

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 8 September 2010

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

Also present: District Councillor Kaberry-Brown

1. **Chairman's remarks**

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

2. **Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs Bosworth and Jackson, they were working. Cllr Connor was also absent.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2010**

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

5 **Correspondence received since the meeting held on 14 July 10**

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

- a) Letter and response Clement Keys Auditors
- b) Letter and response PCC re: Burial spaces
- c) Holly Searson (Football Coaching Company) correspondence
- d) Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document (with CD)
- e) Community Wildlife Grant application.

5.2 The clerk reported that the free trees for Parishes scheme had stopped. The Community Wildlife Grant application was now available for this sort of purchase.

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

6 **LIVES - update**

6.1 The clerk reported the following on behalf of Sharon Andrews (LIVES co-ordinator).

- a) The group have had a good couple of months with several call outs.
- b) In August there has been a skeleton service due responders' holidays etc. This has highlighted the need for more volunteers to step forward for training. One responder is stepping out of the rota as he is awaiting a knee operation, and again this highlights the need for more volunteers.
- c) The group have decided that the Group trainer training and the medic training should be withheld for the meanwhile in order to focus precious funds on training any potential new recruits this autumn.
- d) A man from Woolsthorpe, who is already a LIVES trainer, will do Allington's group training for the foreseeable future.
- e) The group will meet at the end of September to discuss recruitment and will feedback to the Parish Council.
- f) The group thank the Parish Council for their continued interest and support.

7 Bus Shelter (Gonerby Lane)

- 7.1 Pete Fox, a villager, has kindly refurbished the bus shelter on Gonerby Lane from bits and pieces supplied by other members of the village. Although the refurbishment has improved the shelter it will still need replacing fairly soon as it is riddled with woodworm and generally in a very poor condition.
- 7.2 Councillors agreed that the clerk should write to Mr Fox to thank him for his work. **(Action point: clerk)**
- 7.3 Cllr Cant will continue to look into replacing the shelter. **(Action point: MC)**

8 Dog waste bins

- 8.1 The clerk reported back on the advice she had sought from LCC and SKDC about where dog waste bins can be sited.
- 8.2 An official from SKDC has stated that there is no specific guidance as to where dog waste bins can be placed but any new bins would have to be emptied and collected by a private company, and not SKDC, as dog waste is now considered a 'hazardous waste' and SKDC employees are not contracted to deal with that. This would inevitable be a cost to the village.
- 8.3 District Cllr Kaberry-Brown said that she would make further enquiries on our behalf about dog waste disposal. The clerk would not order new bins at this stage.

9 Standing orders

- 9.1 The clerk presented new standing orders to the Parish Council. These new standing orders are based on the model standing orders received from LALC earlier this year. The Standing Orders were adopted unanimously.

10 Update on complaint to Energy Ombudsman

- 10.1 The clerk confirmed that she had sent a response to the Ombudsman's report but still awaited a reply. The report and response will be circulated in the correspondence box to Councillors.

11 Burial spaces in churchyards

- 11.1** The clerk reported that she had heard from the Parochial Church Council and that there were about 15-20 places still available in Holy Trinity's churchyard and if the greenery were cut back some more ground could become available.

12 Playing Field matters

- 12.1** Cllr McKinlay confirmed that the Football Coaching Company had received notice that they were no longer permitted to use the playing field. A record of all correspondence with this company will circulate to Councillors in the correspondence box. The clerk had not heard anymore from the company since sending the letter of termination.
- 12.2** Councillors agreed that a written hire contract was needed for commercial users of the playing field. Cllr McKinlay and the clerk would look at drawing a contract up. **(Action point: MM & clerk)**
- 12.3** The clerk confirmed that the play area repairs, toilet doors and windows replacements would be undertaken soon.
- 12.4** Cllr McKinlay stated that the Party in the Park had been very successful again this year. It is estimated that fund in excess of £1500 had been raised. An accurately figure will be available at the next meeting. Thanks to the fundraising committee for all their efforts.
- 12.5** Footpath number 3, which runs from the bottom of the playing field is still difficult to access. The clerk will report this again to LCC. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Planning matters

- 13.1** Applications received and determined since the last Parish council meeting on 14 July 2010:
- Application – replacement windows, removal of door, repointing and removal of entrance hall – Red House Farm
 - Application and approval – Pruning and tidying of 2 apple trees, 1 flowering cherry, reduction in height of yew and reduce conifer – Lilac Rose Cottage, Bottom Street

14 Financial matters

- 14.1** The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 14 July 2010.

Income

- Bank interest – £3.47
- Football Coaching Company hire - £70

Total £ 73.47

Expenditure

- Hempstead (muga) - £123.38

Total £ 123.38

Plus Caretakers' salaries

- 14.2** Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.
- 14.3** The clerk reported that the Government's minimum wage level will increase with effect from 1st October 2010 to £5.93 p/hour. Councillors agreed that the caretakers' salaries would be reviewed and increased accordingly.
- 14.4** The clerk still awaited the return of the 2009/10 audit from Clement Keys. It is hoped that this will be received shortly.

15 Any other business for future meetings

- 15.1** Cllr Cant asked that the next agenda lists the 'Community Lead Plan' as there will be more to feedback for the Parish Council by this date. **(Action point: clerk)**

14 Date of next meeting

- 14.1** The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm.

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