

# CASTLE ACRE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Miss H. Mitchell, Miss A. Loch

**Apologies:** Ms. C. Williams, Mr. J. Moriarty

## 40. Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Amendments as follows: Minute 33(d): add "or to re-opening as a public house."  
Minute 38(b): replace with "instead of moving the bin, to initiate a campaign to encourage dog owners to use the bins provided."

## 41. Actions required from previous meetings

(a) Incinerator – JM has reported between meetings that a judge will carry out an oral hearing to decide whether or not the issue should go forward to a judicial review.

(b) Old School – between meetings, JM reported that he has met with Mr. Richard Butler, Diocese CEO, who was open to suggestions for its potential use by the community. An application will soon be submitted to BCKLWN for a 3 bedroom house on the hard surface playing field. On the subject of the Pales Green land, JM had suggested that GT meet with the Holkham Estate Surveyor, Mr. James Bracey.

(c) Highways – SB proposed a discussion on the range of options open related to parking and speed control in the Village. **The Clerk was asked to request that Highways postpone the installation of roundels until this had taken place.**

**(Agenda item for October meeting)**

(d) South Acre Road – **Agenda item for October meeting.** ??

(e) GT has copies of letters from the Playing Field Association to the football and cricket clubs, notifying them of the Association's financial situation.

MD wondered if the football and cricket have sought funds from the Football Association and the England and Wales Cricket Board?

Mr. Barnfield proposed and Mr. Hubbard seconded that a review of the insurance policies held by various Village groups should be carried out with the possibility of reducing their costs. Agreed. **Jo Stock (Chair of PF Committee) to be contacted and asked for a copy of its insurance policy – pass to SB.**

## 42. Matters raised by Councillors

(a) Village sign – could NALC assist in finding a suitable person to carry out the work? **The Clerk to check.**

(b) Transformer, Bailey Street - Mr. Stafford Allen has asked for Council's support in lowering the transformer out of sight. SB said that Council would support the idea in principle, but is not in a position to help financially. MD felt, and Councillors agreed, that the planting of a tree in front of the equipment would help to shield it.

(c) Parking – SB asked that residents be told that parking on the curves between the two sections of green would be likely to obstruct access. **Nar Valley News.**  
**Discussion and decision at November meeting.**

#### 43. **Correspondence**

From CPRE: Invitation to meeting on Localism and Planning 19<sup>th</sup> October

From NCC: Information pack re Gypsy & Traveller situations

From MH: NCC Highways matters

From Henry Bellingham: Views on Incinerator proposal

From NCC: Annual Report 2010-2011

From NALC: Agenda and notice of AGM 1<sup>st</sup> October + minutes of September meeting

From WNCVA: Re training opportunities for local residents

From A.P. Bramley: Re rural footpath maintenance.

#### 44. **Reports**

Highways: MH has emailed asking for direction signage for the new school.

Allotments: between meetings, JM has agreed to take responsibility for reporting on the School Gardens allotments.

FOCAS (GT): the group needs more active supporters. There will be a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Village Hall (HB): building works have been planned as part of the overall refurbishment. Council was asked if it would be able to reclaim VAT on the Hall Committee's behalf. **The Clerk to check.**

Horticultural Society: an excellent annual show.

New School: MD told Council that Greene King have indicated that a third party is interested in buying part of the land enclosed by the present school boundary.

NCC has admitted that when it carried out its compulsory purchase, this area was not included in the transaction, but was mistakenly incorporated in the school plans.

#### 45. **Planning**

Albert Victor – a third application proposing use of the main building ground floor for commercial purposes, plus redevelopment on the site as before. **Mr.**

**Barnfield declared an interest and left the meeting.** Points raised by

Councillors were: the significant effect on Drury Lane residents due to the height of the building on the north edge of the site, and that the capacity for employment is less than that of a public house. Mr. Hickey proposed and Mr. Dwyer seconded

that Council should object on the same grounds as previously, plus the points mentioned above. Agreed.

Mr. Dwyer proposed and Mr. Fisher seconded that Councillors should open a dialogue with the developer regarding the future of the building. Agreed. GT, MD and MH will attempt to set up a meeting with the Hobden Opplander Partnership.

Council examined the plans relating to the current application and a response will be formulated. It was also decided to leave a meeting with the owners until a decision on this application has been made by BCKLWN (see July Minute 33d).

**Mr. Barnfield rejoined the meeting.**

**46. Accounts**

Mr. Hubbard proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded that the following accounts be paid:

E.on Energy (Electricity July/August)	£ 90.98
Mazars (External Audit 2009-2010 Accounts)	£144.00
Mr. A. Ellis (Greens Grass Cutting)	£280.00
Mr. P. Stevenson (Purchase of Litter Bags)	£ 13.23
Dominique Lorenz (Website software)	£ 150.00

Agreed. The Clerk explained that the cheque for Dominique Lorenz was a replacement for the one signed in July which had never reached her and that he had stopped that cheque.

Trust Fund – As this account is about to mature, Mr. Hubbard proposed and Mr. Fisher seconded that Council re-invest the capital plus accrued interest for a further six months.

Agreed.

Community Car Scheme surplus funds – TH expressed doubt about use of this money for a seat at the bus shelter. This will be an **Agenda item for October.**

**47. Village Maintenance**

No additional business was raised under this heading.

**48. Questions from the public**

There were no questions from the public.

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**