

Allington Parish Council

Notes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 11 November 2009

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

Also present: County Councillor Chris Farrar
 District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown
 Ted Berth-Jones

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 Cllrs Cant and Connors, they were both unwell.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2009**

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

5 **Matters arising**

5.1 The hedge around the children's play area has been cut back by Hempsteads.
(minute 14.1 refers)

5.2 Hempsteads have pruned back the lower branches from the trees on the green.
(minute 14.2 refers)

5.3 Cllr Bosworth reported that he had contacted a stone mason regarding the village cross but he was still awaiting a response. Another stone mason will be approached. (minute 14.4 refers) **(Action point: AB)**

6 **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 11 November 09**

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

- a) Best Kept Village award information - ceremony 18th November.
- b) Email enquiry from villager re: use of land next to Allington Gardens
- c) Quote from Mike Leech development of shelter
- d) Letter re: Planning policy and development processes seminar 12/11/09 – Cllr Bosworth will attend
- e) LCC Highways gritting routes leaflet 2009/10
- f) LCC Highways maintenance programme Oct – Dec 09, inc. Marston Lane footway works
- g) Best Kept Village nameplates information
- h) 20 mph School safety zone email correspondence
- i) Response for 'Icy road' sign in Sedgebrook Road
- j) Grantham North Rural Neighbourhood Panel meeting minutes

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

7 Best Kept Village

- 7.1 The award ceremony will be held on 18th November at Osbournby Village Hall. Cllrs Taylor, Bosworth and Cant would attend along with Tom Cant and Ted Berth-Jones, Chairman of Allington Gardens Residents' Association.
- 7.2 The clerk reported that Lincolnshire County Council has agreed to put two signs on the outskirts of the village to recognise the achievement. It was suggested that the two signs go on Gonerby Lane and Sedgebrook Road. Highways would provide a quote for a third sign on Foston Lane, but the cost of this would fall to the village.
- 7.3 Pennells Garden Centre would be donating a tree. Cllrs discussed which species of tree would be the most suitable and where it could be planted. Cllr Taylor agreed to go to Pennells and take further advice. She would report back at the next meeting. **(Action point: HT)**

8 Emergency Aid

- 8.1 Following the decision at the September Parish Council meeting the clerk reported that Sharon Andrews had arranged an information meeting for anyone who wished to know more about this project or wished to volunteer as a responder. This meeting would take place at the Village Hall at 8pm, Wednesday 18th November. Neil Chadwick (LIVES) would give a presentation and answer any questions.
- 8.2 The clerk reported that the Parish Council had received further donations of £87 from Allington News and £472.90 from the Women's Institute. Over £1,200 had now been received towards this initiative. However, as 4 of the early donations had been made towards a public access defibrillator, rather than LIVES First Responders, the clerk agreed to contact those who had made those early donations to ask whether they are happy for their money to be put towards the LIVES project instead. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 8.3 Sharon Andrews and the clerk would keep in touch regarding how the project develops and report back to Councillors in the New Year.

9 Village Plan update

- 9.1** Councillor Taylor reported in Cllr Cant's absence. There had been an initial meeting for volunteers who had expressed an interest in producing a Village Plan. Another meeting had been scheduled, to hear a presentation from a representative from Community Lincs giving advice, but this had unfortunately been cancelled due to illness. This meeting would be rearranged in the New Year. **(Action point: MC)**

10 Community shelter developments

- 10.1** The clerk gave details of a builder's quote to extend the path across the green and also put a path around the front of the shelter to the other entrance and continue to the back of the green sloping down to the road. The quote was provided in two materials York stone and Indian stone. After discussion it was agreed that the work should go ahead in Indian stone. The clerk would contact the builder. The cost would be around £1700. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 10.2** It was suggested that three small kerbside bollards be installed at the end of the green near the shelter to stop vehicles damaging the grass and the new paths. The clerk would contact the district and county councils to see whether bollards could be obtained from them. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 Playing Field matters

- 11.1** The Playing field committee Councillors reported that the 'Abba Night' event had not been attended by as many as hoped, but it had been an enjoyable evening nevertheless. A profit of £177 had been made.
- 11.2** The annual Bonfire night celebrations had another successful year raising £1152.97.
- 11.3** Cllr McKinlay reported, with regret, that Mike Sewell had resigned from the post of Playing field committee secretary. He would be sorely missed. The clerk would write and thank him for his service. **(Action point: clerk)**

12 Planning matters

- 12.1** Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 9 September 09:
- Application – 3 Sedgebrook Road - demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement detached bungalow
 - Application – Home Farm House, Bottesford Lane - construction of single storey arts studio, conversion to stores to prep room etc
 - Application – Glebe Farm, Bottesford Road – Single storey rear extension (garden room)
 - Approval – The Orchard, Lowfields Lane, single storey extension

- 12.2** The clerk reported that Ridgewind had made amendments to their application for a windfarm at Palmer's Hollow as they wished to alter the position of the electricity substation. Details would be circulated in the correspondence box.
- 12.3** Correspondence had been received from Brown & Co the agents selling Chestnut Farm, Bottom Street. The clerk had raised the matter that the Parish Council wished to reinstate the old footpath that runs down the side of Chestnut Farm along the boundary with the property Conifers. Brown & Co had replied stating that they could find no evidence of a path/right of way.
- 12.4** Three separate maps were produced for the clerk to forward to Brown & Co. All these maps showed evidence that a footpath once existed. Copies of the maps would be forwarded to the agent. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Financial matters

- 13.1** The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 9 September 09

Income

- Allington News donation (Emergency aid fund) - £87.00
- WI donation (Emergency aid fund) - £472.90
- Precept (part 2) - £7500
- Bank interest – £3.03
- VAT reclaim - £493.47

Total £ 8556.40

Expenditure

- RoSPA inspection - £72.45
- Hand towel dispensers and paper towels for toilet block - £68.20
- Muga maintenance - £72.61 (September)
- Hempstead - Grass cutting 09/10 - £1932
- Grantham electrical - £109.25

Total £ 2254.51

Plus Clerk's and Caretaker's salary

- 13.2** Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.
- 13.3** There was a discussion on the draft 2010/11 budget recently submitted to all Councillors by the clerk. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2010/11 should not increase and remain at £15k. The clerk would inform SKDC. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 13.4** Councillors considered what improvements / maintenance the village was in need of. It was agreed that the playing field car park needs attention. It was decided that quotes be sought to install a number of bollards at a distance of about 4'6" apart along the boundary of the car park and the field. This work

would enable the car park to be open for use at all times, but the bollards would prohibit vehicles accessing the field. The clerk will contact builders. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Any other business

14.1 There has been some negative feedback concerning the appearance of the new signs at the village hall directing vehicles in and out of the car park. Councillors felt that any discussion regarding this should not occur without a representative of the Village Hall's management committee being present. The matter may be raised at another time.

15 Date of next meeting

15.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th January at 7.30pm.

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