

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 January 2018 in Dean Hole School commencing 7.30pm

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk) B. Laughton (County councillor (until 7.50 pm))
S. Saddington (District councillor) (from 7.35 pm until 7.50 pm)
Members of the public (3)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
CPC/1/18	Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence with reasons were received and accepted from councillors Harvey and Routledge.	
CPC/2/18	Declarations of interest: Councillor Michael declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as landowner with regard to item 14d (Village environment – Provision of allotments). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
CPC/3/18	Dispensations: None required.	
CPC/4/18	10 Minutes public speaking: Councillor Saddington arrived at the start of this item. Concerns were raised regarding the condition of the A616 laybys near Manor Road and Kneesall junction and rubbish and waste left there. Councillors noted that this echoed the concerns regarding the layby near Manor Road to be discussed at item 14 h (Condition of layby on Manor Road). In total, the council had received four complaints to date. Councillor Saddington will raise the matter with NSDC The clerk will report the condition of the stile where footpath 5 meets A616.	SS Clerk
CPC/5/18	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
CPC/6/18	Matters arising: <i>CPC/189/17 – Hockerton crossroads:</i> Councillor Baugh had trimmed the hedge. Otherwise, there were no matters arising.	
CPC/7/18	Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Saddington had no district matters to report. Councillor Laughton reported as follows: a. A 50 mph speed limit for the Caunton section of A616 is being put forward a scheme for consideration. A decision is likely in late February or early March 2018 b. NCC is reviewing the VIA contract for highways services c. An increase in the council tax is likely	

	<p>d. The LIS grant criteria in relation to village signs had changed with monies having been set aside and the removal of the requirement for any match funding</p> <p>He will chase up a new streetlight for Norwell Road (see CPC/167/17 minutes 11 October 2017) now that the new houses have been built and are occupied.</p> <p>Councillors Saddington and Laughton left the meeting at 7.50 pm</p>	BL
CPC/8/18	<p>Reports from Councillors: Councillor Jagger reported that there had been complaints regarding the damage to the verges from parked cars on hunt days. After discussion, it was agreed that hunt parking arrangements should be an agenda item for the September 2018 meeting.</p>	Agenda Sept 18
CPC/9/18	<p>Approve equality and diversity policy: Approved.</p>	
CPC/10/18	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 31 December 2017: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 December 2017 (incorporating the 2017-18 budget figures). They noted that the BKVC overall winner prize cheque had been returned marked "Refer to drawer". The clerk is liaising with BKVC. They also noted that the VAT refund has now been received. Councillor Baugh will chase up an outstanding rent receipt.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved five payments totalling £217.27.</p> <p>c. Appointment of internal auditor: Councillors agreed that Mr Roe should be appointed for a further year.</p> <p>d. To consider the financial information provided by the Clerk and NSDC's letter regarding 2018/19 precept estimates and to agree the precept for the year ending 31 March 2019: Councillors considered the financial information provided by the clerk showing a £346 in year deficit even with a rise from £5000 to £5250. They reviewed the council's financial position through the year to date, noting that, in spite of careful management, finances had been very tight. They also noted that the council now had pension obligations. It was recognised that the precept would need to increase but this was followed by lengthy consideration of the amount.</p> <p>After these extensive discussions, councillors considered a proposal to increase the precept to £5100. Councillors rejected this proposal by a majority of three to two. Subsequently, councillors decided, by a majority of three to two, to increase the precept to £5250.</p>	
CPC/11/18	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications:</p> <p>i. 17/02238/FUL Minor amendment to the position of the new house, garage and access approved under 16/02121/FUL The Slips Norwell Road Caunton: Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to support the proposal</p> <p>ii. 17/01797/FUL Construction of 5 no. ecological low carbon bungalows The Farmstead Maplebeck Road Caunton: Councillors considered the application and unanimously decided to support the proposal and reiterated that they welcomed the use of a potentially redundant farmstead on which buildings had previously stood. Councillor</p>	

