

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.

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

In attendance: L-J Campbell (Clerk), Cllr Sue Saddington (SS) and four members of public

Agenda item/minute item/year	CONSIDERATION AND DECISIONS
	Public Participation: a member of public addressed the PC regarding their views on a variation to a planning application on the Bothy which they object to; they were advised to speak to Cllr Saddington as the PC was not asked for comment from NSDC.
031/23	Apologies: all Cllrs present.
032/23	Declarations of interest: None
033/23	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from the meetings held on 10 th May 2023 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
034/23	Matters arising: a. Tour of Britain: no dates confirmed.
035/23	Reports from District and County Councillors: SS mentioned that NSDC are going out to Consultation on Dean Hole Primary School and its future; no other educational institution is willing to take on the school as they feel it is not viable, they will go out to consultation with a view to reaching a conclusion by the end of the year. It was noted that losing the school would also affect the future of the cricket pitch. SS encouraged residents to write to NSDC about saving the school; Clerk to write to Cllr Laughton and ask what the PC can do to help make the School viable and what our options are regarding the community rooms, in the event the school closes. Social housing lettings policy was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk would write to NCHA and request clarification on their lettings policy. <i>(SS left at 20h15)</i>
036/23	Reports from Councillors and Clerk: SM reported back from the Safer Neighbourhood that there are concerns over speeding vehicles. Adrian was asked by parishioners for an update on the bench which was removed during development; the bench will be put back imminently. SR addressed a situation regarding the rental of the parish room for coffee mornings during school time which the school have denied access for; the PC agreed that, whilst understanding the position of the school, parishioners have a right to use the village room – it was agreed to discuss this in a face-to-face meeting with the head teacher – SR to arrange.
037/23	Financial Matters: a. financial position as of 31st May 2023: £2995.84 plus reserve funds of £3062.11 totalled £6057.95 in the bank. b. Payments for Authorisation: The council authorised payments totalling £209.08.
038/23	Planning matters a. Applications: None at the time of setting the agenda b. Decisions: 23/00700/HOUSE Field View, Mill Lane, windows and conservatory – PERMITTED The clerk gave the 2022-23 finances to CJ to hand to the internal auditor.
039/23	Village environment and appearance including:

	<p>a. Playground including monthly property managers' inspection & woodland report: The village entrances – SR – keeping them maintained and watered, this is a bit of a challenge with the present heat wave, he is investigating the options. Its all planted up around the village and he is just encouraging people to water the plants. The playground is all good, nothing to report.</p> <p>b. Caunton Improvement Group (CIG): nothing new to update.</p> <p>c. Allotments including monthly property managers' inspection report: nothing new to update.</p>
040/23	Service faults: None at present.
041/23	Correspondence: All correspondence was circulated electronically to Cllrs; a letter regarding the consultation of Dean Hole Primary School (see item 035/23); a letter from the Head Teacher of Dean Hole Primary in response to the letting of the community room; a letter was received from Robert Jenrick welcoming the newly elected Parish Council and a letter was received regarding an objection to a planning application variation (see public participation item).
042/23	Points for discussion and Agenda items for next meeting: response to DHPS consultation.
043/23	Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 th July 2023 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.
044/23	Meeting Closed: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20h54.