CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 February 2017 in Dean Hole School commencing 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors:

- B. Robins (Chair)
- A. Baugh
- C. Jagger
- C. Harvey
- S. Michael
- S. Routledge
- C. Webb (once appointed)

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)
Councillor Saddington
Councillor Laughton
Members of the public (2)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
CPC/22/17	Apologies for absence: There were no absences. Councillors agreed to move next to item 9 on the agenda (New councillor – cooption).	
CPC/23/17	Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
CPC/24/17	Dispensations: None required.	
CPC/25/17	10 Minutes public speaking: Nothing raised.	
CPC/26/17	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
CPC/27/17	Matters arising : CPC/4/17 – 10 minutes public speaking – Councillor Jagger reported that he had inspected the footpath gate which was self-closing and in full working order.	
	There were no matters arising.	
CPC/28/17	Reports from district and county councillors: Councillor Laughton reported as follows: a. There was currently no update regarding the A616 speed limit reduction sought by the council. b. NCC will be imposing a 4.9% increase in the council tax to include the full 3% social care levy allowed by the Government. The chair expressed the council's frustration at NSDC's decisions in relation to 16/01726/FUL (Mole End Mill Lane Caunton) and 16/01578/FUL (First Bungalow Amen Corner Caunton), where in both cases NSDC had reached a decision contrary to the council's views which were based in clear material considerations. He expressed particular concern that NSDC had not followed its own planning guidance for householders in relation to flat roofs and had approved 16/01726/FUL (Mole End Mill Lane Caunton) without even a reference to committee. Councillor Laughton will take these views back to	

	NSDC. The chair will also formally raise the council's concerns in	BL Chair
	writing with NSDC. Councillor Saddington had nothing to report. She will check that she has requested that 16/02121/FUL Proposed Oak-Framed New Dwelling (Revised application of 14/01222/FUL) The Slips Norwell Road Caunton NG23 6AF be called in if the planning officer is minded to refuse the application. Councillors asked that, in future, she calls in any application in which the planning officer is minded to reach a decision contrary to the council's view.	ss ss
CPC/29/17	Reports from Councillors: Councillor Baugh updated councillors as to progress regarding the pedestrians in road signage on Mill Lane. Councillor Routledge reported that a group of residents has formed a flood group. Councillors noted the position. Councillor Laughton offered his support and suggested that the group contact Southwell Flood Forum for information. Councillors Laughton and Saddington left the meeting at 8.00 pm.	
CPC/30/17	New councillor – co-option: This item was considered immediately after item 1 on the agenda (Apologies). Four candidates who had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. Following formal interviews of all four had taken place on 26 January 2017, councillors unanimously decided to co-opt Mrs Charlotte Webb as a councillor. Mrs Webb completed her declaration of acceptance form and passed it to the clerk. She will complete and return her register of interests to the clerk as soon as possible. Councillors welcomed Mrs Webb to the council.	cw
CPC/31/17	 Financial Matters: a. Financial position as at 31 January 2017: Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 January 2017 (incorporating the 2016-17 budget figures). b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved two payments totalling £285.61. 	
CPC/32/17	 Playground a. Monthly property managers' inspection report: Councillor Baugh confirmed that the monthly inspection had taken place. There were no issues since the last report. Two trees had now been removed by the landlord. In these circumstances, councillors decided the council's own report from a tree surgeon would be redundant at this time. Councillors regretted to learn of reports of dogs on the field which is subject to a dog control order. The chair will remind residents that an order is in force in the parish magazine. b. Official opening of new toddler play equipment: Mrs Webb will liaise with the pre-school and potential dates. Councillors will consider their plans in detail at the March meeting once the outcome of Mrs Webb's enquiries is known. 	Chair CW
CPC/33/17	Planning matters: a. Applications: None. b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None c. Enforcement matters: None.	
CPC/34/17	A616 - Speeding traffic and road safety: See CPC/28/17 above	

	(Reports from district and county councillors).	
CPC/35/17	 Village services: a. Monthly property managers' inspection report including telephone kiosk and defibrillators: Councillor Baugh confirmed that the monthly inspection had taken place and there were no issues since the last report. b. Community defibrillator including training and second defibrillator: The clerk will confirm the training date and numbers to the chair for publication in the parish magazine. The clerk will check with EMAS whether observers may attend in addition to participants. She is confirming the model of the existing defibrillator and will order the same model as supplied by BHF and a cabinet. c. War memorial – Restoration and funding: War Memorials Trust advice still awaited. 	Clerk/ Chair Clerk Clerk
CPC/36/17	Village environment and appearance including Best Kept Village 2016 entry: Councillor Routledge reported that BKVC's next scheduled meeting was in March 2017. Councillors confirmed that they would support another entry in 2017.	
CPC/37/17	Service faults: None.	
CPC/38/17	Correspondence: Item a – Young Farmers – Best Kept Village sign – Councillors agreed that the sign should be displayed at the entrance to the village on the left hand side of Newark Road entering the village from A616. The clerk will confirm with NCC that this is acceptable. Item c – Vaeolia – Recycling _ Community education – The clerk will invite Vaeolia to speak at the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting. The chair will publicise the availability of group tours in the magazine.	Clerk Clerk Chair
	All other items of correspondence noted.	
CPC/39/17	10 Minutes public speaking time: No matters raised.	
CPC/40/17	Agenda items for next meeting: 2017 APM arrangements.	
CPC/41/17	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 7.30 pm	

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.