

Market Deeping Town Council – Planning and Highways Committee

Minutes of a meeting of Market Deeping Town Council’s Planning and Highways Committee held on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Market Deeping. Cllr Brookes presided over Cllr Hembrow, Cllr Mrs Redshaw and Cllr Davis. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance and there were 5 members of the public present.

135 Chairman’s Welcome

The meeting opened at 7pm. Cllr Brookes welcomed everyone and wished everyone and invited the members of the public to speak and they collectively voiced their concerns regarding Lincolnshire County Council’s decision not to pursue an Order removing the public highway rights over Cross Road, Market Deeping. Cllr Brookes thanked them for their attendance and the public session closed at 7.20pm

7.20pm Cllr Miss Moran joined the meeting.

136 Apologies for Absences

Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Cllr Shelton and Cllr Lester.

137 To Receive Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

Declarations of interest made and recorded by Cllr Davis in relation to Agenda Item 11.

138 Minutes from the Meeting dated Wednesday 8th January 2020.

Cllr Brookes asked the committee if they were to accept the minutes of the meeting dated Wednesday 8th January 2020. It was proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Hembrow and **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes should be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed accordingly.

139 Clerk’s Report

Members had received a report prior to the meeting.

Minute No	Update
	Following reports of litter and an over flowing litter bin on the play area, an email has been sent to Persimmon homes, requesting that this matter is addressed and litter picking be included in their regular site maintenance.
98 (ii)	Update on LCC’s review of the zebra crossing on Godsey Lane. Reviews are carried out generally between March & October. This crossing is scheduled for review during March/April
107 (1)	Highway grass cutting for 2020/21 - DSJ are seeking joint quotations for the urban highway grass cutting – 2 have now been received. DSJ are chasing the 3 rd quotation. The Clerk at DSJ has informed the office that the Councillors at DSJ have voted in favour of remaining with the current contractor.
	A complaint has been received regarding the recent painting of the stonework around the shop front of 3 High Street. Following correspondence with the enforcement officer at SKDC it has been confirmed that this falls within permitted development providing that it is not an advertisement. There has therefore been no breach of planning control. Councillors requested that further investigation be carried out regarding applying for an Article 4 Directive to cover the Market Deeping Conservation Area.
128 (a)	A letter has been sent to SKDC, and copied to LCC & the representing LCC Councillor, stating MDTC’s disappointment regarding the decision by SKDC not to pursue the Planning condition for a pedestrian crossing on Godsey Lane.
131	An enquiry has been sent to InvestSK regarding a possible information board and a low-level railing around the Ancient Scheduled Monument, the Village Cross, on the corner of the junction of Towngate West and Hallfleet. A response is awaited.

140 Correspondence to be Noted

Members had received a copy of the correspondence prior to the meeting.

Correspondence to be Noted – Planning & Highways Committee –February 2020				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1	Planning Policy, SKDC	10/01/2020	SKDC Local Plan 2011-2036 – Notice of Publication of the Inspector’s Report	Noted.
2	Planning Support, SKDC	13/01/2020	List of Valid Planning Application received between 6th January & 10th January 2020	Noted.
3	Planning Support, SKDC	15/01/2020	Notification of time change of Planning Committee meeting Wed 5 th Feb 2020. Now to be held at 1pm .	Noted.
3	Planning Support, SKDC	20/01/2020	List of Valid Planning Application received between 13th January & 17th January 2020	Noted.
4	Network Regulation compliance, LCC	20/01/2019	Temporary Traffic Restriction Location: Meadway (btwn Green Walk & Burnside Ave) Period of Restriction: 17/02/2020 to 20/2/2020 Reason: Essential works Anglia Water	Noted.
5	Legal Services, LCC	22/01/2020	Notification of LCC’s decision NOT to proceed with an Order to remove the public highway rights over Cross Road, Market Deeping.	Noted.
6	Planning Support, SKDC	27/01/2020	Notification of the Agenda for Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Wed 5 th Feb 2020 at 1pm	Noted.
7	Planning Support, SKDC	27/01/2020	List of Valid Planning Application received between 20th January & 24th January 2020	Noted.
8	Planning Policy, SKDC	31/01/2020	Notification of adoption of the SKDC Local Plan on 30 th January 2020	Cllr Mrs Redshaw noted that the housing allocation for Market Deeping had increased in the final version of the Plan. Cllr Brookes stated that this appeared to be the Inspector’s response to SKDC’s historical tendency to under allocate, and therefore reflected more accurately what the final housing numbers would be. Cllr Davis expressed concerns

				regarding the continued lack of provision for cycling and the absence of any new road building allocation for Market Deeping.
9	Planning Support, SKDC	04/02/2020	Additional Information to Planning Committee, Wed 5 th February 2020 at 1pm	Noted.

