

## CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 June 2016 in Dean Hole School commencing 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors:

B. Robins (Chair)  
C. Harvey  
A. Baugh  
S. Michael

**In attendance:**

C. Millward (Clerk)  
Councillor Saddington (until 7.40 pm)  
Councillor Laughton (until 7.40 pm)  
Members of the public (4)

	<b>DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>CPC/95/16</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from councillor Boffey (health), councillor Routledge (family) and councillor Jagger (holiday).	
<b>CPC/96/16</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> Councillor Michael declared a disclosable pecuniary interest landowner with regard to item 10 b (Playing field lease - Registration).  There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
<b>CPC/97/16</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> None required.	
<b>CPC/98/16</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking:</b> Action taken by police traffic reduction team regarding the increase in speeding traffic and the safety of A616 in the vicinity of the village was discussed. Councillors <b>decided</b> to consider item 12 (A616 – Speeding traffic and safety) at this stage.  After consideration of the options to improve safety, councillors agreed to support a petition seeking a reduction to 50 mph of the A616 speed limit on the village perimeter from Red Lodge to Lodge Farm.  The clerk will draft a petition to which a resident will seek signatures. The clerk will also publish the petition on the website. Councillor Laughton supported the petition.  Councillors noted further concerns regarding the siting of a bottle bank at the bottom of Dean’s Close and the risks from broken glass and abandoned bottles.  One member of the public left the meeting.	<b>Clerk Clerk</b>
<b>CPC/97/16</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, save for the deletion of councillor Boffey from the list of attendees and amendment of CPC/88/16a to read “fund” not “find”.	
<b>CPC/98/16</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b> There were no matters arising.	
<b>CPC/99/16</b>	<b>Reports from district and county councillors:</b> Councillor	

	<p>Saddington had no matters to report.</p> <p>Councillor Laughton reported that the incinerator at Bilsthorpe had been approved by the Secretary of State and that Newark &amp; Sherwood Homes was beginning a programme of active house building.</p> <p>Councillors Saddington and Laughton left the meeting at 7.40 pm.</p>	
<b>CPC/100/16</b>	<p><b>Reports from Councillors:</b> It was reported that concerns had been raised regarding the overgrowth of trees along Newark Road from the A616 crossroads to the Beck. Overhanging branches are forcing traffic into the middle of the road and creating a hazard. The clerk will write to the landowner asking that the trees be inspected and cut back as soon as possible, subject to any nesting considerations identified as part of the inspection.</p> <p>Councillors discussed Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board's enquiry regarding any complaints to the council in relation to the size and close proximity of trees growing alongside the Beck between the ford and Main St. They confirmed that they were not aware of any such concerns having been raised recently or in the past.</p> <p>Councillor Harvey reported that the bin on the playing field was snagging. Councillor Baugh will investigate. The chair will remind playing field users not to drop litter but to use the bin.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>AB Chair</b></p>
<b>CPC/101/16</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Financial position as at 31 May 2016:</b> Councillors considered and noted the clerk's report showing the precise financial position at 31 May (incorporating the 2016-17 budget figures). Councillors noted that VAT receipt in the sum of £5242.70 was an incorrect entry. Although that sum had been received, it should have been shown as £2375 precept receipt and an unexpected £2607.70 CIL receipt relating to The Coalyard development. The clerk summarised the reasons for the confusion regarding the CIL payment and late correction of the accounts.</p> <p>The clerk explained the restrictions on the expenditure of the CIL grant and that it should be set aside in a specific reserve. Councillors discussed the implications of a specific CIL reserve in the sum of £2607.70 on the amount of the general reserves, shown in the circulated accounts as £2239.90.</p> <p>They <b>decided</b> that the :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. playground reserve should be reduced to £450, the WREN contribution having been paid</li> <li>ii. 2020 election reserve should be reduced to £250, the set aside being an annual provision, and made up again later in the year when the full amount of the precept had been paid</li> <li>iii. defibrillator reserve should be reduced to £1100 leaving a general reserve of £782.20.</li> </ol> <p>The chair passed the clerk three cheques totalling £70 in respect of donations to the Best Kept Village Competition fund.</p> <p><b>b. Accounts for payment:</b> The council unanimously approved five payments totalling £658.57.</p>	
<b>CPC/102/16</b>	<p><b>Playground</b></p> <p><b>a. Monthly property managers' inspection report:</b> Councillor Baugh confirmed that the monthly inspection had taken place. He</p>	

