act will be a Queen tribute act 'Mercury'.
- 18.4 Cllr Cragg stated that Anglian Water had finally been and looked at the drains. A camera had shown roots in the pipe. The drains are now running freely.
- 18.5 The clerk, despite efforts, had been unable to contact the owner of the land at the far end of the playing field. Cllr Taylor said that she had spoken to the landowner's agent and he said that he would try and contact him. Ted Berth-Jones stated that the History Society had been offered a donation of trees from the Woodland Trust which could be donated to the Parish Council to plant in the copse if the landowner is still agreeable to a licence.
- 18.6 It was suggested that the sign at the far end of the field detailing the 'do's and don'ts' for field users be moved onto the gate. Presently the sign is difficult to read as it is partial covered by bushes. **(Action point: clerk)**

## 19 Planning matters

19.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 13 March 2013:

- Approval – Side extension, 74 Park Road
- Approval – Reduce crown Ash tree, The Dingle, Bert's Way
- Appeal dismissed – conversion of existing two storey building, build two storey extension and demolish single storey garage – The Barn, Main Street
- Application – Demolition and replace dwelling and relocate vehicular access – 1 Bottom Street

19.2 It was noted that the Grantham Journal had reported that the turbine application in Marston had been refused.

19.3 The clerk reported that she had spoken to the Planning Enforcement officer about the work being done on the property Berberene. There were concerns about the amount of demolition work being undertaken. The Enforcement officer said that another application had been submitted and the Parish Council would be consulted on this application in due course.

## 20 Financial matters

21.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 13 March 13:

### Income

- Precept - £15000
- Caretaker's grant - £321.88
- Bank interest - £3.41
- Easter Egg hunt – £20.80

**Total £ 15,346.09**

### Expenditure

- Mufords Marquees - £390.00
- Simon Phillips (hedge cutting) - £420.00
- Christmas tree electricity - £6.42
- Tim Cullington builder (planters) - £710.00
- HMRC - £134.00
- Hempsteads - £335.59
- CPRE – BKV entry - £15.00
- APM expenses - £54.37
- OS Map for deeds - £24.89
- Veolia – £79.68
- Compost - £40.00
- Mercury deposit - £500.00
- Village hall rent - £105.00
- Broker Network Ltd (Insurance) - £741.95

**Total £ 3556.90**

All payments were retrospectively approved unanimously.

- 21.2 The clerk presented the Statement of Accounts to the Council for the year 2011/12. The accounts were approved for submission to the external auditors subject to an internal audit first. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 21.3 The clerk asked for authority to pay by BACS, and record in the accounts her and the village caretakers' salaries throughout the year as necessary. This was agreed unanimously. Authority to continue to pay other bills by BACS and the electricity bill for the Playing Field by direct debit was also agreed.
- 21.4 The bank mandate was reviewed. The authorised signatories will remain as Cllrs Taylor, Hubbard, McKinlay, Bosworth and Cant.
- 21.5 Cllrs agreed the annual insurance from Aviva. The premium this year is for £741.95, as part of the 3 year long term agreement. It was also agreed that a further £500 be put into the 'self insurance fund'. **(Action point: clerk)**

**22 Any other business for future meetings**

22.2 These items would be put on the agenda for the July meeting:

- a) Gonerby Lane bus shelter

**23 Date of next meeting**

23.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 10 July 13 at 7.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_