

CASTLE ACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the village hall on Thursday 9 April 2015:

Present: Mr J Moriarty (JM) Mr Sean Allen (SA)
Mr T Hubbard (TH) Ms Charlie Williams (CW)
Mrs H Breach (HB) Mr M Hickey (MH) Chairman
Mr M Dwyer (MD) Mrs G Thorneywork (GT)

In attendance: Ms L Roast (Clerk), 4 members of the public

Apologies: Mr L Fisher (LF) Vice-Chairman, PCSO Deborah Pearson.

- 1 **Police Crime Report** - No report.
- 2 **Minutes of meeting of 12 March 2015**
Proposed Mrs G Thorneywork, Mr Sean Allen seconded. Agreed
Minutes of previous extraordinary meeting of 30 March 2015
Proposed Mr Mike Dwyer, Mr Sean Allen seconded. Agreed.
- 3 **Actions from previous meeting:**
 - 28 **Lease for Pales Green grass strip** – still in process.
 - 137 **Allotment moat trees** – no update available, no grant yet available.
 - 24 **Bailey Gate damage** – English Heritage (EH) reported that no works will be scheduled until the 2015/16 budgets are in place. TH to take photos of the damage. MH to remind EH that the settled insurance claim for damage by Jewson’s lorry could be allocated to this repair work. Still £1,000 to close road for scaffolding with 6 weeks’ notice.
 - 65 **Castle Acre Village Sign** – the contractor’s email reported that the sign has rot on the inside and broke in half while being moved and can’t be restored. The PC has asked for the sign to be brought back and SA will consider how to bracket the broken section at the rear to allow the sign still to be displayed. CAPC to budget and fundraise for its replacement, possibly making a painted bronze version cast from the original?
2 new grit bins – Salt bin license received for Back Lane/Little Lane. No NCC license needed for the school as the road is private. NCC can quote to fill this bin for the school.
East Green slap gates - Holkham Estate still to replace.
 - 85 **SA Ford road traffic prohibition** – Mr Toby Coke is investigating whether the legal paperwork with NCC can be reinstated.
 - 86 **Christmas tree on Stocks Green** - the Clerk to obtain costs of solar lights. Health & safety issues still need to be addressed.
 - 102 **West Acre Road safety initiative** – MH reported that Holkham felt making gaps in the hedges would not accomplish the desired outcome – there was also the problem of hedges being in the environmental stewardship scheme. Highways still no plans to put a speed restriction or signage. MH to make fresh representations.
 - 116 **Pales Green Gates** – SA and CAPFA have yet to agree a date to hire a digger and install new gate posts at the playing field entrance at which time the smaller gate at Pales Green will be installed at the same time.
- 4 **5 Year Action Plan.** Playing field notice board. The new notice board is in place. Agreed to put an A5 notice inside stating: “This notice board was paid for by donations to the Queen’s 2012 Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Castle Acre”. Key to be left with the Clerk who will be responsible for putting up and removing A5 and A4 posters. CAPFA will also have a key once the new officers are in place after the AGM on 12th

May. SA/MH to review whether the Stocks Green notice board can be easily re-positioned inside the fence by Bailey Gate (with new posts).

Through Traffic Plan. Wheelie bin stickers were delivered to all the designated households.

The funding bid for 50% of the cost of a Trod and SAM2 speed sign was approved. MH read out the conditions of the grants and noted the Council must sign Memorandums of Understanding with NCC. Sporle PC will now review the joint sharing contract at its meeting on 16th April. Agreed to postpone any final decision to proceed with both schemes until the new Parish Council is elected in May.

The Community Speedwatch programme. SA reported that it was difficult to catch speeding vehicles given the advance mandatory signage alerting drivers to the Speedwatchers presence gave them time to slow down! Two vehicles were found to be doing 48mph and 58mph along Newton Road. Speedwatch's new role is now to register the number of speeding vehicles only. Agreed police speed checks would be more effective but only at the right time and place, unlike previous campaigns.

