

CASTLE ACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the village hall on Thurs 8 Nov 2012:

Present: Mrs G Thorneywork (GT) Chair
Mr M Hickey (MH) Vice Chair
Mr T Hubbard (TH)
Mr S Barnfield (SB)
Mr L Fisher (LF)
Mr J Moriarty (JM)
Ms C Williams (CW)
Mrs H Breach

In attendance: 7 members of the public, Ms L Roast (Clerk),

Apologies: Councillor J Murphy (NCC), Mr M Dwyer (MD),
Ms D Pearson (Norfolk Constabulary)

68 Minutes of Previous Meeting of 11 October. Agreed. JM proposed and MF seconded.

69 Wherry Housing. Presentation postponed.

70 Actions from Previous Meeting.

78(a) Fly Tipping. This has now been cleared by Holkham. **Clerk to send thanks.**

98(a) Ash Trees. CGM have been appointed to do the required work. Paperwork has been submitted to planning for consent.

18 Pales Green Strip. A meeting would be arranged after a local public consultation meeting prior to formal submission.

55 Agricultural Allotments. TH confirmed that a land agent had been looking into the status of these allotments and had confirmed they were leased from Holkham on an Agricultural Tenancy.

57 Rubbish Bin by Ford. JM waiting to hear from Jack Daniels from KLWNBC.

62(b) Grass Cutting Contract. Quotes presented to Councillors. **Decision to be made at next meeting.** Verges around Priory Court – **Clerk to find out who is responsible for cutting.**

62(c) Town Lane/Eagles. JM waiting to approach.

62(e) Textile Bin. CW not yet spoken to East London Textiles.

71 5 Year Action Plan

PC keeping this on agenda so that councillors can progress any further items.

72 Playing Field.

GT has produced a rough draft which has been shared with Sarah Brown Secretary of the Playing Field Committee. The content now needs to be agreed. GT proposed to amend the document from comments already received from SB and MH. Once the Playing Field committee had also commented GT to email to the councillors for review.

73 Planning.

Jim Moriarty declared an interest and retired from the meeting.

Footpath Cottage (12/01228/F). This was on the Agenda at the KLWNBC Planning meeting on 4 Nov 2012, with a recommendation to approve, but subsequently refused by a vote of 15 to 3'. Meadow House: add 'Unanimous agreement to reject this application.

Meadow House/Back Lane (12/01611/F). Helen Breach declared an interest and retired from the meeting. The Council considered the revised plans but still felt the proposed bungalow to be too large for the plot and confirmed that the area was in a Type B Development area which is considered not right for housing development. GT opened the meeting to the public who commented that the plan was too big for the site.

Albert Victor (12/01629/F). Steve Barnfield declared an interest and retired from the meeting. The variation of design which omitted the garage block and amended the positioning of one house was agreed. No Objection.

The council then went on to discuss the change of use issue i.e. the public house at the front of the development had been for sale or rent for three years without any offers. The present owner would like the agreement of the Parish Council to change the use to residential and asked if the PC would support this proposal in the form of a letter to the Planning Department who had been asking for trading accounts, which were now after three years, not relevant. GT stated that she was saddened by the loss of the pub to the village but agreed that something had to be done with the building before any further deterioration occurred. MH proposed were the Parish Council happy to support the change of use. The Parish Council agreed. MH to draft a letter.

74 Correspondence.

(a) Stocks Green Trees – Frank Moister. All the Parish Council had seen the letter which stated that the trees had become overbearing in the area and the leaf fall quite large. The suggestion was to fell 1 or 2 trees and replant with saplings thus ensuring trees on Stocks Green for the foreseeable future. JM had spoken briefly to the new Tree Officer at KLWNBC and he had suggested that the Lime Trees be looked at by a professional horticulturalist to ascertain their health and life expectancy – to assess the situation before going further. **The Clerk to contact Holkham to see if they employ a horticulturalist or whether they can recommend one.** Stephen Chesney-Beales of East Walton mentioned as a second contact. The PC to get quotes for report before proceeding.

