

**Minutes of the Meeting of Market Deeping Town Council  
Held on Wednesday 10 July 2024 at 7.30pm  
At the Town Hall, Market Deeping**

Present:	Cllr Dr Byrd	Cllr Miss Collins
	Cllr Broughton	Cllr Mrs Sked
	Cllr Wey	Cllr Mrs Steel
	Cllr Ms Reed	Cllr Guerge
	Cllr Mr Piper	Cllr Hanson

The Clerk was also in attendance.

It was noted that due to the general election staff at SKDC had been working very hard.

Cllr Dr Byrd reported that a full report about West Deeping Gravel pits had been received. It was recognised that well-being of West Deeping's residents was a priority. The Clerk was asked to forward this to members.

Cllr Dr Byrd said that she is on the following committees at SKDC:

- Rural and Communities (includes local policing)
- Planning Committee – solar farms are a big issue
- Standards Committee - Chair

There being no further business the public session was closed.

#### **50. Chairman's Welcome & Introductions**

Cllr Dr Byrd again welcomed members to the meeting at 7.35pm.

#### **51. To note apologies and accept valid reasons for absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Neilson, Cllr Hughes and Cllr Mrs Jones. These were accepted.

#### **52. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

There were none.

#### **53. Acceptance of the minutes of a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Cllr Dr Byrd asked members if they were to accept the minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the notes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

#### **54. Reports: Including reports from Committees: Planning and Highways, DNP, AOS, Mayor's diary and the Clerk's report**

##### **Planning and Highways**

Grass cutting issues will be discussed later in the Clerk's report.

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There has been a proposed reduction of speed on Northfield's Road to 40mph. MDTC have responded that they would prefer this to be 30mph.

There is a consultation period in respect of double yellow lines on Dovecote Road. The Clerk was instructed to forward this to the resident who originally raised his concerns.

There has been a meeting regarding the proposed development on Wellington Way. The car parking spaces will be reduced and 3 bungalows are proposed in the car park.

Concerns have been raised regarding pubs and cafes who have seats on the pavement not holding pavement licenses. The Clerk is going to approach businesses and offer advice and assistance on how to obtain a license from Lincolnshire County Council. It was noted that A boards also require a license.

**Deeping Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Dr Byrd reported that a meeting for all DSJ and MDTC Councillors about Biodiversity Net Gain took place on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the Town Hall Chambers. This is likely to result in a reduction in back garden developments in the future, this dependent on the new Government's policy.

The design code work is at the final draft stage.

A letter has been sent to New River Retail regarding Aldi.

**Mayoral Diary**

The Mayor waved off local England supporters who were heading off to watch the UEFA football tournament on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended Peterborough City Council's Mayors Installation at Town Hall for procession to Cathedral on 16 June 2024.

The Mayor attended the Deepings Rotary Annual dinner on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

**Clerk's Report – 10 July 2024**

All Councillors need to complete Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest forms. This needs to be completed annually and submitted to SKDC.
A new photocopier is being delivered next week.
Urban grass cutting – There continues to be numerous complaints regarding the grass cutting and the quality of the cut. The Clerks are responding to the residents and are continuing to liaise with Deeping St James and the contractor to ensure that this matter is rectified as soon as possible. A significant amount of time is being spent in dealing with this issue.  <b>A lengthy discussion took place regarding the grass cutting. It was RESOVED that the Clerk should not pay any further invoices at this point.</b>  <b>The Clerk was instructed to request a meeting with Deeping St James Parish Council which Cllr Dr Byrd and Cllr Wey are to attend as representatives of the Planning and Highways Committee.</b>

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Legend on a bench – a meeting has taken place and a possible suitable location is being consulted upon with interested parties. A possible installation date is being sought and a celebration event may possibly take place between 16-18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.
Much work is being done by the Clerk, Cllr Mrs Steel and Cllr Hughes for the Deepings Funday Sunday which is taking place on 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024.
The Gate has been removed on Cross Road. A letter dated 20 January 2020 from Legal Services Lincolnshire stated that not all landowners agreed with the removal of public highway rights therefore Cross Road has to remain as a public highway and the gate had to be removed.

**55. Correspondence to be noted and resolved upon**

<b>Correspondence to be Noted – Received up to 10 July 2024</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Committee Response</b>
1.	LALC	14.6.24	eNews to 14.6.24	Noted
2.	Cllr Stevens	27.6.24	SKDC Arts Consultation	Noted
3.	Rural Services Network	28.6.24	Rural Funding digest	Noted
4.	LALC	14.6.24	eNews to 14.6.24	Noted
5.	Walk and talk movement	18.6.24	The Walk and Talk Movement	Cllrs Mrs Steel is going to refer existing walking groups from The Deepings to the Walk and Talk Movement
6.	Age UK Lincs	17.6.24	Connect to support Lincolnshire	Noted
7.	LALC	28.6.24	eNews to 28.6.24	Noted
<b>Correspondence to be Acted Upon – Received up to 10 July 2024</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Committee Response</b>
1.	Deep in Kindness	26.6.24	Grant AID application – A trip to the beach £1,000	Application withdrawn
2.	Cllr Baxter	10.6.24	Paddock parking	This will be monitored

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3.	SKDC	26.6.24	Sustainability project – Glebe field	This will be referred to AOS agenda
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**56. Council Finances**

**a) Income and expenditure by cost centre**

Members had received a copy of the Council Finances and Omega report prior to the meeting. Cllr Dr Byrd asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**b) Accounts to be paid July and August 2024**

It was **RESOLVED** that the council pay its' bills for July and August 2024. See appendix A. Discussion took place regarding grass cutting this was reported in the Clerk's report.

