

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 in Dean Hole School commencing 7.30pm

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)
B. Laughton (County councillor (from 7.35 pm until 8.00 pm))
S. Saddington (District councillor) (from 7.35 pm until 8.00 pm)
Members of the public (3)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
CPC/39/18	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence with reasons were received and accepted from councillor Harvey.	
CPC/40/18	<p>Declarations of interest: Councillor Michael declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as landowner with regard to item 14d (Village environment – Provision of allotments).</p> <p>Councillor Routledge declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as creditor with regard to item 10 b (Financial matters – Accounts for payment).</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.</p>	
CPC/41/18	<p>Dispensations: None required.</p> <p>Councillors Laughton and Saddington arrived at 7.25 pm.</p>	
CPC/42/18	<p>10 Minutes public speaking: Reverend Adams explained that a recent architectural survey of the church had identified the need for significant structural works including work on the roof. The estimated cost is £100,000. There is no direct funding from the diocese. Although the PCC was not looking for funds from the council, it would welcome the council's support and wisdom to help safeguard the church for the benefit of the community/village environment, in particular in helping form a group to investigate and pursue funding sources and opportunities. Councillors agreed that the church building was an asset both to the village environment and community. The chair will include a note in the parish magazine. The clerk will add a post to the same effect on the website.</p> <p>A member of the public reported that there were heavy gates across bridleway 12 running from Mill Lane towards Gorse Hill which are difficult to open and navigate from horse back. Councillors noted that the member of the public had reported the matter to NCC in September 2017. Councillors discussed the matter. The clerk will ask NCC to investigate the position.</p>	<p>Chair Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CPC/43/18	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	

CPC/44/18	Matters arising: There were no matters arising.	
CPC/45/18	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Saddington reported that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At its meeting on 6 March 2018, the Planning Committee had unanimously but with two abstentions refused planning application 17/01797/FUL Construction of 5 no. ecological low carbon bungalows The Farmstead Maplebeck Road Caunton. This was on the grounds that the design was insufficiently interesting for a development outside the village envelope. 2. NSDC has increased its share of the council tax by 1.94%. <p>Councillor Laughton reported as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The integrated transport budget included an allocation of funds to re-signing and white lining on A616 at Hockerton crossroads. b. An environmental weight limit is proposed for the Caunton to Hockerton Road. c. He continues to support the installation of a new street light on Norwell Road outside The Hedge Row. <p>Councillors reminded councillor Laughton of the need for an agricultural vehicle exemption from the proposed weight limit. They also noted that there had been another accident at the Manor Road junction and two more in the snow.</p> <p>Councillors Saddington and Laughton left the meeting at 8.00 pm</p>	
CPC/46/18	Reports from Councillors: Nothing raised.	
CPC/47/18	Arrangements for 2018 Annual Parish Meeting: To commence at 7.00 pm on 9 May 2018. The Best Kept Villlage Group will speak at the meeting. The clerk will remind councillors Saddington and Laughton of the early start time.	SR Clerk
CPC/48/18	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial position as at 28 February 2018: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 28 February 2018 (incorporating the 2017-18 budget figures). b. Accounts for payment: Councillor Routledge withdrew from the meeting having declared an interest (CPC/40/18 above). The council unanimously approved four payments totalling £381.20. After discussion, it was agreed that the council would fund the £60 competition winner printing costs from the general reserve with BKVC reserves to fund the cost of plants. Councillor Routledge returned to the meeting 	
CPC/49/18	<p>Planning matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Applications: None to date. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: The chair reported on the outcome of the Planning Committee meeting on 6 March 2018 in relation to application 17/01797/FUL which he had attended (see also CPC/45/18 above – Reports from district and county councillors). Councillors noted that Mr Lamb of NSDC had written a strongly worded report advising that the design was insufficiently innovative for development outside the core village. Councillors were disappointed with the decision. They noted the chair's recollection that councillor Saddington had abstained and asked the clerk to enquire of her as to the basis for the abstention. Otherwise, no decisions to date. c. Enforcement matters: None. 	Clerk

