

**Minutes of the Meeting of Market Deeping Town Council  
Held on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 7.30pm  
At the Town Hall, Market Deeping**

Present:	Cllr Mr Broughton	Cllr Mrs Steel
	Cllr Mr Piper	Cllr Mr Hanson
	Cllr Mrs Jones	Cllr Mr Hughes
	Cllr Mr Guerge	Cllr Mr Neilson

The Deputy Clerk and Assistant Clerk were also in attendance.

Cllr Broughton opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Cllr Dr Byrd was unable to attend tonight's meeting but had informed prior to the meeting that there were no reports regarding South Kesteven District Council or the Deeping Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Cllr Broughton, Deputy Mayor informed that he would be chairing the meeting in the absence of Cllr Dr Byrd. Cllr Broughton welcomed members to the meeting at 7.30 pm.

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

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Miss Collins, Cllr Mrs Sked, Cllr Ms Reed and Cllr Wey and these were accepted.

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

There were none.

#### **170. Acceptance of the minutes of a meeting held on 15 January 2025**

Cllr Broughton asked members if they were to accept the minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2025. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the notes of the meeting as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

#### **171. Reports: Including reports from Committees: Planning and Highways, Deeping Neighbourhood Plan (DNP), Amenities and Open Spaces, Finance & Personnel, Mayor's diary and the Clerk's report**

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

The Deputy Clerk informed that the Planning and Highways Committee had discussed the future of the clock located in the town centre. The company who had attempted to repair the clock had been unable to provide a solution and therefore it was agreed to write to the Rotary who original donated the clock to Market Deeping Town Council to seek their views on a way forward.

##### **Amenities and Open Spaces**

Cllr Broughton asked if there were any questions and there were none.

##### **Finance and Personnel**

Cllr Broughton asked if there were any questions and there were none.

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**Mayoral Diary**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Deeping's Lions charity dinner at Maharanis. The event raised £420 for the Mayor's charities.

**Clerk's Report – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

The Precept request for 2025/26 has been submitted to SKDC there was no increase to residents for the provision of services in Market Deeping.

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

<b>Correspondence to be Noted – Received up to 12 February 2025</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Committee Response</b>
1	LALC	24.01.25	E-news update	Noted.
2	SKDC (via Cllr Byrd)	28.01.25	Deed of Variation (Persimmon)	The Deputy Clerk informed members that this is now with the solicitors and it is hopeful that the transfer will take place shortly.
3	Deeping St James Parish Council (DSJPC)	28.01.25	Invitation extended to Councillors to attend (DSJPC) Annual Parish Meeting and Making A Difference Awards 2025 on Monday 28 April 2025.	Noted.
4	LCC	28.01.25	Town and Parish Council Newsletter	Noted.
5	SKDC	30.01.25	Fees for SKDC's garden waste recycling scheme	Noted.
6	LALC	31.01.25	LALC January Training Bulletin	Noted.
7	Deep in Kindness	04.02.25	Deep In Kindness Community Hub – Opening in March 2025	Noted.
8	Deepings Community library	30.1.25	Thank you for Precept increase 25/26	Noted.
9.	LALC	11.2.25	Asset/service transfer	Noted.
10.	Andrew Bowell	11.2.25	Community Policing Panel – January minutes	Noted.
11.	Rural Services Network	11.2.25	Rural Services Network bulletin – 11.2.25	Noted.
12.	LALC	7.2.25	LALC eNews to 7.2.25	Noted.
<b>Correspondence to be Acted Upon – Received up to 12 February 2025</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Committee Response</b>
1.	LeisureSK	18.01.25	Save a Life Sessions – Free Adult CPR and Defibrillator Training – March – May	It was agreed to register the council's interest. Dates will be provided by

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			2025. Deadline to register: Sunday 16 February 25	LeisureSK early March with training held from mid-March to May 2025 on either a Tuesday or Friday evening. Once a date is confirmed by LeisureSK, the Clerks will book a venue to accommodate the training. A number of councillors expressed their interest in attending.
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**173. 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 Broughton asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**b) Accounts to be paid February 2025**

It was **RESOLVED** that the council pay its' bills for February 2025. See appendix A.

