

### **Caythorpe Parish Council**

Our monthly meeting of the Parish Council was on 3 April at 7.30pm in Caythorpe War Memorial Hall.

#### **Attendance and Declarations**

**18/49 Attendees:** Cllr Cons, Cllr Duff, Cllr Harbidge, Cllr Reddington, Cllr Boon and Cllr King  
DC Cllr Roger Jackson.  
No members of the public present.

**18/50 Apologies:** None

**18/51 Declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed:** None

**18/52 To approve the minutes of the meeting 6 March 2018**

All in favour of approving the minutes as a true and accurate record

**18/53 Motion to open the meeting to the members of the public to discuss any items**

**18/54 Motion to close the meeting to the members of the public and to continue with the rest of the meeting**

#### **NSDC – update from District/County Councillor Roger Jackson**

**18/55 Update from DC Roger Jackson**

Cllr Jackson advised that he is hopeful that he may be able to arrange for further 'speed tubes' to be installed during the warmer months in order to check the speed and frequency of traffic in a busier period than when it was last done during the winter.

Some pot holes have been filled, and there is an increased budget for road repairs across the county.

Councillors advised that although work has been seen to be done to clear the drains around the Village Hall, there has been significant ponding recently. It was noted that there has been unusually high rainfall and that the ponding did drain away. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

Councillors raised the issue of increased HGV traffic through the village recently, and that this is of particular concern as other local roads have weight limits imposed which may drive some traffic through Caythorpe. Cllr Jackson will liaise with Hoveringham PC to see if they are also seeing an increase.

#### **Upkeep of highways/village facilities**

**18/56 To discuss the village tidy up**

Cllr Reddington and Cllr Boon have put together a comprehensive list of works needed, and Cllr Reddington is organising the event for the last weekend in April. Cllr Reddington and Cllr Boon will do a risk assessment Cllr King and Cllr Reddington will deliver letters to the village to advise of the date as soon as possible.

**18/57 To discuss the creation of a welcome pack for new residents**

Cllr Cons has prepared a welcome letter with input from all councillors. Councillors and the clerk will have an electronic copy of the letter and when any councillor notices there is a new resident near

them they will print off the letter and deliver it to the new occupier and notify Cllrs and Clerk of their action.

**18/58 To discuss HGVs driving through Caythorpe**

Taken in 18/55 Update from DC Roger Jackson

**18/59 Update on Defibrillator(AED)/First Aid Training**

The Village Hall is booked for 18<sup>th</sup> April, with a letter going out to residents ASAP. Residents will need to advise Cllr Harbidge as soon as possible if they wish to attend as places are limited.

*Action: All councillors to ensure they have provided Cllr Duff with all necessary information as soon as possible so that he can finalise the letter to the village. Cllr Duff will then print the letters and deliver them to Cllr Reddington. Cllr Reddington and Cllr King to liaise and distribute letters as soon as possible.*

[Please note that this training has now been deferred to a later date to be announced]

**18/60 To discuss proposed rent increase for Trinity College land, any requirement to hold land in case of demand for allotments, and the possibility of purchasing the land, subject to legislation**

The PC has rented approximately 8 acres to the side of Brackenhill and behind Harvest Hill from Trinity College Cambridge, nominally as allotments, since approximately 1928, and sublets the land under an agricultural tenancy. Savills, on behalf of Trinity College have proposed a rent increase. Councillors noted that there was a fairly recent drive to encourage residents to inform the PC if they might be interested in renting an allotment if one were available, and there was no interest from residents of the village.

Councillors therefore discussed the option of relinquishing this land, subject to doing so causing no potential legal issues. Councillors to investigate the situation further.

**Planning applications**

**18/61**

**18/00409/FULM Land at Caythorpe Road, Caythorpe** – Residential development of 6 executive dwellings.

Following a long and difficult discussion, councillors voted to object to this planning application (2 supporting/4 objecting) on the basis of this is a substantial development in the greenbelt that would increase the size of the village by approximately 5%. In addition, councillors proposed that should NSDC decide to approve the application they would request that the development should not be allowed to be a gated community, the developers be formally required to complete the development within two years of commencement, and that an independent flood report be a pre-condition of consent.

**18/00458/FUL 14 Caythorpe Road, Caythorpe** – householder application for proposed loft conversion

All the Councillors supported this application

**Decisions**

**18/62** None

**Awaiting decision**

**18/63** None

**Finances and policies**

**18/64 Grants** – details to be provided at meeting

Nothing to report.

**18/65 To discuss accounts and banking showing a balance @ 31 March 2018**

**Resolved** to agree the accounts as submitted by Cllr King.

*Actions: Clerk to provide Cllr King with proof of the bank balance at 31 March 2018.*

**18/66 To decide whether to accept accounts for payment for April 2018**

**Resolved** to agree payment to Cllr Cons for Women in Local Government Conference, Cllr Harbidge for rental of the Village Hall for Defibrillator/first aid training, NSDC for dog bin emptying and clerk's wages covering January 2018 to March 2018. It was also verbally agreed that the Clerk should pay for her attendance at the Planning Nuts and Bolts course in advance of next month's accounts for payment.

**18/67 To review Standing Orders/Financial Regulations**

Deferred until May meeting.

**18/68 To decide whether to adopt the proposed Parish Councillor Co-option policy**

Deferred until May meeting.

**Flood Warden's Report**

**18/69 Verbal report**

The flood water is currently at its peak and should begin to recede shortly. Councillors thanked Cllr Harbidge for his work notifying the public on social media about developments in a clear, comprehensive and reassuring manner

**Neighbourhood Watch**

**18/70 Verbal report**

Nothing to report.

**Any other correspondence**

**18/71 To decide format for APM and whether to invite any speakers**

Councillors finalised the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. An invitation will be delivered throughout the village ASAP, as well as being posted on the PC website and on the village Facebook page.

**18/72 To decide attendance at forthcoming Notts Association of Local Councils planning training event**

Clerk to attend. No councillors are available to attend; however several councillors recently attended a planning training session provided free of charge by NSDC.

*Action: form and payment to be sent to NALC.*

**18/73 Other items**

VAT return for last year, up to March 2018 is almost ready for sending to HMRC.

*Action: Clerk to finalise and send.*

Nottinghamshire Hospice had requested funding, but mindful of the Parish Council's small budget and of the previous decision not to donate residents' money to charities on their behalf, councillors declined to make a donation.

NSDC – Cllr Boon reported that he has emailed NCC to enquire about the possibility of erecting a notice board in the Caythorpe Rd. verge (south side) between the Old Volunteer and the cricket club entrance, and asked for a price to supply and fix two timber post supports as the Parish Council are unable to organise this bit themselves because the verge is highways property and there may be underground services present.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

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