	<p>reported that, ideally, the chains between the stepping posts could be replaced but that, otherwise, there were no issues since the last report.</p> <p><b>b. Playing field lease</b> – No developments. The clerk will seek an update from Larken &amp; Co.</p> <p><b>c. Toddler play equipment project:</b> The clerk read councillor Routledge’s update and confirmed that the WREN contribution in the sum of £381 was non- returnable.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>CPC/103/16</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p> <p><b>a. Applications: c   Proposed site for Touring Caravans and Motor Homes.   Readyfields Farm Maplebeck Road Caunton NG23 6AS:</b> Councillors considered the application and unanimously <b>decided</b> to support the proposal.</p> <p><b>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC:</b> None</p>	
<b>CPC/103/16</b>	<b>A616 – Speeding traffic and road safety:</b> Discussed at CPC/98/16 above (10 Minutes public speaking).	
<b>CPC/104/16</b>	<p><b>Village services:</b></p> <p><b>a. Community defibrillator and adoption of telephone kiosk:</b> Councillors were pleased that the application for British Heart Foundation funding had been successful. The clerk is progressing the adoption of the kiosk under option 1. She will investigate defibrillator cabinets and make enquiries of Norwell parish Council as to the system used to collect donations in that village.</p> <p><b>b. Dean’s Close – Issue regarding condition and appearance of public spaces:</b> Councillors Baugh and Routledge had inspected Dean’s Close. The clerk will notify to NCC the loose and rough pavement surface between nos 12-17 which is creating a tripping hazard. It was <b>agreed</b> that, for a variety of reasons, the removal of the garage at the bottom of The Close would be difficult achieve. Councillor Routledge and Baugh were of the view that the garage, which is obscured by natural overgrowth, is providing a valuable wildlife haven. In the circumstances, councillors <b>agreed</b> that, at least for the time being, steps to secure the demolition of the garage should not be taken. The Dean’s Close resident who was present had no objection.</p> <p><b>c. Bottle bank including location:</b> Councillors noted the outcome of the clerk’s enquiries of NSDC. They also noted NCC Highways’ views that the A616 layby was not an appropriate site. The appropriateness of Dean’s Close was considered in the light of all the information and views received. Councillors <b>decided</b> that their investigations had established that Dean’s Close was not a suitable location. Councillors <b>agreed</b> that, regrettably, it was clear that, at least as matters stand, there was no appropriate site for a bottle bank.</p> <p><b>d. War memorial – Restoration and funding:</b> Deferred to July meeting when councillor Jagger would be present.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Agenda</b></p>
<b>CPC/105/16</b>	<p><b>Village environment and appearance and Best Kept Village 2016 entry:</b> Councillors praised the appearance of the village and thanked the Best Kept Village Competition Group and those who had supported them for all their hard work.</p> <p>The clerk explained the confidentiality issue which had arisen in relation to the publication on the website of photos of identifiable individuals. Councillors endorsed the clerk’s view that such photos should only be published with the written consent of the individuals concerned.</p>	
<b>CPC/106/16</b>	<b>Service faults:</b> Councillors were pleased that the bridge works were	

	being included in NCC's 2016-17 schedule of works.	
<b>CPC/107/16</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> All items noted.	
<b>CPC/108/16</b>	<b>10 Minutes public speaking time:</b> Councillors discussed concerns regarding inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of Broom Cottage on Mill Lane which is creating a blind spot. The clerk will ask PCSO Crowhurst to visit the site.	<b>AB/SR Agenda</b>
<b>CPC/109/16</b>	<b>Agenda items for next meeting:</b> None other than set out above.  Provision of allotments as an agenda item deferred pending a concrete offer of land or request from a resident.	
<b>CPC/110/16</b>	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 7.30 pm	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.