Further discussion ensued on the leaf fall problem. TH suggested that a community leaf clearing be proposed for next autumn with the leaves being donated to the allotments for composting. CW suggested that perhaps the school might also be involved in this. The clearing to be scheduled before Remembrance Day Parade around 10th November 2013.

(b) The Old School – Stocks Green. The Parish Council had received a proposal from Neil Wenman for an historic conversion to the school into a 3 bedroom single residential property. The Parish Council agreed that the proposal looked very good and within keeping of the conservation area and would thus agree in principal if taken further to the planning stage.

(c) Kings Lynn Incinerator. JM stated that there was to be a Public Enquiry meeting on 27th February and did the Council want to submit anything further to their objection. JM went on to suggest that Leziate Parish Council was very focussed and vocal on the subject and that the PC

might want to contact them to add our objections to theirs. **The Clerk to contact Elaine Oliver, Leziate Clerk.**

(d) Bin Collection Service meeting. MH attending and offered transport.

(e) Orchard Lane Flooding. Mr Bighton, a resident of Orchard Lane had been told that the lane was un-adopted by Highways. MH had confirmed with WN Highways department that this was not the case. The drains in this lane are currently not coping with the amount of water and the silt draining off the Holkham owned pig field to the North. Mr Bighton confirmed that this was an ongoing problem caused by house development and the removal of water gullies from the land at the back and the fields not being ploughed. The storm drains are connected to the main sewer and could thus be flushed through. **MH to contact Highways on the residents behalf. The Clerk to contact Holkham to ask for the field to be ploughed.**

f) Container on Playing Field. Sarah Brown from the PFA had been approached to see whether a storage container could be placed on the field with a rent paid to the Playing Field. She asked for the Parish Councils opinion. SB suggested that councillors looked at the proposed site and that Mrs Brown find out the size of the container, the regularity of use and the rent involved before making any decisions. The Council agreed.

g) QE2 Playing Field. It was agreed that the PC should pay for a land registry document showing ownership of the Playing Field. **The Clerk to organise.**

75 Reports.

- a. **Highways.** MH Read out an email sent to Highways with a summary of various road issues that had yet to be dealt with including the change of Junction at Newton Road/North Street that Highways had reported would be too dangerous to proceed with. MH to find out if North Street/St James's Green was included in this year's gritting route. Andy Wallace, Highways Engineer, to attend the December meeting to explain how works are scheduled and to update the Council on outstanding developments in the village.
- b. **School.** CW - Christmas Fair December 8th – a community event to support.
- c. **Village Hall.** HB – Free Tea & Cake event 18th Nov – please support.
- d. **Horticultural Society.** JM – well attended AGM.
- e. **Playing Field.** Mrs Brown reported that no further action had come from the accident accusation (£90 paid for emergency equipment inspection call out). Drains need flushing to prevent water logging on the field which would cost at least £750. Swings inside the children's playground need a new bar which would cost £480 +VAT. This would not be replaced at this stage as the life of the whole playground was 10 years from 2002. Swings still available in other area.

76 **Accounts.** The following cheques were signed; payments were proposed by MH and seconded by LF
FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd (£34.90), E.on Energy (£46.36), Castle Acre PCC (£1,000.00)

Mazars LLP (Audit-£402.00), 7th Earl of Leicester 1966 Settle (£1,913.00), Gary Lake (£950.00)
Linda Roast (£325.26), Mr Ellis (£90.00), Steve Barnfield (£20.00)

- 77 **Village Maintenance.** Pot hole outside Village Hall. Street Lamp out near Little Lane/Priory Road. Archer Lane corner with St James Green has Tractor damage (SB suggested Tarmac).
- 78 **Public Question Time.** Sarah Brown asked about the Nar Valley News which ran an article including that a Village Notice Board would hopefully be erected on the Playing Field and asked if the PC might ask the PFA for permission to do this. A member of the public thanked the PC for paying towards the churchyard maintenance.

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm hrs.

The next PC Meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Thurs 13 December at the Village Hall.