

CAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 in Dean Hole School commencing 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors:

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

In attendance:

C. Millward (Clerk)
Members of the public (5)

	DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION
CPC/39/16	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from councillor Boffey (health). Councillors Saddington and Laughton were unable to attend because of a Kelham Hall commitment in relation to the local minerals plan consultation.	
CPC/40/16	Declarations of interest: Councillor Michael declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as landowner with regard to item 10 b (Playing field lease). There were no other declarations of interest, direct or indirect, in any items of business on the agenda.	
CPC/41/16	Dispensations: None required.	
CPC/42/16	Presentation – Superfast Broadband – Mr Tim Dring, NCC officer: Mr Dring explained that: a. Contract 1, which was due to be completed on 31 March 2016, had brought fibre access to an additional 4% of households in the most hard to reach and commercially uneconomic areas of the county. b. Caunton was covered by contract 1 c. Contract 2, which is due to commence in April 2016, will bring fibre access to a further 18,000 households in those hard to reach areas. Contract 2 will further benefit Caunton. d. By March 2018, 98% of the county will have fibre access with the remaining 2% having access to faster speeds via a government subsidised satellite system e. In order to access the faster speeds households need to upgrade their service with their provider He recommended the website http://www.thinkbroadband.com as a particularly useful source of further information. Councillors thanked Mr Dring who then left the meeting.	
CPC/43/16	Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.	
CPC/44/16	Matters arising: There were no matters arising.	

CPC/45/16	<p>Reports from district and county councillors: Councillors Saddington and Laughton were absent (see CPC/39/16 above – Apologies).</p>	
CPC/46/16	<p>Reports from Councillors: Councillors noted the report that the ditch behind the bungalow at the beginning of Mill Lane had silted up but regretted that, being a private matter, there was little action they could take.</p>	
CPC/47/16	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>a. Financial position as at 29 February 2016: Councillors considered and noted the clerk’s report showing the precise financial position at 29 February 2016 (incorporating the 2015-16 budget figures). They also noted that the accounts in the format circulated understated both the current account balance and cheque to clear by £4 in error but that the overall figures remained the same. The clerk circulated the accounts showing the correct figures.</p> <p>Councillors reviewed the playground reserve and agreed that it should be reduced by £171, representing the cost of the recent repairs, £352, less the wine evening donation, £181.</p> <p>Councillors examined the reasons for the deficit in the sum of £487 in comparison with the whole year budgeted deficit of £250. They noted that this was attributable to the playground repairs, taken from an existing reserve, website, taken from an existing reserve, and church clock grant. They agreed that, on that basis, the accounts were, therefore, running broadly to budget for the year.</p> <p>b. Accounts for payment: The council unanimously approved three payments totalling £373.69.</p>	
CPC/48/16	<p>Playground</p> <p>a. Monthly property managers’ inspection report: Councillor Buagh confirmed that the monthly inspection had taken place. There were no issues since the last report.</p> <p>b. Playing field lease - Councillors authorised the chair to sign the letter of engagement to Larken & Co. They discussed the likely location of the original lease requested by Larken & Co. The chair will check the filing cabinets. The clerk will double check the documents which she holds. Councillor Michael did not participate.</p> <p>c. Playing field trees: Councillor Baugh had no issues to report.</p> <p>d. Toddler play equipment project: The WREN decision is still awaited.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CPC/49/16	<p>Planning matters:</p> <p>a. Applications: None. Councillors noted that the clerk had just received notification of an application by Nottingham Community Housing Association for planning permission for 6 houses and access to allotments at Deans Close (NSDC ref- 16/00382/FUL). Councillors decided that, although planning applications are always on the agenda, it would not be appropriate to consider an application of this significance without its inclusion as a specific item. Deferred to the April meeting.</p> <p>b. To note planning decisions by NSDC: None.</p>	<p>Agenda</p>
CPC/50/16	<p>Village services:</p> <p>a. Community defibrillator: The clerk reported that she had not received a response to her formal requests to locate a defibrillator at either the Plough or the Beck. Councillors noted that the landlord of the Plough had indicated that the request would be considered favourably but that he had not received the clerk’s letter. The clerk confirmed that she had already re-sent</p>	

	<p>the letter to both addresses. Councillors reviewed the potential value of the telephone kiosk as a location for a defibrillator. The clerk will request the recent usage data.</p> <p>b. Increased dog bin capacity: The clerk will request the grant from councillor Laughton and then order the 35l dog bin.</p> <p>c. Bottle bank: The Plough, The Beck and NSDC's land at the bottom of Dean's Close were identified as potential locations for a bottle bank. The clerk will make enquiries of all three proprietors. Two members of the public left the meeting at 8.40 pm.</p> <p>d. Website – Council policy on use for publicity (village events, charity events, consultations and commercial organisations): Councillors considered the most desirable and appropriate approach to the use of the website for publicity. After careful consideration, they decided that the website should:</p> <p>i. Only be used to publicise matters and events with a direct connection to or benefit for the village and community</p> <p>ii. Not be used to publicise commercial or charity matters. They thanked Mr Roe for his fantastic photos which hugely enhanced the appearance of the website.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
CPC/51/16	Land at Hockerton crossroads: Councillors noted that the clerk had received confirmation that the council is the registered owner of possessory title to the land. The council will be eligible to apply for freehold title to the land in August 2018. The clerk will make a note accordingly.	Clerk
CPC/52/16	Village environment and appearance: Councillors noted the contents of Mrs Asker and councillor Routledge's report. They thanked all involved in organising and supporting the community working day on 23 April 2016. The clerk will publicise the event on the website. Councillor Routledge confirmed that arrangements relation to the entry would be risk assessed by the group and copies provided to the clerk.	SR/BKV Group
CPC/53/16	Service faults: The clerk will report that: <p>a. The lamp in the telephone kiosk is not working</p> <p>b. The A616 verge has sunk on the left hand side stretch between the crossroads and wind turbines heading in the Newark direction. The chair will report the two street lamps which are not working.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p>
CPC/54/16	Correspondence: Item a – NCC – Minerals Local Plan consultation – The clerk will object on the basis of the traffic implications of an extraction site at Flash Farm, Averham.	Clerk
	Item b - NSDC - Invitation to Special Economic Development Committee – The clerk will write to NSDC with the council's views in place of attendance at the meeting.	Clerk
	Item d - NALC – NCC Transforming care consultation – The chair will display the notice on the noticeboard.	Chair
	All other items of correspondence noted.	
CPC/55/16	10 Minutes public speaking time: Nothing raised.	
CPC/56/16	Agenda items for next meeting: None other than set out above.	
CPC/57/16	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13 April 2016 at 7.30 pm	

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Councillors Saddington and Laughton arrived as the meeting closed.