141 Correspondence to be Acted Upon

Members had received a copy of the correspondence prior to the meeting.

Correspondence to be Acted upon – Planning & Highways Committee – February 2020				
No.	Received from	Date Received	Subject	Committee Response
1	Resident of The Grove, Market Deeping	31/01/2020	Complaint and photographs regarding the inconsiderate parking of occupants of an Airbnb property along The Grove	Members agreed to monitor the situation and contact SKDC if it appears that the property was being used as a House of Multiple Occupancy
2	Resident of The Grove, Market Deeping	01/02/2020	Complaint regarding vans parking illegally and inconsiderately along a rental property along The Grove.	As above.

142 Finance - Omega Report: Review of performance to date, budget/expenditure/income

The Deputy Clerk had provided a report at the meeting. Cllr Brookes asked if members had any queries regarding the report. Cllr Miss Moran enquired as to whether all outgoing payments for the Christmas Market had been made and the Deputy Clerk stated that there were still 2 payments awaited. There were no other issues.

143 For members to review the Council's policies relating to the Green Walk

Members reviewed the Council's current policies. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Redshaw, seconded by Cllr Miss Moran and **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the current documents without amendment. Members then agreed that following the possible adoption of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan there would be no further need for separate policies on the Green Walk. Consideration should therefore be given to the withdrawal of these policies once the Neighbourhood Plan had been adopted.

Planning

144 To consider the planning applications up to 5th February 2020, as per SKDC Weekly Planning lists

Ref. no	Application details and address	MDTC response
S20/0033	Applicant: Mr Michael Newland Stone Loach Inn, 13 Market Place, Market Deeping, PE6 8EA	Members raised no objections to this proposal.

	Removal of existing non-compliant wall and doors and erection of new half hour fire resistant wall and doors Application Type: Listed Building Consent	
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145 Planning applications and their results received up to the 5th February 2020

Ref No.	Application details address	SKDC Decision
S19/1931	Applicant: Mr M Lovett 47 Halfleet, Market Deeping, PE6 8DB Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning approval S17/1585 (Erection of a two-storey detached dwelling house) to reduce dwelling in size and alter materials. Date Received: 31 st October 2019 Decision Date: 20 th January 2020	Permission Granted.
S19/1932	Applicant: Mr D Needham 9A The Orchard, Market Deeping, PE6 8JS Erection of a single storey dwelling Date Received: 31 st October 2019 Decision Date: 22 nd January 2020	Permission Refused.
S19/2097	Applicant: Mr & Mrs Peace 1 Kesteven Drive, Market Deeping PE6 8DU Extension of 'dropped kerb' as shown on the site plan and single storey side extension replacing the existing flat roof garage. Date Received: 29 th November 2019 Decision Date: 4 th February 2020	Permission Granted.

Cllr Mrs Redshaw stated that it was important to hear the views of the residents on any proposed Planning Application and requested that the Deputy Clerk, when displaying the proposals on the Town Council noticeboard, add a clearly visible line of text, to invite members of the public to come along to the meetings or contact the Council with their views. This the Deputy Clerk agreed to do.

146 For Members to Review Compliance with Planning Conditions for Major Developments

Cllr Brookes stated that it is important that the Town Council is aware of any issues arising with regard to compliance as developments progress.

a) Persimmons Homes, Godsey Lane

The Deputy Clerk informed the members that, as mentioned in the Clerk's report, a letter had been sent to the SKDC Enforcement Officer with a copy sent to both LCC and the town's representing LCC Councillor, expressing the Town Council's disappointment regarding SKDC decision not to pursue compliance with the planning condition for Persimmon to provide the town with a pedestrian crossing facility. A response was awaited.

b) Larkfleet Homes Development, Northfield Road

There are no issues to report at this time.

c) Housing Development, Halfleet/Towngate East

There are no issues to report at this time.

d) Linden Homes, Linchfield Road (Deeping St James)

There were no issues to report at this time.

147 For Members to Review the Progress of, and issues relating to, Section 106 Agreements.

The Deputy Clerk informed the members that instruction was awaited from SKDC regarding the next steps to take following SKDC's receipt of the monies allocated, in the S106 Agreement relating to The Town Gate Inn development, for improvement works on Greensland and Cherry Tree Park.

Highways

148 For Members to consider issues relating to the 2020 Town Christmas Tree

It was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Miss Moran and **RESOLVED** unanimously to continue to provide a real Christmas Tree for the people of Market Deeping, and that the tree should be sourced locally from a sustainable grower. The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that the provider of last year's tree had been in touch to confirm a suitable tree had been identified for this year and has invited the Town Council to pay a deposit. The Committee agreed that a deposit could be paid.

