

Allington Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall
Wednesday 12 September 2012

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

Also present: Theresa Tanner – Chairman VHMC, Janette Mole

1. Chairman's remarks

- 1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. Prior to the formal Parish Council meeting there was a public session and Mrs Tanner thanked the Parish Council for the offer to help with funding to lag the attic of the village hall but a villager had kindly volunteered to undertake the work and the cost of this could be met by the Village Hall.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 There were no apologies. Though Cllrs Jackson and Hubbard would be late.

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2012

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

5 Correspondence received since the meeting held on 11 July 12

- 5.1 The clerk reported on some of the correspondence received and sent:
- a) Builder's quote and drawings for planters at road signs
 - b) Email from villager re: playing field
 - c) Notification of Neighbourhood watch AGM – Walton Girls High School on 3rd October
 - d) Letter from SKDC re: new clusters for better communication between district and parish councils
 - e) SKDC email notification: Neighbourhood development plan – Long Bennington
 - f) Audit Commission – Appointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP as external auditor for next 5 years
 - g) Clement Key Auditor notification of audit closure

- h) Community Lincs – BKV villages in final and confirmation of judging due in September

Regarding (a), Councillors agreed to go ahead with the quote. **(Action point: clerk)**

Regarding (b) the clerk would respond to the villager. It was also agreed that new dog fouling signs be installed at the field as the other ones were faded. **(Action point: clerk)**

Regarding (d), four points were suggested as areas of concern for SKDC, planning, flooding, dog fouling and broadband. If Councillors had any other thoughts they would inform the clerk by email by 21 October. **(Action point: all cllrs)**

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

6 Representations made to the Parish Council since the agenda has been set

- 6.1 None.

7 New Code of Conduct

- 7.1 The clerk had looked at the SKDC's version of the Code of Conduct as well as the NALC's one. She outlined the subtle differences between the two. Councillors decided to adopt the NALC version that had been copied round prior to the July meeting.

- 7.2 The clerk would formally draw up the Code personalising it to Allington Parish Council and ensure that all Councillors receive a copy. **(Action point: clerk)**

8 Objectives for the forthcoming year

- 8.1 The clerk reminded Councillors of the agreed objectives:

- a) The play area refurbishment
- b) Setting up a wildlife/nature area
- c) Consider the village 'wish list' which has resulted from the Village plan survey
- d) Repairing the playing field drains

- 8.2 Action had been undertaken on all objectives since the last meeting.

9 Superfast Broadband

- 9.1 Cllr Cant reported that she had been trying to encourage villagers to register with 'OnLincolnshire' to increase the chances of Allington getting a much improved broadband speed. Unfortunately many villagers had still not done so. She pointed out that villagers can multi register if they are part of a business run from home or a community group that uses the internet.

- 9.2 As many villagers as possible should register at: <http://onlincolnshire.org/getting-involved/register/> . There is also a link to this site on the village website.

9.3 Cllr Cant requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the January meeting when more information may be available. **(Action point: MC)**

10 Village Plan

[Cllrs Hubbard and Jackson joined the meeting]

10.1 Cllrs Taylor and Cant reported back on the Village Plan. Significant contributions have been made by villagers, Mr and Mrs Strange, to sum up the analysis from the village survey into a readable document. Further work would now be done to summarise this document further after which it would go out to all villagers.

10.2 Once villagers have received this information their feedback would be appreciated. The village plan must be a document drawn up by the village, for the village, and not be Parish Council lead so volunteers are encouraged to come forward to develop an action plan.

10.3 The summary document would be sent to Councillors and they would provide comments to Cllr Cant by the end of September. **(Action point: clerk & all Cllrs)**

10.4 A letter of thanks would go to Mr and Mrs Strange for the work they have done on the analysis. **(Action point: clerk)**

11 School safety zone

11.1 Cllr Taylor updated Councillors regarding the school safety zone. She had spoken to an official from LCC who had noted that little had happened since the site meeting had occurred almost a year ago. After discussion with the official Cllr Taylor was hopeful that action would be taken on the matter this financial year.