**c) For members to review Council Finances to 30.6.24**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the report.

**d) For members to review S137 payments**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the S137 payments as correct.

**e) For members to review the Internal Auditor's report for May**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the report and noted that the report said "Really good records held providing a good audit trail."

**57. For members to appoint a new Councillor**

Cllr Franz Guerge was unanimously appointed as a Councillor. The Councillors introduced themselves to him.

**58. For members to consider and adopt changes to Standing order 5e.**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Standing order 5e should read:

**5. Ordinary council meetings**

- a In an election year, the annual meeting of the council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the new Councillors elected take office.**
- b In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of a council shall be held on such day in May as the council decides.**
- c If no other time is fixed, the annual meeting of the council shall take place at 6pm.**
- d In addition to the annual meeting of the council, at least three other ordinary meetings shall be held in each year on such dates and times as the council directs.**

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- e The first business conducted at the annual meeting of the council shall be the election of the Mayor who is the Chairman and Deputy Mayor who is the Deputy-Chairman of the Council.**

~~The position of Mayor will be held for one year only and shall not be held by the same person for a further period of four years.~~

The process of election by formal, written nomination forms to be issued **at least** two weeks prior to the election date for return **before the meeting**. ~~within 7 days of the issue date, allowing sufficient time for the Proper Officer to collate all nominations.~~

Each nomination requires a proposer and a seconder **and acceptance by the nominee**. The proposer can only nominate one candidate for **each position**. ~~the post of Deputy Mayor. Nominees shall be advised of their nomination prior to election, and be requested to accept or decline the nomination.~~

~~The position of Deputy Mayor shall be voted on at the May meeting. (already specified above). In the case of prolonged sickness, the Deputy Mayor shall take on the Mayor's role. An election shall take place to elect the second deputy. Should the Mayor return from illness during his/her mayoral year the Deputy Mayor would resume his/her position of office. and a newly elected Deputy would stand down.~~

**Words in red are additional words  
Words struck through are to be deleted.**

**Standing order 5e now reads:**

The process of election by formal, written nomination forms to be issued at least two weeks prior to the election date for return before the meeting.

Each nomination requires a proposer and a seconder and acceptance by the nominee. The proposer can only nominate one candidate for each position.

Should the Mayor return from illness during his/her mayoral year the Deputy Mayor would resume his/her position

In the case of prolonged sickness, the Deputy Mayor shall take on the Mayor's role.

**59. For members to receive an update on the Section 106 agreement - PH**

Cllr Hanson has obtained the paperwork and gave an update on the Section 106 agreement. It is felt that there is now only one issue holding up the agreement and the Anglian water transfer is complete. It was noted that a RoSPA report still needs to be undertaken to ensure that the play equipment is in good repair before handover.

The matter has been referred to SKDC to resolve.

**60. For members to consider a new phone and broadband contract**

The Clerk suggested that the existing provider should be retained because this would ensure that there is full continuity of service, particularly as MDTC is a burial board.

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It was **RESOLVED** with 9 in favour and 1 against to go with the 60-month contract at a cost of £90 exc. VAT which is cheaper than the existing contract.

**61. For members to consider the purchase of bleed kits**

Cllr Ms Reed presented this in the absence of Cllr Mrs Jones.

Bleed kits save lives. They can be used in stabbings, traffic accidents, work/ domestic related injuries. A bleed out can cause a fatality in less than 4 minutes.

There is a shortage of bleed kits in our area and our nearest bleed kit is at the Ice Rink in Bretton, Peterborough. Bleed kits can be kept in defibrillators and are known to save lives. Users who administer first aid are protected from prosecution in the event of failure by the Good Samaritan Law.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to purchase 3 bleed kits at £85 plus VAT and publicise their existence to members of the public via our website and social media.

Cllr Mrs Jones was commended for her thorough research

**62. For Councillors to consider health care provision**

Cllr Ms Reed has approached the Deeping's Health Centre who appear to be willing to facilitate a meeting with the Council.

Cllr Ms Reed and Cllr Mrs Steel will take this forward.

The Clerk was requested to make this a permanent agenda item.

**63. For members to discuss forthcoming events: Remembrance events, Christmas Market (1.12.24) and Celebration event.**

**Remembrance events**

Remembrance parade was discussed at length. It was acknowledged that Market Deeping's service in the morning is oversubscribed but there are insufficient numbers at Deeping St James in the afternoon. A solution needs to be considered in consultation with both Churches.

**Christmas Market (1.12.24)**

A discussion took place regarding fees. It was **RESOLVED** to increase fees by £10 per stall and to charge food stalls an additional amount for vehicles remaining on site.

A budget of £3,000 was **RESOLVED** unanimously from EMR347.

The Clerks will shortly start to issue application forms to stall holders.

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**Celebration event**

No further update available at this time.

**Walking the footpaths**

Cllr Piper, Cllr Sked and Cllr Steel agreed to talk this forward and arrange the event.

**64. For members to discuss and consider any points raised in the public session**

A discussion took place regarding an overgrown hedge. It was stated that SKDC will take enforcement action if issues are reported to them.

**65. Personnel Matters: Consideration to go into Closed Session to discuss: Plaques**

A discussion of a confidential nature took place regarding plaques and chains

**74. To consider items for inclusion on the agenda items for next meeting of the Town Council, to be held at The Town Hall, Market Deeping on Wednesday 11 September 2024**

The Chairman thanked all members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Full Council will be held on Wednesday 11 September 2024.

Chairman's signature.....

Date.....

Attachments: Appendix A