

# Caythorpe Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 6.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

## Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

### 17/01 To Elect the Chairman of the Parish Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office form

There was only one nomination who was Julia Cons who was approved by Cllr Priestley, seconded Cllr Boon. All in favour. Form signed in front of Councillors and Clerk.

### 17/02 To Elect the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and to receive the Vice-Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

There were no nominations and Cllr Harbidge asked to step down from the post due to other commitments. This was agreed. It was decided to nominate a chairman on the night should Cllr Cons be unavailable.

It was agreed to give a vote of thanks to Cllr Harbidge for his hard work and long service.

### 17/03 To agree dates for the monthly Parish Council meetings over the next twelve months.

It was agreed to retain to hold meetings on first Tuesday of the month.

All in favour.

## Agenda for Caythorpe Parish Council regular monthly meeting

### Attendance and Declarations

17/04 Present: Cllr Boon, Cllr P King, Cllr David Priestley and Cllr Harbidge, Cllr Cons (Chair) Cllr Duff

17/05 Apologies: District Cllr R Jackson due to being in purdah.

17/06 Declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed: Cllr Duff in respect of the Planning Application to be discussed.

17/07 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting on 4 April 2017 proposed as correct by Cllr Harbidge. Seconded Cllr King. All in favour.

17/08 **Meeting opened to members of the public (7.05pm):**

17/09 **Meeting closed to members of the public.(7.05pm)**

### Upkeep of highways/village facilities

17/10 Update on Village Hall charges – no update.

17/11 Update on free dog poo bags – the dog poo bags are good quality, no cost to the Parish Council and are contained in a plastic container which can be attached to your belt or the dog's collar.

17/12 Update on Grey Box by the Library – Hazel established that the Royal Mail should have removed the grey box many years ago but it got missed. The Parish Council is now pleased to announce that the grey box has been removed.

17/13 Village Working Party – decided to hold the event on Saturday 3 June 2017 from 9.30am. To be advertised on the website and notice boards.

There will be painting, hedge cutting, litter picking and various other jobs.

17/14 Update on CCTV – Costed options were discussed for utilising Parish Council funds to supplement domestic CCTV installations within the village. Allocations would need to meet specific criteria that would potentially benefit

the wider security needs of the village.

**Clerk has subsequently contacted NALC and who unfortunately stated that such action would be outside the permitted funding scope of Parish Councils. The Clerk is to make follow up enquiries about grants.**

## **Planning Applications to be decided**

- 17/15      17/00642/OUTM – Land at Caythorpe Road, Lowdham. Residential development of up to 10 custom built homes.
- Peter Duff asked the opinion of the council as to whether he should declare an interest as he lives near the planning application address. He also stated that his comments made to the District Council about the application were in reference to the effect on the village and not any impact on his property. He had no objections with regard to the direct effect on his property. Councillors felt that in such a small village, all councillors will potentially be directly affected by many/most/all items discussed on any given agenda, so there was no need to declare an interest and abstain from the discussion in this instance. Peter Duff said that he would provide his own comments as a base but that whilst the meeting felt there was no conflict of interest he would not vote on the issue. The other Councillors voted against the application for the following reasons:
- The village is a linear village and the development would be a change of character to the village by backfilling.
- There are concerns about the traffic in the 30mph zone.
- An increase of 10 houses in a village of 110 would be a 10% increase on the village.
- The original application was for 8 properties and was turned down as it was in a greenbelt.
- Making it into a hard standing area will increase the risk of flooding.
- The application is too many houses for the village not the plot.
- The application is only outline planning permission and we would object to the lack of certainty of the number and type of houses when Orchard Close was developed they were refused permission for 8 buildings in a cul de sac in a green belt.

## **Decided**

- 17/16      3 Orchard Lane, Caythorpe – erection of rear orangery – permitted.

## **Finances**

- 17/17      Balance 31 March 2017 and 30 April 2017 – noted.
- 17/18      To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement and authorise the Chairman and Clerk to sign it – noted and authorised.
- 17/19      To consider and approve the Accounting Statements and authorise the Chairman and Clerk to sign it – noted and approved,
- 17/20      To discuss and agree online banking by the Clerk – agreed.

## **Flood Wardens Report**

- 17/21      Flood Events.

Thankfully since I last reported, there have been no serious flood events. The only two flood alerts which concerned Caythorpe were issued during the winter months. The first alert was a general River Trent alert which did

not affect the village. The second was alerting us of possible flooding of low lying farm land. This again did not affect the village. The Flood warden continues to maintain regular contact with the Environment Agency, County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council.

There was some surface road flooding near to the Byars Nursing home on 26 November 2016 which the FW reported to Nottinghamshire County Council, and Councillor Roger Jackson.

Home Insurance Scheme: Flood RE

The Flood warden reminded residents about the Government's Flood RE scheme which enables people living in flood risk areas to find affordable insurance.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Report**

17/22 The village remains a target for opportunist thieves. A number of break ins were reported as well as villagers seeing men in and around their property "casing the property" for potential burglary. One serious break in which resulted in a substantial amount of jewellery being stolen. Please be vigilant. Keep doors, windows, garages, sheds, conservatories locked. Do not leave valuables visible in vehicles and ensure they too are locked. Consider your own property protection such as security lighting CCTV etc.

Villagers are reminded that if they see a crime taking place, any suspicious vehicles, or suspicious activity to phone 999 straight away. PC Gary Sipson addressed this meeting last year and explains how the information we give can help fit the pieces into a bigger crime jigsaw. Please try to make a note of as much information as possible including: time, date, location, number plate if relevant, description of vehicle and occupants.

### **Newark and Sherwood District Council – update from District Councillor**

17/23 No update as Roger Jackson who has been re-elected is in purdah.

### **Any other correspondence**

17/24 Clerks wages from April 2017 -- deferred until next meeting

17/25 Parish Council Insurance – Clerk to get quotes. Also to contact NALC as our previous insurance premium was in the region of £200 and one quote already received is over twice that and with our low precept the Parish Council cannot afford it. To ask NALC where we might be able to obtain cheaper quotes.

Meeting closed 7.45pm