149 For Members to consider issues relating to grass cutting

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Clerk to DSJPC had confirmed that DSJPC had voted and agreed that the current contractor was their preferred choice to continue to provide the grass cutting services for both parishes. The Committee considered that, due to the number of complaints received from members of the public during last year's grass cutting season, the Council should endeavour to provide a better service to the people of Market Deeping and choose a different contractor. The Committee agreed that they would prefer that the contact be given to EnvironmentSK. The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact DSJPC and work out a way forward.

150 For Members to discuss the implementation of a Community Speed Watch (CSW) Programme

The Deputy Clerk had provided members with a guide to the implementation of a CSW Programme prior to the meeting. Cllr Miss Moran informed the Committee that there were now 3 volunteers, including herself, that were undertaking the necessary training and, as this was the minimum required for a Programme to be set up, she was keen to progress this to the next stage. Cllr Miss Moran informed the Committee that she would contact the local coordinator and enquire about how to progress this forward and if there was any equipment readily available for the Council to borrow. Cllr Miss Moran agreed to report back at the following meeting.

151 For Members to review reported highway issues

The Deputy Clerk informed the members that the LCC had been advised of the following:

Highway Issues – Planning & Highways Committee –February 2020				
No.	Highway Issue	Date	Reported to	LCC Response
1	Bollards not illuminating on the Town Roundabout	03/01/2020	LCC Fix My Street	In Progress
2	Request for extension to double yellow lines along Douglas Road & introduction of double yellow lines along The Avenue at its junction with Church Street	06/0/2020	LCC, Divisional Highways Team	Response pending

3	Street light not working outside 76 Meadway	15/01/2020	LCC Fix My Street	In Progress
4	Missing/damaged pedestrian railing at Church St pedestrian crossing	21/01/2020	LCC Fix My Street	Work Completed -

With regard to listed item 4, members requested that the Deputy Clerk ascertain whether the removed sections of railing would be replaced. Cllr Hembrow expressed concern regarding the delamination of sections of Church Street and its general poor state of repair. Cllr Davis reported the continuing issue of littering along the hedgerows of the A1175 and requested that the Deputy Clerk once again further report this.

152 For Members to receive an update on the review of the Council’s current bus stop provision

The Deputy Clerk had provided a copy of the LCC Bus Shelter Grant Scheme to members prior to the meeting. As yet, it has not been decided whether LCC is to offer this scheme in the next financial year. If the scheme is available, then grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis. The Deputy Clerk informed members that an application form had been requested and it was important to ascertain the Committee’s preferences so that an application could be submitted as soon as practicable after the beginning of April. Members agreed that a shelter similar to those provided by DSJPC, possibly in black with gold lettering, would meet the Council’s requirements and the Deputy Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.

Cllr Mrs Redshaw stated that the existing heritage style bus shelters, particularly those on Church St, were looking very tired and in need of repainting and repairing and requested that this also be undertaken. Cllr Mrs Redshaw also asked the Deputy Clerk to identify the supplier of the heritage shelters in case replacements were considered appropriate. Cllr Hembrow agreed to look at the shelters and give his opinion as to the necessary repair work required.

Cllr Brookes further mentioned that regular meetings were held between local council representatives and local bus companies and it was important that Market Deeping Town Council also had representation. Cllr Brookes agreed to attend these meetings in future.

Conservation Area

153 For members to review any issues relating to the Conservation Area

Cllr Mrs Redshaw requested that further enquiries be made regarding the purple paint used on the windows of The Square. Cllr Hembrow raised concerns regarding the work currently being undertaken on the former “Hop Kweng” and in particular it’s listed building status and the planning permissions currently granted. The Committee agreed that Cllr Hembrow could act on behalf of the Council and make further enquiries to the Conservation Officer at SKDC. Cllr Mrs Redshaw informed the committee that a new sign had also appeared on the Factory Shop.

154 For Members to review any matters arising from the public session

Members discussed the issues raised by the members of the public and agreed that it was a matter of concern to the whole town. Cllr Davis suggested that councillors meet with the one landowner opposed to the progression of the Order to remove public highway rights and discuss the matter directly with him. Cllr Brookes agreed that this could be considered as a way forward. Members agreed that the Deputy Clerk should enquire as to whether LCC had identified Cross Road for any future use or upgrade, in particular, as a possible access onto the bypass. This would serve to reduce congestion through the town in addition to removing the threat from unauthorised encampments.

There being no other business, Cllr Brookes closed the meeting at 8.30pm. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7pm.

Chairman signature.....

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