

DEEPING GATE PARISH COUNCIL (DGPC)
DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday 13th October 2020 7:30pm

Present Councillors- J Hill (Chair), P Thompson (Vice Chair), J Lill, G Purllant, N Kerr
Clerk- D Templeton

230/20 CHAIRS WELCOME the chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including one member of the public.

231/20 APOLOGIES- S Hudspeth.

232/20 OPEN FORUM- A local resident mentioned that the street lights between the Market Deeping Bridge and Maxey House were obscured by vegetation. Clerk will report this to Highways Dept.

233/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- none.

234/20 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING held on 8th September 2020 approved and now signed.

235/20 CLERKS UPDATE

- The dog fouling signs are now painted on the footpaths.
- The 40mph road sign on Deeping St James Road is now in good order.
- The vegetation covering the 30mph sign into Deeping Gate from Peakirk has been cleared but does require further trimming. Clerk will report this matter to Highways Dept.
- Street grass verges have been cut.
- The damaged fence on the Deeping St James Road has been taken away by Highways Dept. and is awaiting replacement.

236/20 CORRESPONDENCE- none received.

237/20 FINANCE-

- Chair to be reimbursed for plant bulbs and paint.

238/20 PLANNING- nothing to consider.

239/20 The Chair welcomed Perry Burns Community Engagement Officer, Welland Rivers Trust (WRT) to the meeting.

Perry wanted to understand how the community in Deeping Gate engage with the River Welland and how he could help the parish council to make improvements to the riverside area to benefit the local community and wildlife in this area.

The parish council are keen to do this work in conjunction with the John Clare Countryside Vision and Perry will liaise with Richard Astle.

The Vice Chair talked about the river and how people have benefitted from it this year. He also told Perry about the sighting of otters in the river.

A discussion resulted in ideas to improve the footpath access and control some of the overgrown vegetation.

Perry required some information on land ownership and what improvement ideas we had and we will be sending this information to him as soon as we can.

The Parish Council are keen to receive any ideas that residents might have on this project so please email these to: clerk@deepinggate-pc.gov.uk

The clerk and Councillor N Kerr have volunteered to become River Wardens to support the work of WRT.

240/20 COMMUNITY ISSUES

- 1000 bulbs will be planted in areas around Deeping gate this month.
- The mapping of wildlife habitats will enable us to formulate a Nature Recovery Plan for Deeping Gate, which will be centred around the river.
- With reference to additional benches and the siting of Owl boxes, it was decided to consider these along with the project to improve the river area.
- The village sign is to be replaced and the clerk will obtain quotes.

241/20 VILLAGE MATTERS

- Clerk will find out from Highways Dept when the cutting back of the trees on the Peakirk Road/Deeping St James Road is due.

Meeting ended @20:53

Signed.....

Dated.....

Future virtual meetings via Zoom

10th November 2020

8th December 2020