

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.

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

In attendance: L-J Campbell (Clerk), Cllr Sue Saddington (SS), Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL) and fourteen members of public.

Agenda item/minute item/year	CONSIDERATION AND DECISIONS
	Public Participation: members of the public raised concerns regarding the recent flooding throughout the village and the availability of possible funds/grants were discussed. BL gave an overview of the flooding in the local area and mentioned that government is looking into making grants available through District Council, although no confirmation could be given. A section 19 case has been opened and the event is being investigated; the results will inform the necessary actions to prevent a future event from happening, this process could take up to 6 months. A resident suggested setting up a flood group; this was well received and the PC is happy to support the group which will act independently.
087/23	Apologies: All present.
088/23	Declarations of interest: there were no declarations of interest.
089/23	Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes from the meeting held on 11 th October 2023 were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
090/23	Matters arising: Dean Hole School – no updates but all still going ahead – ongoing.
091/23	Reports from District and County Councillors: SS reported that two planning applications, Knapthorpe and Muskham Woodhouse solar farms, are going before the NSDC planning committee on 9 th November and invited members of the public to attend if they wished. There is always a flood tenuation attached to Solar Farm developments, however they can be inadequate. BL reported from NCC that the devolution deal with the Mayoral election has been passed and a Mayoral election will take place in May 2024. NCC is struggling with the budget due to the astronomical increase in youth care. (left at 2009
092/23	Reports from Councillors and Clerk: SM reported that NSDC are offering to collect bulky items as well as used aquasacks. NSDC is restocking sandbags. NSDC is offering a small grant of £120 towards houses that have been flooded as well as other small grants for businesses.
093/23	Financial Matters: a. financial position as of 31st October 2023: £2015.26 plus reserve funds of £3424.83 totalled £5440.09 in the bank. b. Payments for Authorisation: The council authorised payments totalling £585.56.

094/23	Planning matters a. Great North Road Solar Farm – SR gave a brief overview of the proposed application. A group of representatives from effected Parishes are going to form a working group to consider the application with the view of relaying back to the individual Parishes, no dates have been set at this point – ongoing. b. Applications: 23/01735/HOUSE Beech House, Orangery extension and detached garage – SUPPORTED. 23/01714/FUL The Cauntun Beck Public House, reinstatement of window and door – SUPPORTED.
095/23	Village environment and appearance including: a. Playground including monthly property managers' inspection & woodland report: all in good order, just very wet. There are a few small items that could do with replacing; clerk to look out for grants in the new year. b. Cauntun Improvement Group (CIG): met after the floods and had a day of tidying and planting. c. Allotments including monthly property managers' inspection report: there is flexibility to amend the layout if requests for a plot are received. d. Church clock maintenance: historically the Parish Council has been responsible for the annual services of the clock and the church has been in touch to confirm a change of supplier – the PC is happy to change supplier for the annual clock servicing.
095/23	Service faults: a. Recent flooding: SR re-iterated what was said under public participation regarding the Section 19 which will draw conclusions as to what caused the flooding and what can be done about it moving forward. A flood plan has been put in place. CJ reported that all sandbags were distributed and the clerk has ordered 30 sandbags from NSDC – clerk to enquire about free aquasacks and more than 30 free sandbags.
097/23	Correspondence: three emails were received from residents regarding flooding, one email asked if the PC has a list for vulnerable people in the village. All correspondence has been circulated electronically, nothing requiring the action of full council. The PC noted that David Harvey has passed away and thanked him for his help in the village over all the years.
098/23	Points for discussion and Agenda items for next meeting: Set budget/Precept,
099/23	Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10 th January 2024 at 7.30 pm at Dean Hole Primary School.
100/23	Meeting Closed: The Chairman closed the meeting at 20h39.