



CAYTHORPE

Parish Council

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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was on 27 September 2018 at 7.30pm in Caythorpe War Memorial Hall.

Attendance and Declarations

18/151 Attendees: Cllr Boon, Cllr Reddington, Cllr King, Cllr Parry and District Cllr Roger Jackson. No members of the public present.

18/152 Apologies: Cllr Cons, Cllr Duff and The Clerk. In the absence of Cllr Cons it was agreed that Cllr King should chair the meeting.

18/153 Declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed: None

18/154 To approve the minutes of the meeting 9 August 2018

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

18/155 Motion to open the meeting to the members of the public to discuss any items

18/156 Motion to close the meeting to the members of the public and to continue with the rest of the meeting

18/157 NSDC – update from District/County Councillor Roger Jackson

Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that, due to its underuse, a consultation exercise is underway to consider the closure of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Office in Southwell.

Parish Councillors raised the problem of overgrown trees on the left hand side as you enter the village from the Lowdham end. These are adversely affecting the operation and driver view of the interactive speed sign. **(Action: Cllr Jackson agreed to take forward)**

Parish Councillors reported a good reaction to the new energy efficient street lighting now installed. Cllr Jackson confirmed the generally favourable feedback and stated that the energy savings were significant.

The potential development of land belonging to Rippon Homes remains an issue and Parish Councillors were aware that Rippon were still in talks with N&SDC Planning Officers. Cllr Jackson was not aware of any changes in consents or policy. It was agreed that this issue should be reviewed at the October Parish Council meeting.

(Action: Clerk to add item to the October meeting agenda)

Cllr Jackson informed the meeting of proposal to install a hydro (electricity generation) system at the Gunthorpe weir. Although no impacts on river levels and flow would be anticipated, Councillors would expect assurances as the plans develop.

Cllr Jackson informed the meeting that he was trying to get a road sign installed at the far end of Hoveringham that would deter heavy vehicles driving through the village (and, therefore, also through Caythorpe). Cllr Parry asked whether there had been a formal structural assessment and resulting weight limit for the bridge in Caythorpe.

(Action: Cllr Jackson agreed to seek confirmations on the bridge weight limits)

The Strategic FRA prepared in support of the Notts Draft Minerals Local Plan mentioned that the Cocker Beck Flood Alleviation and Gunthorpe Flood Defence schemes proposed by the EA could commence in the next 1-2 years. In response to Councillors' concerns, Cllr Jackson confirmed that proposed flood alleviation schemes being planned for Gunthorpe and Lowdham would have been impact assessed to ensure that there was no resulting detrimental impact on Caythorpe. It was thought Caythorpe would also benefit from the scheme, as planned flood run-offs would take pressure off the Cocker Beck. However, it was agreed that written confirmation should be sought that assessments had taken the impact on Caythorpe into account.

(Action: Clerk to obtain required written assurances from Environment Agency that the planned schemes for Lowdham / Gunthorpe would not adversely impact Caythorpe.)

18/158 To discuss and appoint Parish Councillor:

New Councillor Pia Parry signed-off her completed Register of Members' Interests form at the meeting and was confirmed as a new Parish Councillor for Caythorpe.

Upkeep of highways / village facilities

18/159 To receive an update on the progress of the new noticeboard

Cllr Boon confirmed that the notice board previously standing opposite the Black Horse pub had been removed and was currently being renovated ready to be re-sited.

18/160 To discuss the village clean-up

As there had been no response to earlier requests for volunteers it was agreed that an early 'tidy-up day' should be set, with appropriate communications asking villagers to offer their time. The initial focus to be the overgrown hedges around the church car park, but more tasks could be addressed, subject to numbers offering to help. The date of the tidy-up was agreed as Saturday, 6TH October. Cllr Reddington to provide equipment, risk assessments and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) on the day.

18/161 To discuss the volume of HGVs going through the village and situation with joint letter.

See items discussed at 18/157 re signage and bridge structural assessment.

(Action: Clerk to confirm position on contacting Lowdham re joint letter)

18/162 To discuss rubber strips for the village from Via

Cllr Jackson had reported chasing action on the strips with Via, but priorities across the county / limited resources was cited as a barrier to urgent action. Cllr Cons had reported that she had opened a dialogue with Paul Hillier at NCC Transport and Planning who has been asked to consider how our reported speeding issues might be addressed.

Planning

18/163 New Applications. None

18/164 Decisions. It was reported by Cllr Jackson that the refused permission for a loft conversion at 14 Caythorpe Road, Caythorpe had been reversed and is now approved.

18/165 Comments Parish Council wish to make on the NCC Consultation on the draft Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan which closed on 28 September 2018

Cllr Boon had drafted a response, issued by the Clerk, to meet the deadline. Specific reference was made to our concerns re any potential for increased HGV traffic relating to concrete production at Hoveringham and our strong opposition to any operations resulting from the Plan that might increase flood risk to this area.

18/166 To consider winter salt order from NCC

Cllrs discussed the poor state of existing salt supplies held at the rear of the village hall. It was agreed that we should continue to order the salt, but consideration should be given to obtaining a salt box in which to store it. Other stakeholders to be consulted if it is decided to pursue this.

(Action: Clerk to order salt from NCC and to review available salt boxes)

18/167 To consider: N&SDC are doing an audit of all their litter bins in the district as part of their cleaner greener and safer campaign to see if more are needed or some are situated in the wrong place or need emptying more often.

Councillors agreed that no changes were needed.

Finances

18/168 To agree the final balance of the accounts on 31 August 2018.

The reported balance was £4654.70. It was resolved to agree balance stated.

18/169 To accept accounts for payment for September 2018

Payments put forward: clerk salary £156.75; reimbursement to Cllr Boon £80 for notice board clamps and £75 for retired councillor's gift.

It was resolved to accept all accounts for payment and documents were signed by two Councillors.

18/170 To discuss updating signatories at the bank

Deferred until the October meeting.

Flood Warden's Report

18/171 Nothing to report this month

Neighbourhood Watch Report

18/172 It was reported that earlier in the month two suspicious characters had been seen in the village stating that they were looking for work, but behaviours led to the conclusion that they were checking out properties. Villagers are to be encouraged to continue early reporting of suspicious activities within the village.

18/173 Any other correspondence

New bus timetable. A new time table for the 300 bus service has come into effect from 3 September 2018. A small number of the timetables will be held on the village notice board.

(Action: Clerk to arrange for reference to the new timetable on the web site)

J.Parkers wholesale catalogue

It was noted that the catalogue for future planting was available.

NALC / LRALC new details about Code of Conduct and Interests

Discussion deferred until the October meeting.

18/174 Any other business

None.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of Next Meeting: 25 October 2018