

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 9 November 2005

Present: Councillor Taylor Councillor North
 Councillor McKinlay Councillor Hubbard
 Councillor Sewell Councillor Jackson (from minute 10)
 Sharon Milne (clerk)

Also present: 5 parishioners.

1. Chairman's remarks

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the members of the public for their attendance. The Chairman asked those in attendance whether there was anything in particular that they wished to raise and the following were mentioned:

- a) Mr Bosworth informed the Parish Council that they were now online. The site is: www.grantham-online.co.uk. On the site there is a brief history of the village with a photograph and some previous minutes to view. Further information can be added to keep the site 'alive'. Mr Bosworth said he was happy to add information to the web-site if councillors wished to prepare items.
- b) Mrs Carton, representing the brownies, said that the brownies had a donation for the specific charity following their cake stall during Trafalgar weekend.

2. Apologies

2.1 County Councillor Farrar sent his apologies; he had another Parish Council meeting to attend.

3. Declarations of Interest

3.1 No declarations of interest were made.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14 September 2005

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

5 Matters Arising

5.1 The clerk informed the Council that she had received a letter from the Church Warden following the discussion on burial grounds at the last meeting. He estimates that there is probably space for another 20 burials at Holy Trinity Church before undergrowth and bushes would need to be removed.

- 5.2 Regarding the graveyard at St James' he has no records and has no idea whether there are any more spaces available.

6. Correspondence received since the meeting held on 14 September 05

- 6.1 The following correspondence has been received and/or sent and will be circulated in the correspondence box:
- a) Letters from the Highways Agency acknowledging the Parish Council's concerns about Gonerby Lane when the A1 improvements go ahead, and copies of other correspondence from Douglas Hogg, which specifically relate to Marston's Toll Bar crossing.
 - b) Acknowledgement and response from the United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust regarding the proposals for Grantham and District Hospital, including letters to and from Douglas Hogg, and comments from the Department of Health.
 - c) A letter to advise that there is a new business in the area, qualified to do dry stone walling and hedge laying.
 - d) Information about Consumer Direct, a new Government backed advice and information service. They specifically ask whether their service could be included in any village newsletters, publications etc. **(Action point: JC)**
 - e) A letter from Central Networks offering eight £2,500 grants for Christmas decorations to Parish Councils in the Midlands. It was agreed that an application should be made. **(Action point: clerk)**
 - f) A further response to the Australian family Kennewell, stating that the Parochial Church Council couldn't help in finding burial details at the old St James churchyard, but directing them to LCC's archives which are on-line.
 - g) GYFC – proposal for white line markings. (See minute 12.2)
 - h) LCC state that they will not be putting a 'low bridge' sign up as the weight restrictions are imminent, which should solve the problem.
 - i) LCC's Capital Grant Aid. – Preliminary applications are sought. Funding for refurbishing village halls, recreational schemes etc. The grants are available twice yearly. The next round starts on 1/3/06, applications by 1/6/06 for payment in September. **(FAO: PFC councillors)**
 - j) Leaflet on salting routes and advice on winter driving (10 copies)
 - k) SKDC want estimates for 06/07 precept. **(Action point: clerk)**
 - l) E-mail from Dawn Temple, SKDC were unsuccessful in their bid to create two eco villages
 - m) Report from Cllr Sewell following his discussion with the new owner at Arena UK. A letter shall be sent to the owner thanking him and inviting him to the next Parish Council meeting. **(Action point: clerk)**
 - n) A letter from a resident regarding Plot 6, which is for sale by Brown & Co.
 - o) Correspondence from Brown & Co giving details of the sale of the land around the village. There are 6 lots, which are attracting interest and tenders are expected noon on 21 November.

7. Feedback from LAA meeting on 28 September – Cllr Hubbard

- 7.1 Most of the information discussed at the LAA related to Grantham itself. The only matter raised which affected Allington, was the future of refuse collection.
- 7.2 Household will be losing the weekly black bag collection and will be getting wheelie bins with fortnightly collections. There will be a black wheelie bin for household waste, a secondary one for paper and cardboard waste, and another for garden waste. The small paper-recycling box, which residents have at

present, will cease. Details and dates for the changes will be provided by SKDC.

7.3 The next LAA is scheduled for 18/1/06.

8. Trafalgar weekend celebrations

8.1 The Trafalgar weekend was successful and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

8.2 The Village Hall Management Committee reported that their evening of entertainment at the village hall went very well. Fifty-eight people attended the show and meal. The lighting of the beacon was successful and the feedback has been very positive.

8.3 The Twinning Association confirmed an equally successful afternoon on the Sunday. They had 8 teams of 3 playing boule and enjoying the refreshments. A big thank you to Mrs Thompson for hosting the event. A donation of £20 was raised for the nominated charity.

