

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 13 September 2006

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

Also present: Theresa Tanner, Alan Bosworth, Ken Moulds

1. **Chairman's remarks**

- 1.1 In the Chairman's absence the Vice Chairman, Cllr North, opened the meeting and thanked those present for their attendance.

2. **Apologies**

- 2.1 Councillor Taylor sent her apologies; she is away.
2.2 District Councillor Kaberry-Brown and County Councillor Farrar also sent their apologies.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 July 2006**

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

5 **Matters Arising**

- 5.1 Councillor North stated that he had just had the first entry for the village diary (minute 5.3 refers).
5.2 The sign has been made and installed at the Salt Well, (minute 5.5 refers).
5.3 Kerbing has been completed in Bottom Street and on Main Street opposite The Green, and the footpaths have been surface dressed in Park Road and Park Avenue. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Highways, but politely point out that weeds started breaking through the surface of the pavements in Park Road within a few days, (minute 5.4 refers). **(Action point: clerk)**

- 5.4 Cllr Hubbard said that he had taken a look at the bench on the corner of Bottom Street and Main Street and it would cost approximately £20 to repair (minute 5.6 refers). It was agreed unanimously that the work should be done – thanks to Cllr Hubbard for taking it on. **(Action point: AH)**
- 5.5 The clerk reported that she had written to the lady proposing to bring a fish and chip round to the village, welcoming the idea, but she had not heard anymore (minute 7.1 refers).
- 5.6 Cllr Cutting reported that she had spoken to Highways regarding the state of the footpaths around the village. Some being overgrown with crops (minute 6.1(g) refers). Highways have stated that footpath 3 would be cleared by 15/9/06.
- 5.7 There have not been any new signs installed warning motorists that there are weight restrictions on Sedgebrook Road, despite Highways saying that they are considering them, (minute 6.1(j) refers). The clerk is to chase Highways as there are still lorries turning towards the village from the A52, and getting stuck under the railway bridge. **(Action point: clerk)**

6. **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 10 May 2006**

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

- a) Letter from Mr Moulds re: Village film archive (agenda 7)
- b) Invitation to all councillors to attend opening of the village hall's new toilet block on Friday 13th October at 7.30pm.
- c) Letter from someone tracing their family and a positive response
- d) Letter from Central Networks stating that funding is available for village projects.
- e) Letter from a representative from the Pension Service asking whether there are groups that may find it helpful to meet him.
- f) First Annual Parish and Town Council Conference on 7 December.

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

7 **Village Film Archive – Mr Moulds**

7.1 Mr Moulds spoke to the council about his ideas and future projects for the film archive. It was agreed that the clerk should write a letter for Mr Moulds to carry whilst undertaking filming to allay any concerns that villagers may have with him taking footage around the village. Regarding the question of storage, Theresa Tanner stated that there is now storage within the new extension at the village Hall, which will hold Village archive material. It was suggested that Mr Moulds consider using Allington News to inform villagers about his project and also to contact the History Society who may be interested to help in some way. **(Action point: clerk)**

8 Combustible Waste clean up

- 8.1 Cllr Jackson said he would be collect green combustible waste from residents on Saturday 4th November, in readiness for the Bonfire Night. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to pay £50 into the Playing Field's ringfenced account for this service. This sum is the amount that would have been paid to the helpers during the old village clean ups. The clerk will provide posters to inform villagers nearer the time. **(Action point: GJ and clerk)**

9 Highway matters

- 9.1 Councillors discussed the poor state of Bottesford Road, which has been badly damaged by the constant use of HGV lorries carrying treated waste to fields. It is estimated that there have been as many as 40 lorries a day each carrying 20 tons of treated waste along Bottesford Lane. The clerk stated that Highways have started repairs but the repairs would be ongoing as the damage was severe. The road is scheduled to be surface dressed next year.
- 9.2 It was agreed that the clerk write to Snowies, and Seven Trent (whose waste it is) to express the Parish Council's concerns and fears that this could become an annual problem. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.3 The gouge in Sedgebrook Road, near Buttonhole Cottage, which had been caused by an accident would be looked at by Highways Division.
- 9.4 A while ago a 20mph advisory limit had been requested for roads near the school. With the recent widening of Bottom Street, now that the kerbs have been laid, it was felt that this 20mph limit should now be considered a priority. The clerk is to contact Highways Division. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 9.5 The clerk reported that Highways are aware that a footpath is still needed for Peach Lane. However, the footpath will have to be financed out of Highways' Capital Works Scheme budget and we have to wait our turn.

