

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2017 in Dean Hole School commencing 7.30pm

Present: Councillors:

B. Robins (Chair)
C. Jagger
S. Michael
C. Harvey
A. Baugh
C. Webb
S. Routledge

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)
B. Laughton (County Councillor) (from 7.40 pm until 7.45 pm)
S. Saddington (District councillor) (until 7.40 pm)
Members of the public (5)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
CPC/160/17	Apologies for absence: There were no absences.	
CPC/161/17	Declarations of interest: Councillor Michael declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as creditor with regards to item 9b (Accounts or payment) and as landowner with regard to item 14c (Village environment – Provision of allotments). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
CPC/162/17	Dispensations: None required.	
CPC/163/17	10 Minutes public speaking: Nothing raised.	
CPC/164/17	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
CPC/165/17	Matters arising: There were no matters arising.	
CPC/166/17	Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Saddington reported on behalf of councillor Laughton that the draft Local Minerals Plan will be considered by the Full Council in November and be issued for consultation later that same month. She had no district matters to report. Councillor Saddington left the meeting at 7.40 pm.	
CPC/167/17	Reports from Councillors: Councillor Laughton arrived at 7.40 pm. The chair reported that the affordable housing scheme appeared, from the opening event, to have been positively received. Councillor Laughton was reminded that there had, as yet, been no enhancement of the street lighting now that there were additional properties on Norwell Road. Councillor Laughton will raise the matter with NCC. Councillor Laughton had no matters to report necessitating the reversion of the meeting to item 7 on the agenda (Reports from district and county councillors) and left the meeting at 7.45 pm.	BL
CPC/168/17	Financial Matters:	

	<p>a. Financial position as at 30 September 2017: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 30 September 2017 (incorporating the 2017-18 budget figures).</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved four payments totalling £459.11. Councillor Michael having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest did not participate in the decision relating to the payment of the playing field rent.</p> <p>c. External auditor's report (if available): Councillors welcomed the external auditor's unqualified report and noted the comments regarding the length of time for which the accounts had been made available for inspection.</p> <p>d. 2017 – 18 insurance arrangements: Councillors noted that the clerk had secured a premium from Inspire in the sum of £703. 67 and, in accordance with the authority approved at the meeting on 13 September 2017, had taken out the policy with Inspire.</p>	
<p>CPC/169/17</p>	<p>Playground including:</p> <p>a. Monthly property managers' inspection report: Councillor Baugh addressed this item and item 10b (2017 Annual inspection report). He confirmed that the major repair identified in the 2017 report had been carried out as discussed at the meeting on 13 September 2017, and that all other identified issues were low or very low risk. Councillors noted that the chains on the old swings are wearing. Councillor Baugh will obtain a quote from Robert Marshall & Sons Ltd for the repair work. He also confirmed that the moles had gone. No other issues had been identified on his monthly inspection.</p> <p>b. 2017 Annual inspection report: See CPC/169a/17 immediately above.</p>	
<p>CPC/170/17</p>	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: 17/01543/FUL and 17/01544/LBC - Householder application for landscaping & External Works - Beesthorpe Hall Ollerton Road Cauntton Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to support the proposals and welcomed the restoration of the hall to its former glory.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None.</p> <p>c. Enforcement matters: None.</p>	
<p>CPC/171/17</p>	<p>A616 – Speeding traffic and road safety: Councillors noted the meeting organised between Kersall, Kneesall and Ompton on 23 October 2017. Councillor Michael was appointed as the council's representative.</p>	
<p>CPC/172/17</p>	<p>Village services including monthly property managers' inspection report including telephone kiosk and defibrillators: Councillor Jagger confirmed that the monthly inspection had taken place and there were no issues since the last report. The clerk will enquire of Newark Community First Aid as to the date fixed for the training.</p> <p>Noted that street lights are not working and that these have been reported.</p> <p>Noted that the road sweeper had re-visited the village.</p>	

CPC/172/17	<p>Village environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. 2017 Best Kept Village Competition: Councillors noted that judging had been delayed to 23 October 2017. They thanked all who supported the successful planting day on 7 October 2017. They also thanked the resident who had planted the roses at the village entrance.</p> <p>b. Village signs including funding application: Councillor Jagger circulated various designs. Councillors' preferred design was one created by a resident. Councillor Jagger will obtain a quote for signs in this design for the purposes of any funding application. Councillors thanked the resident who had undertaken the design.</p> <p>c. Provision of allotments: Having declared an interest, councillor Michael withdrew from the meeting. Councillors discussed the best way forward and confirmed that they would attend a site meeting with the landowner with a view to taking the matter forward.</p> <p>d. Trees in village: Work has been done to the trees at The Manor. Issues raised by the school were reported in relation to the conduct of the contractors during the works. Councillors agreed that any such issues were beyond the council's remit and were a matter for any parties affected and the landowner.</p> <p>e. Village group flood plan: Councillors appreciated the thoroughness with which the plan had been prepared and the amount of work undertaken by the residents involved for the benefit of the village. Having considered the contents, councillors decided to endorse the plan as the Caunton Resilience Group's Weather Plan. The council's emergency supplies will be made available to the group in accordance with the plan. The chair was appointed the council's point of contact for the purposes of the plan. Once the clerk has received the amended document she will publish it on the website.</p>	Clerk
CPC/173/17	Service faults: None reported.	
CPC/174/17	<p>Correspondence: Item b – NCC - Winter salt offer – The clerk will order the free supplies to be delivered to the chair.</p> <p>Item c – NALC – New councillor training – 17 January 2017- Councillor Webb will attend.</p> <p>Item d – R Jenrick MP - Closure of Newark Custody Suite – Councillors discussed the proposed closure and its implications and supported Mr Jenrick's opposition. The clerk will write to Mr Jenrick.</p> <p>Item f – Smith of Derby – Long term service contract – After discussion, councillors agreed that it would not be appropriate for the council to enter into a long term commitment.</p> <p>Correspondence relating to pooling water on Mill Lane had been received after circulation of the agenda. Councillors discussed the matter. The clerk will ask NSDC environmental services to investigate the concerns raised.</p> <p>All other items of correspondence noted.</p>	Clerk
CPC/175/17	<p>10 Minutes public speaking time: Councillors noted that an application had been submitted in respect of the construction of five ecological low carbon bungalows at The Farmstead Maplebeck Road Caunton. They will consider the application in the ordinary course once the council is consulted by NSDC.</p> <p>Issues regarding the dog bin at Moor Lane were reported. The</p>	AB/SR/

	<p>property managers will monitor its use.</p> <p>It was noted that the school was considering how it might develop its use of the village room which might involve some physical changes. Councillors confirmed that any such change would require permission. Any requests for permission would need to be made in writing.</p>	CJ
CPC/176/17	Agenda items for next meeting: As above.	
CPC/177/17	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 7.30 pm	

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.