	<p>Michael abstained from the vote not having been present at the November 2017 meeting when the outline application had been considered and decided. The clerk will ask councillor Saddington to call the application in if a contrary decision by NSDC is likely.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC:</p> <p>i. 17/01543/FUL and 17/01544/LBC - Householder application for landscaping & External Works - Beesthorpe Hall Ollerton Road Caunton – Approval noted.</p> <p>ii. 17/02233/TWCA – Remove alders (x4) overgrowing a drainage pond - Caunton Manor Manor Road Caunton NG23 6AD - Approval noted.</p> <p>iii. 17/02171/TWCA – Fell ash (x1) and replace with native species suited to location - White Cottage Mill Lane Caunton NG23 6AJ - Approval noted.</p> <p>c. Enforcement matters: None.</p>	<p>Clerk/SS</p>
<p>CPC/12/18</p>	<p>A616 – Speeding traffic and road safety: Discussed at CPC/7/18 above (Reports from district and county councillors).</p>	
<p>CPC/13/18</p>	<p>Village services including monthly property managers’ inspection report including telephone kiosk and defibrillators:</p> <p>Councillor Baugh reported that the telephone kiosk defibrillator had been used since the last meeting although sadly without success. He confirmed that there is still a pack of pads available for use and the battery is healthy. The clerk will order pads to replace those used. It was confirmed that both defibrillators had been inspected and, aside from the deployment reported above, there were no issues since the last report. Newark Community First Aid training fixed for Monday 15 January 2018 has been publicised to parents of children at the school.</p> <p>Councillor Routledge absent so no report regarding the notice on the dog bin on Moor Lane (CPC/187/17 minutes 8 November 2017). A report of a loose dog on the playing field was noted. The chair will remind residents of the existence of the dog control order in the parish magazine.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p>CPC/14/18</p>	<p>Village environment and appearance including:</p> <p>a. Playground including:</p> <p>i. Monthly property managers’ inspection report: Councillor Webb confirmed that she had inspected the equipment and no issues had been identified.</p> <p>ii. Approval of maintenance work: Ground too wet. Deferred to April agenda when the ground will be drier.</p> <p>b. 2017 Best Kept Village Competition: Councillors congratulated BKVC group and all involved in making Caunton both category winner and overall winner. They recognised BKVC group’s wish to be involved in the decisions relating to the spending of the prize money.</p> <p>c. Village signs including funding application and diversion of excess defibrillator funds donated by residents to be applied towards cost of a new village entry sign: Councillors noted that no comments or objections had been received regarding the diversion of the remaining defibrillator funding into new village signs. They also noted the revisions to the LIS funding scheme.</p> <p>With the above in view, they decided to apply for LIS funding for two signs with a contribution from the council of £1440, funded using the remaining defibrillator reserve and CIL levy. They authorised the clerk and councillor Jagger to undertake all necessary steps in relation to the application.</p>	<p>Agenda April</p> <p>Clerk/CJ</p>

	<p>d. Provision of allotments including identification and approval of total area to be leased: Councillor Michael withdrew from the meeting, having declared an interest (CPC/2/18 above). Councillor Routledge's written comments were noted. Councillors decided to hold a site meeting at 1 pm on Sunday 14 January 2018 to identify exactly the extent of the land to be leased with a decision to be taken at the February 2018 meeting.</p> <p>e. Mill Lane – Pooling water: Councillors noted that the authorities appear to be investigating the position. The clerk will seek progress reports.</p> <p>f. Pedestrian in road signs: Councillors noted that, following Mr Keeling's site visit, no signs were being installed.</p> <p>g. Grit bins: Councillor Jagger had installed a temporary grit bin on Norwell Road, given the very cold conditions and increased usage now that the new houses are occupied.</p> <p>h. Condition of layby on Manor Road: See CPC/4/18 above (10 minutes public speaking time)</p>	<p>Cllrs 14.1.18</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CPC/15/18	Service faults: Councillors will let the clerk know if the pothole on Mill lane near Hill House Farm still needs to be filled. Noted that the streetlights are now LEDs.	
CPC/16/18	Correspondence: All items of correspondence on the agenda noted.	
CPC/17/18	10 Minutes public speaking time: The water on Mill Lane was raised.	
CPC/18/18	Agenda items for next meeting: As above.	
CPC/19/18	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 7.30 pm	

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