CPC/50/18	<p>A616 – 50 mph speed limit/alternative traffic calming measures (including report on joint parish council meeting on 23 October 2017 if available): See CPC/45/18 above (Reports from district and county councillors).</p>	
CPC/51/18	<p>Village services including monthly property managers’ inspection report including telephone kiosk and defibrillators: The replacement pads for the telephone kiosk have been installed.</p> <p>Councillor Jagger reported that the felt on the emergency resources shed needs to be replaced. Councillors authorised councillor Jagger to purchase the necessary materials and complete the repair.</p>	CJ/AB/ SR
CPC/54/18	<p>Village environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. Playground including monthly property managers’ inspection report: Councillor Baugh confirmed that he had inspected the equipment. The ground remains very wet with a few areas of mole activity which are being monitored. Otherwise, no issues had been identified.</p> <p>b. Best Kept Village Competition group report (if any): No report until after the group’s meeting again later in the month.</p> <p>c. Village signs: No developments. NCC decision awaited.</p> <p>d. Provision of allotments including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Allotments Committee terms of reference iii. Terms of individual allotment leases iv. Land works necessary for provision of allotments v. Funding <p>Councillor Michael withdrew from the meeting having declared an interest (CPC/40/18 above). Councillors noted that the clerk had just received the draft lease from the landowner’s solicitors which they discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noting that there was no right to renew 2. Noting the restriction on the erection of a shed 3. Agreeing that some flexibility to develop the land as community allotments would be preferred to allow for changing needs and requirements in over the 21 year period 4. Agreeing that the clerk should instruct Larken & Co to advise on the implications of then draft lease but that any negotiations should take pace directly between councillors and the landowner. 5. Agreeing to aim for completion of the lease in April 2018. The clerk will circulate the draft lease by email. <p>Councillor Routledge outlined the physical works required to prepare the land including fencing and a padlocked gate at a cost in the region of £800 plus VAT, the proposed plot positions and grassed area. He confirmed that the prospective allotment holders had agreed to erect the fence. Councillor Jagger will make enquiries of the landowner with regard to a water supply. The clerk and councilor Routledge will meet to prepare draft Allotments Committee terms of reference and allotment lease. Councillor Michael returned to the meeting.</p> <p>e. Mill Lane – Pooling water: Councillors will review the position at the next meeting.</p> <p>f. Pavements – Report on condition: The clerk will ask councillor Laughton to use the funds set aside for county councillor nominated highways repairs for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Resurfacing the pavement from Hedge Row to Amen Corner which has become difficult to traverse for pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters ii. Repair of the damaged sections of the pavement from Amen Corner to the phone box 	<p>Agenda Apr 18</p> <p>CJ Clerk/ SR</p> <p>Clerk/BL</p>

	<p>iii. The levelling of the footpath on Main Street near the church. Councillors appreciated that the road width was such that the pavement cannot be widened but the uneven surface coupled with the narrow width means that the pavement cannot be used by wheelchairs and mobility scooters.</p> <p>The clerk will also report the above using NCC's centralised on line reporting system.</p> <p>g. New grit bin – Norwell Road near Hedge Row: Councillors noted that NCC had declined to provide a grit bin. They authorised the clerk to purchase a blue grit bin from NCC.</p> <p>h. Street light - Norwell Road near Hedge Row: See CPC/45/18 above (Reports from district and county councillors).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CPC/55/18	Service faults: The clerk will report the three potholes at Amen Corner using NCC's centralised on line reporting system.	Clerk
CPC/56/18	<p>Correspondence: Best Kept Village Competition 2018 – Agreed the council should submit a 2018 entry.</p> <p>Notification of an A1 bridge closure at Gamston received after circulation of the agenda was noted.</p> <p>Noted that the usual 10 Minutes public speaking time had been omitted from the agenda in error. The chair invited the public to speak. Nothing raised.</p>	
CPC/57/18	Agenda items for next meeting: As above.	
CPC/58/18	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 7.30 pm.	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.