12 Playing field matters

12.1 Cllr McKinlay stated that the Playing Field Committee had met recently.

12.2 The Playing field committee were currently looking into external funding to go with the sum that had been raised by the fundraising group to develop the children's play area. If a lottery grant is to be sought then evidence for the needs of such a project is required. The school are willing to contribute to provide that evidence. An online questionnaire will also be created for older children to respond to.

12.3 Cllr Cragg will undertake work on the drains shortly. **(Action point: DC)**

12.4 Cllr Jackson would arrange for the hedge around the playing field to be cut back. **(Action point: GJ)**

12.5 Cllr McKinlay reported on problems that neighbours to the playing field had been experiencing over the summer months. There had been reports of inconsiderate parking on the verges and littering of the field as a result of football matches being played. The clerk stated that she had received enquiries at the end of July / early August regarding pitch hire from a local club whose ground was waterlogged and permission was given for them to play. However, a number of other matches seem to

have been played by other football teams and it was these were the teams that had been parking inconsiderately. Cllr McKinlay has written to villagers neighbouring the field and explained that the Playing field committee are monitoring the situation and endeavouring to sort the problems. Gonerby Youth FC is also aware of the problems and would be vigilant to ensure that their parking is within the car park and that all litter placed in the litter bin when they begin to use the field again.

- 12.6** It was also reported by villagers that people in various vehicles were visiting the playing field car park at night and then engaging in rowdy behaviour into the early hours of the morning without any consideration for anyone living nearby. This behaviour is unacceptable and this situation would be monitored.
- 12.7** Due to the seemingly unsociable behaviour of some field users the idea of CCTV was discussed again. A decision as to whether this was a viable option would be discuss at a future meeting.
- 12.8** The clerk reported that she had been unable to contact the land owner of the copse for an update regarding the licence being drawn up by Brown and Co. She would try again once the harvest period had passed. **(Action point: clerk)**

13 Planning matters

- 13.1** Applications received and determined since the last Parish Council meeting on 11 July 2012:
- a) Withdrawn by applicant – Berberene, Main Street, Demolish western elevational wall and provide 2 story extension with double pitched roof and 2 storey wing extension to NE
 - b) Refused- 1 Bottom Street, demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 dwellings
- 13.2** The clerk reported that the application for the Barn conversion at Corner House, Main Street, had been referred to the Secretary of State for 'non determination' as no decision had been made by SKDC planners within 8 weeks of the application being submitted. This means that the case has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol for an impartial planning decision. The Parish Council will be consulted for its opinion in due course.

14 Financial matters

- 14.1** The clerk reported on the income and outgoings since the last meeting on 11 July 2012:

Income

- Women's Institute - £615
- Summer event - £3386.67
- Bank interest - £3.46

Total £ 4005.13

Expenditure

- PE Hempstead (MUGA maintenance) - £126
- Village Hall path - £430
- Electricity - £7.13
- Big Lottery refund - £725
- Repair of Main Street bench - £19.09
- Disco for Jubilee weekend - £450
- Diesel for generator (Jubilee weekend) - £17.16

Total £ 1774.38

Plus Clerk and Caretakers' salaries.

14.2 Councillors unanimously approved the payments retrospectively.

14.3 Many thanks to go to Mr Fox for his time in repairing the bench in Main Street. **(Action point: clerk)**

14.4 This clerk reported that the 2011/12 audit had just been received back from the External Auditor and the closure notice would be put on the notice board. **(Action point: clerk)**

15 Any other business for future meetings

15.1 The agenda for the next Parish Council meeting will include:

- a) Refurbishment of village benches
- b) Village cross
- c) The play area upgrade
- d) Village plan

16 Date of next meeting

16.1 The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm.

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