5 **Health & Safety.** No issues.

6 **Matters requested by Councillors.** None requested.

7 **Planning** Mr Jim Moriarty opted out of the discussion.

15/00450/F – alterations to Sandals, 9 Back Lane. Plans were displayed and considered. The approved second storey is now removed and there are slight changes to windows positions. The PC agreed to support the application.

15/00459/F – 31 Town Lane. Mrs. Helen Breach opted out of the discussion.

Plans were displayed and considered. Garage to become a garden room. The PC agreed to support the application.

LDF Update – The preferred option sites throughout the Borough and 1,000 comments received are now with the Inspector for review. All those who have made comments will be invited to attend the enquiry.

Holkham and Patrick Grange have yet to finalise an agreement jointly to develop the preferred option sites in Castle Acre. James Bracey from Holkham has promised a vision/design statement on the proposed development and full consultation with CAPC before any planning application is submitted.

8 **Correspondence**

Ran Revir planning application. Email read out from a resident expressing his concern at the delay in answering his letter to the Borough's Conservation officer. Contents noted.

9 **Reports.**

Martin Hickey - Highways.

The two posts at the Stocks Green end of Bailey Gate are programmed for installation – date? Still waiting for the white lines on Stocks Green and the new Great Massingham road sign. Extra grips have been dug on the south side of Jubilee Bridge, St James' Green/Archer Lane order to move the kerb back not yet done.

Mike Dwyer – Castle Acre School. MD reported that a new head teacher would start in September. Praise for the deputy head who had done a very good job since the former Head Teacher left. NCC is asking the Nar Valley Group to take on more

schools. The critical Ofsted report had hit teachers' moral but parents still express great confidence in the school. Biggest demand for places in 10 years – school roll in September will be 77 pupils.

Helen Breach – Village Hall. Applied for a Norfolk Community Foundation grant for new tables and chairs. Up and coming raising funds events – Brendan Taaffe May 4th, Tea Dance in July and Celtic music evening in October.

Charlie Williams - Friends of Castle Acre School. Duck Race on May 3rd. - the next and biggest fund raiser for Friends

Jim Moriarty – Borough Council. Queenie Parker, one of 18, who was acknowledged with a special award at a ceremony on April 1st. from the Mayor of the Borough of King's Lynn & West Norfolk. The Mayor's Civic Awards for Voluntary Service to recognise the time and effort given by to help and support others and to raise funds for charity.

Borough and Parish Elections On May7th. MH thanked both Gwyneth Thorneywork and Mike Dwyer for all their hard work and assistance over the years on the Parish Council as they will not be standing for re-election. He asked that this appreciation be recorded in the Minutes and in the Nar Valley News.

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Accounts.

The following cheques were signed - payments were proposed by Mr Tim Hubbard and seconded by Mr Mike Dwyer: FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd £34.90, E.on Energy (electricity) £46.36, Gary Lake (Playing Field ½ payment) £950.00 BC KLWN Finances (Dog Bins) £432.00, Norfolk Association of Local Councils £164.08, Linda Roast (Clerks salary Jan to March) £478.76, Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board £23.91, BCKLWN Finances (Litter bins) £193.00

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Village Maintenance

Litter Bin & Castle. MH to ask EH if it could reconsider funding the purchase of a larger bin.

Village Litter Pick. Saturday 25th April: meet at the village hall at 10.30.

Archer Lane/Orchard Lane hedges. These are growing out onto the road. The Clerk to ask whether these two hedges could go on Holkham's autumn cutting schedule.

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Public Question Time

LDF plans – A resident from Stone Barn suggested that Cllrs should visit her residence to look at the preferred option sites to give the PC a better perspective of what the proposed development would be like. JM suggested that this be on next meeting's Agenda.

The meeting closed at 9pm. The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm.

Thursday 14th May in the village hall, preceded by the annual Village Assembly at 7.15pm