10 Planning matters

- 11.1 Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 12 July 06:
- a) Refusal - Removal of condition 8 from planning permission S03/1239 – Home Farm Barn, 6 West Meadows
 - b) Application – Erection of shed and summerhouse – 10 Park Avenue (and amended plans). Including letter from clerk as comments.
 - c) Application – Double garage and conservatory – 1 Red House Gardens
 - d) Application and approval – extension to dwelling – 42 Park Road
 - e) Application and approval – Alterations to previously approved dwelling – Plot 6 Berts Way (and amended plans)
 - f) Application – Erection of dwelling and garage (revised) – Spinney Cottage, Bottesford Road

- g) Application – Amendment to garage roof – Hawthorne Lodge, Bottom Street

11 Financial matters

12.1 The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 12 July 06.

12.2 The income since the last meeting has been:

- £9.79 - bank interest
- £251.40 - Inland Revenue credit for electronic filing
- £829.80 - Playing field income from various fund raising events

Total £1090.99

The expenditure has been:

- £25.59 – Powergen
- £141.00 – Audit fees
- £70.79 - Viking Signs

Total £ 237.38

Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

12.3 The clerk stated that the Audit for 2005/06 had been completed and the notice of its completion had been posted on the Parish Council notice board for the statutory period.

12.4 The clerk asked whether there was anything specific that Councillors wished to be included in the budget 07/08 preparation. It was decided to include £500 for the Council elections next year. The clerk will present a draft budget at the November meeting.

13 Report form the Playing Field Committee.

13.1 Cllr McKinlay reported back from the last Playing Field Committee meeting.

13.2 The Party in the Park had been successful. Funds of £489 had been raised. Thanks to the fundraisers for their efforts.

13.3 The portacabin combination padlocks have been replaced with key padlocks as the combination numbers have become widely known and there has been vandalism again. All users have been issued with a key.

13.4 The play area is looking good as the painting of the play equipment has almost been completed. Many thanks to Cllrs Cutting and Taylor for their efforts. However, there is growth of moss and weeds underneath the train climbing frame and the 'does and don'ts' signs are needing installation. The village

caretaker shall be asked to put weed killer on the play surface and install the signs. **(Action point: clerk)**

13.5 The question arose again as to whether a permanent Christmas tree should be planted on The Green for the annual festivities. After considerable debate it was decided that a tree should not be planted. It was generally thought that there were sufficient trees on The Green and another large tree, which is not a native tree, could cause overcrowding. However, it was decided that a permanent socket could be installed into the ground to stand the Christmas tree in each year.

13.6 The clerk would contact SKDC to ask whether an electric supply could be installed in the bus shelter from where the Christmas tree could be lit. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Any other business

14.1 The padlock has gone missing from the chain securing the Park Avenue public area. Cllr Sewell stated that he could supply a new padlock. **(Action point: MS)**

14.2 Cllr Cutting reported that the library van service will now be monthly not fortnightly. The clerk will contact LCC to express the Parish Council's disappointment with this. **(Action point: clerk)**

14.3 There is a lack of road signs warning motorist that there are often horse riders on the highways around the village. The clerk is to contact Highways and ask for signs. **(Action point: clerk)**

14.4 Mr Bosworth stated that he has set up a diary page online for the village. This can be accessed from www.grantham-on-line.co.uk. Diary events can be e-mailed to diary@allington-village.com

15 Date of next meeting

15.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be on 8 November 06.

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