

Deeping Gate Parish Council

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MINUTES Deeping Gate Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Deeping Gate Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 starting at 7.00pm, at Northborough & Deeping Gate Village Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Philip Thompson (Chair), Jane Hill (Vice-Chair), Geoff Purlant, Sandra Hudspeth, Martin Trude and Nicola Kerr.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Elinor Beesley, and Mike Horne Representative of Langdyke Countryside Trust (who left the meeting after item 23.61.1).

PUBLIC FORUM: Two members of the public, both residents of Deeping Gate, were present.

23.58 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None received.

23.59 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING,** held on Tuesday, 12th September 2023 were approved by members and signed as true record by the Chair.

23.60 **COUNCILLOR VACANCIES:** No applications received.

23.61 **REPORTS FROM WARD COUNCILLORS OR OTHER INVITED SPEAKERS:**

- 61.1 Mike Horne, volunteer representative of Langdyke Countryside Trust spoke about the planned planting of seven hundred trees on Environment Agency land along the southern side of the River Welland in Deeping Gate. The trees have been funded by a £5000.00 grant from the Environment Agency and will be planted on 13th December 2023 by a group of corporate volunteers from Wave, which is an Anglian Water company. The trees will consist of fifteen to sixteen different types of native species and will cover an area of approximately 22m x 15m. The trees will be planted using a Japanese technique whereby trees are planted close together so that they form their own microclimate and shade each other so reducing the risk of dying due to drought. A temporary licence from The Environment Agency will allow water from the River Welland to be used to water the trees for two years until they are established.
The talk was highly informative of the project and other work carried out by Langdyke Countryside Trust. Mike Horne answered questions from Councillors and the members of the public and was thanked for his time.

23.62 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** No declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were received and no written requests for disclosable pecuniary interests were granted.

23.63 **GOVERNANCE:**

- 63.1 The Clerk reported that the Unity Trust Bank application is in progress and the switch will be completed on Monday 16th October 2023.
63.2 Members noted that web hosting has been activated with Cloud Next Ltd and the transfer of domain name from PCC to DGPC is in progress.

23.64 **PLANNING:**

- 64.1 Members noted Application 22/00350/FUL: Variation of condition C2 (approved plans) and C5 (tree protection, Land East of Peakirk Road has been permitted.
64.2 Members noted Application 23/00929/HFUL: Relocation of front door and front extension to store, 4 Fairfax Way has been permitted.
64.3 Members considered Application 23/01160/HFUL: Demolition of domestic outbuilding and erection of ancillary aviary buildings, 101 Lincoln Road. It was decided that DGPC has no comments to make. **ACTION – Clerk** to respond to PCC Planning Services.

23.65 VILLAGE AMENITIES AND MAINTENANCE:

- 65.1 Members reviewed outstanding maintenance and Councillors' actions:
 - a) The knocked down Passing Place Sign on in Suttons Lane has been assessed by PCC as medium priority and aims to repair it within 2 / two months from 6th October 2023.
- 65.2 Member noted Daffodil, Grape Hyacinth, Crocus and the trust's suggest bulbs that are best for wildlife have been requested from Langdyke Countryside Trust Nature Recovery Cluster Group following their offer.
- 65.3 Members noted that the padlock for the bollard at the north end of Old Lincoln Road has been replaced by PCC.

23.66 COMMUNITY MATTERS:

- 66.1 Members noted that Maxey House Care Home has been added as a new stop to Peterborough Libraries' Mobile Library Service will visit every four weeks from October 2023.

23.67 FINANCE:

- 67.1 It was **resolved** to approve the reimbursement to Cllr Thompson for the purchase of the gazebo for use at community events in the sum of £97.74.
- 67.2 It was **resolved** to approve receipts and payments according to the attached schedule.
- 67.3 Members noted the Financial report for period 1st September 2023 to 30th September 2023 and they were signed as a true record by the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 67.4 Members considered the draft budget for financial year 2024/25. It was agreed that no amendments are needed, and it was **resolved** to approve the budget as presented and the resulting precepts demand. **ACTION – Clerk** to submit the precept demand to PCC when requested to do so.
- 67.5 Members considered a proposal and quotations for the replacement of the Village noticeboards. It was agreed that the preferred materials are timber for the noticeboard on Fairfax Way and metal for the noticeboards on Lincoln Road and Suttons Lane. It was agreed that the project will be split over two financial years. It was further agreed to re-visit and resolve this item at a future meeting.
- 67.6 Members **resolved** to approve the setting up of a standing order for the Clerk's basic salary with the adjustment approved at the subsequent meeting. **ACTION – Clerk** to set up.
- 67.7 Members considered a grant request from Deepings Community Leisure Centre Community Interest Company. It was agreed that the loss of the swimming pool is most regrettable, however the Council decided that it had been supplied with insufficient information to be able to resolve to provide the grant. **ACTION – Clerk** to respond accordingly to Deepings Community Leisure Centre Community Interest Company.

23.68 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CLERK:

- 68.1 *Reports from Councillors:* None received.
- 68.2 Report from Clerk on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda:
 - a) Application 23/01351/CTR from Aragon Direct Services: Tree works, In and around the villages of Glington, Castor, Maxey, Ailsworth and Deeping Gate was received after the publication of the Agenda. Members noted the application and it was agreed DGPC has no objection to this application so a request for an extension for comments is not required.
- 68.3 External meetings, conferences and training: to note upcoming dates, agree any Parish Councils representation or attendance and receive reports:
 - a) Northborough Community Association meeting on 20th September: Cllr Thompson reported that bookings continue to remain strong and finances are in good order, a copy of the final draft of the lease has been received from Northborough Parish Council for approval, the Insurers have agreed to accept the claim for subsidence and a request from a Northborough resident for the Village Hall gate to be locked at night was deemed impracticable as some bookings not end until midnight.
 - b) Opening of the Remembrance Garden, Market Deeping on 5th November 2023 at 3.00pm: Cllr Kerr confirmed she will be attending.
 - c) Closing of the Remembrance Garden, Market Deeping on 19th November 2023 at 3.00pm: Cllr Kerr confirmed she will be attending.

23.69 CORRESPONDENCE: None received at date of publication.

23.70 **NEXT MEETING:** The date of the next Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm Tuesday 14th November 2023.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed, Chair Cllr Thompson, 14th November 2023

Abbreviations used in this Agenda:
DGPC – Deeping Gate Parish Council
PCC – Peterborough City Council

Schedule of Receipts and Payments (23.67.2)

Items marked * were paid as a statutory obligation or under delegated powers, with the relevant Minute shown against the item. No VAT is charged against receipts. Any VAT included in payments is reclaimed annually at year end. Where no VAT is indicated, it was not charged by the supplier.

Receipts:

- a) Peterborough City Council: 2nd Instalment of Parish Council Precept, £2824.50.

Payments:

- a) Zurich: Council Insurance (annual), £241.00 incl VAT (Minute 23.53.5)*
- b) Cloud Next Limited: Domain hosting (annual), £119.98 incl VAT (Minute 23.53.4)*
- c) Staff Basic Salary: September 2023, £300.00*
- d) Staff Salary Adjustment: September 2022, £57.51
- e) HMRC PAYE: September 2023, £43.71
- f) Cllr Thompson: Reimbursement (gazebo), £97.74 incl VAT