

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom
On Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: C Jagger (CJ) (Chair), R Edwards (RE), C Webb (CW), S Routledge (SR), S Michael (SM), P Wilson (PW) and A Baugh (AB).

In attendance: L-J Campbell (Clerk), Bruce Laughton and one member of public

Agenda item/minute item/year	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
1/073/20	Apologies: Apologies were received by Sylvia Michael and Sue Saddington.	Received
2/074/20	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations	None
3/075/20	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from the meeting held on 14 th October 2020 were accepted as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman. Matters arising: The Clerk reported back on the three rental contracts which will need reviewing approximately every five years; Clerk requested to check on the legal stipulation for reviewing these contracts. The Clerk reported back on the website which should be ready to go live by the next meeting.	Accepted Clerk Clerk
4/076/20	Public Speaking time: a member of public expressed their concerns regarding the over-crowded parking on Deans Close due to the construction. CJ has approached the site manager who will investigate with the view to identifying a way to alleviate the problem. It was agreed to give the site manager time to respond; CJ will follow up with BL if a suitable solution cannot be found. BL was asked to follow-up the outfall of the sewerage works which has still not been attended to and concerns were raised about the extra pressure the new dwellings will put on it.	CJ/BL
5/077/20	Reports from District and County Councillors: BL confirmed that the funding for the extra gateway sign has been awarded. The Chairman thanked NSDC and NCC for the ongoing maintenance work in the village. BL reported that the street light on Manor Road has been replaced.	
6/078/20	Reports from Councillors: S Routledge will send LJ the Risk and Resilience for the website.	SR/Clerk
7/079/20	Financial Matters: a. Financial position as at 31st October 2020 was accepted as a true account. b. Payments for Authorisation: The council authorised two payments totalling £367.84 c. 2021/22 Budget introduction: After consideration of the budget and projected annual costs, it was agreed by the PC to increase the precept by 2%. Clerk to inform NSDC. d. Audit: Clerk to arrange prior to the next meeting.	Clerk Clerk

8/080/20	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a. Applications: 20/02095/FUL: The Bothy – demolition and erection: the PC offered NO OBJECTION with caveats registered.</p> <p>b. Decisions: 20/01665/HOUSE: The Cottage: GRANTED Add 20/01436/RMA: 2 new dwellings on Norwell Road. Reserved matters approved.</p> <p>Add 20/01885/TWCA: Orchard Croft, Mill Lane. Tree works permitted.</p>	<p>GRANTED GRANTED GRANTED</p>
9/081/20	<p>Village environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. Playground including monthly property managers' inspection & woodland report: AB has inspected the playground equipment and reported two low risk maintenance issues, the ground has been cut and it all looks good.</p> <p>b. Best Kept Village Competition and CIG: The phone box defib will need servicing within the next 6 months but is working. The planting is in process around the village.</p> <p>c. Allotments including monthly property managers' inspection report: SR reported that the allotments are running fine, the new greenhouse base has been laid. Thanks were given to AB for providing the manure.</p>	
10/082/20	<p>Service faults: a parishioner has kindly offered to paint the phone box and post box if the PC is prepared to purchase the paint; the PC authorised the payment of circa £50 for the paint. Clerk to follow-up first and confirm that we have permission to paint them.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
11/083/20	<p>Risk & Resilience: The Chairman agreed to draw up a paper about the three highways flooding issues in Caunton for submission to Mike Keeling of VIA. See annex One. Remove R&R from future Agendas.</p>	<p>CJ, Clerk Agenda</p>
12/084/20	<p>Correspondence: All circulated electronically upon receipt.</p>	
13/085/20	<p>Points for discussion and Agenda items for next meeting: There was nothing extra for the Agenda.</p>	
14/086/20	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>	<p>13/01/21</p>
15/087/20	<p>Meeting Closed: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20h36</p>	<p>20h36</p>

Lisa-Jayne Campbell - Clerk
15th November 2020

Caunton Parish Council

Highways Drainage Problems

Introduction

There are 3 locations in the village of Caunton which are highly susceptible to persistent flooding on the road network in wet weather conditions, namely:

Manor Road
Ford Lane
Amen Corner

This paper has been prepared by the Parish Council setting out their understanding of the issues to provide context and background for further investigation and corrective action.

Manor Road

Standing water occurs on the road, between the junctions with Newark Road and Ford Lane, with even modest amounts of rainfall. Under heavy rainfall conditions flooding occurs along the entire length of road including the pavement up to a depth of 300mm – 400mm. 3 or 4 times a year the flood water extends on to Newark Road with flooding risks to adjacent properties.

This Manor Road location is where the Minster School bus collects and drops off Caunton pupils and is the main route to the village primary School. In freezing weather the footpath can be dangerously icy and a slip hazard for pedestrians. Vehicles driving through the water also frequently causes water to spill over the pavement increasing the hazard to pedestrians.

There are 4 roadside curb drainage outlets along this length of road with pipes under the pavement discharging into the adjacent 'Beck' watercourse. Two outlets appear to be totally blocked and two partially blocked. Rodding of the pipes to clear blockages has been unsuccessful.

In October 2019 the senior highways liaison officer informed the Parish Council that work to correct the drainage would be included in the Highways 2000/2001 works programme.

Requested action: Corrective works to remain a high priority for action as soon as possible. Update of likely timescale requested.

Ford Lane

Highways water from Mill Lane to the East and West of the junction with Ford Lane together with field run-off water flows along Mill Lane to a single road gully on Ford Lane near the junction. The gully outlet pipe is located under Ford Lane discharging into the 'Beck' watercourse with a mid-point manhole in Ford Lane. Under even modest rainfall and throughout all months this gully overflows resulting in a continuous stream of water flowing down the length of Ford Lane to the 'Beck' watercourse. This situation exists for 50 – 100 days per year. In freezing weather icy conditions exist on the road and pavement. Two properties on Ford Lane require pedestrian and vehicle access along Ford Lane and the footpath is a main pedestrian route to the School.

Although the road gully is cleaned in the routine road gully cleaning programme we are not aware of the outlet pipe being cleared or checked for blockages along its length to ensure it is working to capacity – we suspect there are blockages in the pipe work.

Requested action: Investigation of the outlet pipe work from the gully to the discharge into the 'Beck'.

Amen Corner

Highways water from the locality of Amen Corner and from Norwell Road up to Deans Close plus run-off water from adjacent fields all collects in a single road gully/collection chamber at the junction of Norwell Road and Beckway near Amen corner. The chamber outlet is then piped under the privately owned 'Beckway' road to discharge into the 'Beck' watercourse.

Over the past 2 years significant flooding has started to occur 2 -3 times a year around Amen Corner and the junction with Beckway resulting in floodwater flowing down Beckway risking flooding to adjacent properties. Local residents have resorted to using pumps to reduce the Highways flood water overflowing down Beckway. This flooding appears to have worsened since the completion of the Hedge Row houses on Norwell Road with additional run-off water discharging onto Norwell Road.

Over recent months, residents on Beckway have taken direct action and commissioned a camera survey and blockage clearance jetting of the outlet pipe from the gully/collection chamber under 'Beckway' which has identified a number of blockages some of which have not been able to be cleared. We understand that, over the next couple of months, the residents now intend to renew sections of the pipe where the blockages remain.

Action requested: Ongoing monitoring of the impact of improvements undertaken by local residents on the highways flooding around Amen Corner. Clarification requested of the responsibilities of Highways if further flooding occurs.

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