

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 14 September 2005

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

Also present: County Councillor Farrar
 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown
 4 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 was mentioned:

- a) Mr Bosworth asked for an update from the Council on the progress in setting up a village web-site. The clerk stated that she had been in contact with an administrator for Grantham-online and would be contacting him again shortly to register the Parish Council site.
(Action point: clerk)

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 Cllr Cutting sent her apologies; she is away.
- 2.2 Mr Derry, a parishioner, also sent apologies.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 Residing in Bottom Street, Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest regarding any issues that may arise concerning traffic using Gonerby Lane and travelling along Bottom Street. No other declarations of interest were made.

4. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2005**

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

5 **Matters Arising**

5.1 There were no matters arising.

6 Update on the Gonerby Moor junction improvements, inc. Sedgebrook Road traffic survey results

6.1 The results from the Sedgebrook Road traffic survey were summarised. Although the intention was to survey the traffic over a full 7 days, equipment failure meant that results were only available for a 3-day period (Wednesday to Friday).

6.2 The results showed:

- 5,516 vehicles travelled over the survey area, over the 3 days, with a fairly even flow in both directions.

This figure extrapolates to:

- 9,193 over 5 days
- 12,870 over 7 days.

6.3 The results showed that 0.2% of vehicles were exceeding the 60mph limit. The 85%ile speed was 47.7 mph. The highest speeds were recorded during the early morning and early evening.

6.4 Cllr Taylor stated that she had attended the A1 improvements presentation at the King's Hotel. At this presentation there was an estimate that by the year 2010 - 1,500 vehicles would be using Gonerby Lane. From the figures recorded by the Sedgebrook Road survey this is very likely to be happening already.

6.5 A discussion ensued about traffic calming measures generally and it was agreed that the clerk should contact the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership again to seek their help in getting the 30mph limit extended beyond Peach Lane. **(Action point: clerk)**

6.6 Cllr Farrar stated that there had been problems passing the proposed HGV weight limit for some roads in the area. However, the clerk reported that she had had a letter dated 26 August from LCC Highways stating that the weight limit for Allington roads would come into force later this year.

6.7 It was noted that some HGV's using Allington as a short cut from the A1 to the A52 were not aware of the low bridge at Sedgebrook. Although there is a 'low bridge' sign for vehicles leaving the A52 there is not one for those leaving the A1. It was suggested that this be pointed out to Highways. **(Action point: clerk)**

6.8 Regarding the A1 improvements the clerk stated that she has written to both LCC Highways and the Highways Agency with the Council's general concerns regarding how Gonerby Lane and the village generally will be affected.

7. Correspondence received since the meeting held on 13 July 05

7.1 The following correspondence has been received and/or sent and will be circulated in the correspondence box:

- a) Replies have been received from the Highways Agency and LCC Highways following the clerk's letters airing the Council's concerns about how Gonerby Lane and the village generally will be affected.
- b) Notes of the Pre-inquiry meeting for the A1 improvements have been received from The Planning Inspectorate.
- c) Traffic survey results from Sedgebrook Road have been received.
- d) A reply has been received to the Council's request to close the Marston Lane access to the A1. It will not be closed to vehicles.
- e) A letter has been received from Harold Derry with suggestions as to how Arena UK could alter the angle of their entrance off Allington Lane. Adjusting the angle would help reduce the number of vehicles using the village as a short cut, and force the larger vehicles leaving and entering Arena UK away from the village. Cllr Sewell agreed to speak to Ms Lanni from Arena UK about this. **(Action point: MS)**
- f) Mr Derry had also written with his views about the new traffic calming measures installed in Sedgebrook Road.
- g) The clerk has contacted Linnells as the Salt well is still leaking, despite recent repairs.
- h) An e-mail has been received from a lady in Australia enquiring about the burial sites of her husband's ancestors who were connected with Allington in the 1800's.
- i) Grantham Area Bus timetables are being printed and are due shortly.
- j) An important letter has been received from SKDC re: Parish Council election costs.
- k) Confirmation has been received of the village clean up on 1st October.
- l) A Local Area Assembly meeting is scheduled for 28th September. Cllr Hubbard agreed to attend. **(Action point: AH)**
- m) The Police mobile unit will be in the village on 6th October.

