Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting of Market Deeping held on Wednesday 9th May 2012 at 7pm in the Town Hall, Market Deeping

Present: Councillor R J Broughton Councillor R C Howard

Councillor Mrs P Redshaw
Councillor R Stephenson
Councillor W Lester
Councillor Mrs J Fraylich
Councillor R C Appleyard
Councillor P Cosham
Councillor A J Baxter

Councillor Miss J Reed

6 members of the public, Dave Turner representing Deepings Lions, Alison Ireland representing Deepings Business Club, and PCSO Clarke (Lincolnshire Police) were also present.

001. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Broughton welcomed all to the meeting.

002. Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2011

It was resolved to accept that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2011 as a true and correct record, and were signed accordingly.

003. Market Deeping Town Council's Annual Report 2011/2012

Annual Reports were read through in the following order:Mayor's Annual Report - Cllr Broughton
Highways and Transportation Committee - Cllr Howard
Planning Committee - Cllr Mrs Redshaw
Amenities and Open Spaces Committee - Cllr Miss Collins
Town Hall and Cemetery - Cllr Stephenson

Also included in the report were the Market Deeping Town Council Event Diary for 2011/2012, a summary of Town Council expenditure for 2011/12 and a list of the grants paid out in 2011/2012. There were not matters arising from the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting 2011.

004. Celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Torch

Cllr Mrs Fraylich gave full details of the plans to date for the Diamond Jubilee 'Picnic in the Park' celebrations, to be held on John Eve Field on Monday 4th June. She also confirmed arrangements for road closures etc on the 4th of July when the Olympic Torch would pass through the town. Cllr Broughton informed members that those who were running/walking with the Torch had been given the opportunity to purchase their torch, at a cost of £200. He proposed that if the town's local walker, Mrs Shirley Waller, did not wish to purchase her torch then the Town Council should purchase it and keep it in the Town Hall for prosperity. Members resolved unanimously to accept the proposal.

005. Open Forum and Questions

The following questions were put to the council:

Q1. 'Regarding signage in the town, do you not feel that we are 'out of step' with Stamford who are so strict on signage in the town? It is such a shame to see the types of signage being allowed in the town, we have the welcoming lights but are then faced with the Original Factory Shop front which spoils the view. Why are regulations so strict for homeowners of listed buildings but not for businesses?'

Response: SKDC have passed their decisions on what is and is not allowed in the town as far as signage etc goes, despite complaints and objections from the Town Councill. Councillor Mrs Redshaw

has met recently with the SKDC Conservation Officer (Mr Ian Wright) to discuss these matters and he advised that there had been some problems in the past with staff but he has assured Cllr Mrs Redshaw that there is a new Enforcement Officer who will act on these matters. He would be being asked to start with the Factory Shop, but this is not a listed building so progress may be slow.

Q2. 'The potential new retail on the land off Godsey Lane, near to the Co-Op; where can plans be viewed?''

Response: There has been no official planning application made as yet, but consultation plans were displayed recently in the Library. The Town Council has heard nothing further since this consultation process.

As there were no further questions, Councillor Stephenson read a prepared statement on behalf of the Deepings Youth Centre: "On behalf of everyone at the Deepings Youth Centre I do want to publicly thank the Town Council for their help. Together with DSJPC you have ensure that we can continue to pen the club for our young people and have given us a firm base from which to proceed. Everyone involved appreciates your assistance and wants it recognised. We are awaiting news from LCC regarding our grant application and will keep you updated once we hear."

PCSO Clarke gave updates on policing priorities, including anti social behaviour in vehicles and on green areas in such areas as Oak Grove and John Eve Field. He elaborated on the D.R.I.F.T scheme (Drive responsibly initiative for towns) aimed at educating and improving young drivers' knowledge about their road sills, noise and anti social behaviour, law and collisions. He presented the Council with a Grant Aid application for £200 worth of gift vouchers to give as prizes for those young drivers who attended this scheme. Members considered the application and resolved unanimously to support the scheme and agreed to purchase £200 worth of appropriate gift vouchers (e.g. Halfords).

There being no other business, Cllr Broughton thanked all for attending, including the representatives from local groups and businesses, and the meeting closed at 7.50pm.