8.4 The Brownies reported on an enjoyable Saturday afternoon at the Trafalgar tea party in the Village Hall. They had a tea and cake stall. A further donation of £10, from the Brownies, would also be sent to the nominated charity.

8.5 The Playing Field fundraisers together with Playgroup put on a tea party for around 60 children. The hall was decorated with boats made by children at school.

9 Planning matters

9.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 14 September 2005:

- a) Refusal – Extension to 42 Park Road
- b) Approval – Demolition of dwelling and erection of new dwelling, Spinney Cottage, Bottesford Road
- c) Application – Change of use of agricultural land to garden, 12 Park Road
- d) Application and subsequent Withdrawal - Erection of 2 dwellings r/o Vine Cottage, The Green.
- e) Application - Toilet extension to Village Hall

10 Financial matters

10.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 14 September 05.

10.2 The following payments were presented to the Council for retrospective approval and unanimously approved:

- £50 - village clean up
- £141 - Audit fees
- £1668.50 – Hempsteads (grass cutting for season)

- £564 – Linnell (repairing the salt well)
- £13.60 – Powergen
- £124.73 - Glasdons (dog waste bin)

Total £2561.83

10.3 The Clerk reported that the Audit for the year 2004/05 has been completed. The notice of closure has been displayed on the Parish Council notice board for the statutory 14 days.

10.4 The clerk presented the proposed budget for the financial year 2006/07. A discussion ensued as to the amount of precept that should be sought. To help matters the clerk stated that she would find out from SKDC what the likely financial implications would be to a band 'D' property, if the precept be raised to £10k, £11k or £12k. The clerk would report back at the next meeting. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

11.1 Cllrs McKinlay and Sewell reported back from the last Playing Field Committee meeting. It had been decided that a focus was needed for the fund raising efforts being made. It had therefore been agreed to look towards getting an area with a multi-sports surface. Although it would be a fairly ambitious project it was felt that it was achievable and other funding sources could be pursued. It was hoped that Allington News could publish details to inform villagers.

11.2 A letter has been received from Gonerby Youth Football Club proposing that they pay the person that does the white line markings for the football pitches. The Parish Council at present pays for this. They also stated that they would continue to pay the Council the same rate for the use of the field. All Councillors agreed that this was a positive way forward and would inform GYFC accordingly. **(Action point: clerk)**

11.3 The school is likely to become a user of the playing field for an after school football club. It was suggested that the fee for use of the field should be £7.50 an hour. The Council approved this unanimously.

11.4 It was agreed that the litter bin which stands near the recycling containers be moved onto the playing field and that a dustbin, weighted down, could be put at the recycling point. **(Action point: MMc for PFC)**

11.5 It was suggested that a road sign be put up in the village showing the way to the playing field. At present there is no sign to indicate that a playing field exists. **(Action point: clerk)**

11.6 It was decided to review and clarify the financial responsibilities that the Parish Council have toward the playing field, and consider what payments fall to the ringfenced account.

11.7 Currently, Playing Field related outgoings, which do not come out of the 'ring fenced' money include:

- Utility bills
- Buildings - maintenance (ie Pavilions, toilets, marquees)
- Hedge cutting

- Grass cutting
- RoSPA inspection of the play area
- Insurance

11.8 The fund raising group of the Playing Field Committee had been consulted and agreed to the following:

- All money raised by the PFC's fund raising group is 'ring fenced' within the account, as previously agreed.
- Any other expenditure that relates to the Playing Field, which does not fall into the above list of PC outgoings will come out of the ring fenced money.

11.9 Agreement, however, could not be sought as to how cash could be advanced to the Playing Field fundraisers group for specific events. It was agreed that the clerk would seek advice from the LALC and further discussion would take place at the next Playing Field Committee meeting and the matter would be discussed by the Parish Council in the New Year. **(Action point: MMc for PFC and clerk)**

12 Any other business

12.1 The new dog waste bin has been received and awaits collection from the clerk for installing somewhere in the village. **(Action point: MS)**

12.2 The jitty, which runs from Park Avenue to Bottesford Road, is in a poor state and a part of which presents a tripping hazard. As does the pavement further down outside Lofty Trees. Clerk will report these. **(Action point: clerk)**

12.3 The road surface around the back of Lambert Road has been damaged and the pavement cracked - possibly by a heavy vehicle turning. Clerk will report this to Highways Division. **(Action point: clerk)**

12.4 The ground around the recycling bins is getting muddy again and this will get worse as the winter approaches. Last year SKDC said that they would move them nearer to the car park to help alleviate this problem. The clerk would remind them of this. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Date of next meeting

13.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 11 January 06.

14 Parish Council personnel matter

14.1 A matter for Councillors only.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

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