**c) For members to review Council Finances to 31.01.25**

Members had no comments and accepted the report.

**d) For members to receive and accept the internal auditor's report for December 24**

Members had no comments and accepted the report.

**174. For members to receive an update on Cherry Tree Park transfer**

The Assistant Clerk informed members that SKDC's statutory notices had been placed in the local paper and this has now concluded and moved to the next stage of the process. Cllr Broughton informed that the AOS Committee were considering applying to SKDC for a community orchard, this would consist of bramley apple and pears trees for Cherry Tree Park. Cllr Broughton asked members if they would consider the purchase of £200 worth of daffodils for Cherry Tree Park. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept this request.

**175. For members to receive an update on The Green Walk Wayfinding Project (PB)**

As Cllr Dr Byrd was unable to attend the meeting it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

**176. For members to consider the Urban grass cutting contract for 2025/26**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept one of the three quotes received. The Clerk was instructed to sign the Urban Grass Cutting agreement for 25/26 with LCC.

**177. For members to receive an emergency planning update (DJ)**

Cllr Mrs Jones informed that a table top exercise will be carried out shortly. A battle box which includes high-viz jackets and walkie talkies will be provided and these will be stored at the police station. Once the emergency planning team have received the table top exercise a further exercise will take place which will include extra volunteers and members of the public. Two 25ft inflatable flood barriers have been purchased via the levelling up fund. The barriers can be located anywhere and can hold back 3ft of water. To fill the barriers Cllr Broughton requested that a water pump is purchased. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to purchase a water pump.

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**178. For members to consider a Grant Aid request on behalf of Library's Story Fest**

It was **RESOLVED** with one abstention to provide a grant of £500.

**179. For members to receive an update on the S106 agreement**

The Deputy Clerk informed members that this is now with the solicitors and it is hopeful that the transfer will take place shortly.

**180. For members to consider arrangements for forthcoming events: Commonwealth Day – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Civic dinner – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Annual Town Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025, VE Day 8<sup>TH</sup> May 2025, Funday Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025, and Defibrillator training and Air Ambulance Coffee morning**

**Commonwealth Day** – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Invitations will be issued shortly.

**Civic Dinner** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Black Horse, Baston – Formal invitations have been issued.

**Annual Town Meeting** – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – arrangements are progressing.

**VE Day** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – arrangements are progressing.

**Funday Sunday** – 13<sup>th</sup> July – Cllr Hughes informed that plans are advanced and the next meeting is taking place in March. Cllr Broughton would like to thank Cllr Hughes for his hard work and for securing sponsorship for this event.

**Defibrillator training and Air Ambulance coffee morning** – In light of the LeisureSK defibrillator training it was agreed to discuss with Cllr Ms Reed arrangements for the proposed coffee morning.

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

There were no matters for discussion.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

**183. 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 12 March 2025.**

- The Green Walk Wayfinding Project (PB)
- Cemetery driveway

Cllr Mrs Jones would like to thank the park-keeper for quickly disposing of discarded needles which were recently found.

Cllr Broughton thanked Cllr Mrs Jones for her continued hard work in obtaining sponsorship for various council events.

Cllr Piper informed that he would be attending a meeting in Baston on Thursday 13 February regarding a proposed housing development. Cllr Piper would report back to the Planning and Highways Committee.

Cllr Mrs Steel agreed to provide a presentation to the Planning and Highways Committee regarding Peterborough City Council's Local Plan when this is issued to allow MDTC to respond accordingly to the consultation when this takes place.

The Chairman thanked all members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Full Council will be held on Wednesday 12 March 2025.

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Chairman's signature.....

Date.....

Attachments: Appendix A