8. Burial grounds

- 8.1 The clerk reported that she had been looking into what responsibilities, if any, the Parish Council had regarding burial grounds.
- 8.2 It appears that a Parish Council has the power to provide burial grounds but not a duty. The duty is with the District Council. A Parish Council has no obligations to church yards as long as they remain classified as 'open'.
- 8.3 If a churchyard is 'closed' the church will have a Secretary of State certificate stating so. The onus to prove that a Secretary of State certificate has been issued lies with the church.
- 8.4 If the Secretary of State has closed a churchyard then a Parish Council then has the responsibility to take the churchyard on. However, the Parish Council can, in turn, pass this responsibility over to the District Council, but the District Council will bill the Parish for its upkeep. It is often a cheaper option for a Parish Council to maintain a closed churchyard itself than pay the District Council to do so.
- 8.5 The chairman asked a member of the Parochial Church Council to enquire about the position of burial spaces left in the parish.

9. Trafalgar weekend celebrations

- 9.1 It was agreed to arrange a meeting, for all interested groups and societies around the village, to get together to consider how Trafalgar Weekend should be celebrated. **(Action point: HT and clerk)**
- 9.2 The Village Hall Management Committee confirmed that they are planning to light a beacon outside the village hall on Friday 21st October, prior to the show that is scheduled.
- 9.3 The church bells will be rung at 7pm on the Sunday evening.
- 9.4 The Twinning Association confirmed that they would be organising a game of boule on the Sunday afternoon, with some players representing the English and some the French.
- 9.5 The school, Brownies and playgroup have also expressed an interest in joining in the celebrations.

10 Planning matters

- 10.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 13 July 2005:
 - a) Approval – Extension to 10 Park Road
 - b) Approval – Extension to 29 Park Road
 - c) Approval – Replacement windows and external door, Red House.
 - d) Application – Demolition of dwelling and erection of new dwelling, Spinney Cottage, Bottesford Road
 - e) Application and approval – Two storey extension to dwelling, The Tap Barn, Bottom Street
 - f) Application – Extension to 42 Park Road
- 10.2 A letter has been received from Browne Jacobson Solicitors, asking whether the Council has any representations regarding the transfer of the Restaurant Licence at Willow Top Farm (Arena UK). The clerk replied stating that Willow Top Farm was in the Parish of Gonerby.

11 Financial matters

- 11.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 13 July 05.
- 11.2 The following payments were presented to the Council for retrospective approval and unanimously approved:
 - Fixings for the new signs at the Playing field £58.75
 - Powergen £18.05
 - LCC traffic calming £426.43
 - RoSPA £69.33
 - St John Ambulance for Party in the Park £50.00
 - Maces Ltd playground paint £132.62

Total 755.18

- 11.3 The clerk reported back to the Council about getting a Dog Waste Bin and it was agreed that one should be ordered with the extended base. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 11.4 The clerk asked the Council to give due consideration to any expenditure for the financial year 2006/07. The clerk stated that she would draw up a budget for discussion at the November meeting. **(Action point: clerk)**

12 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

- 12.1 Mrs Wade of Marston Lane, has offered the village playing field 15 established oak trees from her garden. Members of the Playing Field committee would look at what work was needed to get the trees moved and replanted.
- 12.2 The RoSPA inspection of the playground had taken place. The report showed mainly 'Low' risk comments. There were no 'High' risks, and the couple of 'Medium' risk had been addressed already.
- 12.3 The Gonerby Youth Football Club had made a start at painting the play equipment. The Council thanked them for their efforts.
- 12.4 The Party in the Park had raised £899.34. The fund raising committee are planning another Party in the Park event next summer.
- 12.5 John Slater, from Tourism and Leisure at SKDC, attended the last Playing Field Committee meeting. He has kindly agreed to help out with sourcing funding for a multi-sports surface. Although it is an ambitious project it is hoped that up to 85% of the expense could be found from funding organisations.
- 12.6 The fundraisers have plans underway for Bonfire Night and the Christmas tree lighting on The Green.

13 Any other business

- 13.1 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown asked the Council whether it was considering making representation against the closure of A&E at Grantham Hospital. The Council agreed that it would be appropriate to write to the Department of Health accordingly. Councillors agreed that with the A1 and GNER main line both passing through the area the absence of an A&E at the hospital would be a disastrous move. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 13.2 A lamppost in Bottesford Road was not switching off during the day and the one at the end of the jitty has lost its cover. Clerk will report these to SKDC. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 13.3 Bottom Street pavement is difficult to pass because of overgrown brambles and weeds. Clerk will report these to SKDC. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 13.4 It was brought to the Council's attention that the owners of Chestnut Farm were unhappy as they believed that their business, regarding their property, was being discussed at public meetings, and subsequently reported in the Allington News. It was pointed out that any comments, which had been made at a previous meeting, were borne out of speculation of what may be happening in

the village. The comments were specifically related to what may happen to the paddock next to the Manor House.

14 Date of next meeting

14.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 9 November 05.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed: ----- (Chairman)

Date: _____