

CASTLE ACRE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th July 2012

Present: Mrs. G. Thorneywork (GT) Chair
Mr. M. Hickey (MH) Vice Chair
Mr. M. Dwyer (MD)
Mr. L. Fisher (LF),
Mr. S. Barnfield (SB)

In attendance: The Clerk, Debbie Pearson (DB) (Norfolk Constabulary)

Apologies: Mrs. H. Breach (HB), Ms. C. Williams (CW),
Janet Murphy (NCC) Mr J Moriarty (JM), Mr. T. Hubbard (TH)

35 Minutes of the meeting on 14 June 2012

Mr Laurie Fisher proposed and Mr Mike Dwyer seconded. Agreed.
No Matters arising.

36 Crime Report

Debbie Pearson from Norfolk Constabulary presented her Crime Report.
22nd June there was a theft of a Catalytic Converter from Foxes Meadow, stolen for the metals it contains.
Theft of garden furniture from Back Lane house.
No antisocial behaviour had been reported from the village.
SB asked on behalf of residents whether the police would be able to raise the alarm if the A1065 got flooded. DB said that if it got too bad the police would close the road. MH asked if anything had been done about speeding in the village. DP replied that speed checks had been made but she would request more. LF asked if there were particular laws regarding bonfires and SB advised him to contact Environmental Health.

37 Actions required from previous Minutes

78 (a) Fly Tipping in St James's Road No movement
98 (c) Ash trees. LR to contact Nigel Wright
104 (b) Snow clearance of school path – SB to inform John Roff not to clear path as the insurance is too complicated. SB to get plan for a Grit Bin in school area approx:£160-£200. MD to go back to school to get agreement
4 (c) Wherry Housing – May be attending October Parish Council meeting
10 (b) Rangers – did do work to verge at Costcutters although missed a bit
18 Reports – Pales Green playground strip – No information

38 5 Year Plan

MH suggested that Future actions for the Five Year Plan should be: 1) Highways, 2) Public Transport, 3) Village Notice Boards. GT informed the PC that a sum of £400 had been left over from the Jubilee celebrations and if possible this money could be put towards the notice board. The first site for a board was agreed as outside the old school on Stocks Green. Suggested places for the second board could be outside Priory Court opposite Costcutter or the Playing Field. SB to look at design and get quote with a possible double sided version for the Playing Field that would need to be vandal proof. Discussions continued with whether the 5 year plan should have a youth committee/representative.

39 **Matters requested by Councillors**

Playing Field

SB: Playing Field has a corporate insurance which has just been renewed; the parish Council insurance has also just been renewed. He advised that the PC should leave things as they are for about 9 months and then look into whether it is cost effective to get a joint insurance in the future.

GT went on to say that the PC had agreed to take on more of the financial burden of the playing field and that at the moment the field has a very good committee. She suggested that a draft document/agreement be put in place i.e. explaining the responsibilities of the PC, what the PC has agreed to do: A service Level agreement. GT to look at National Playing Field Association.

SB suggested that the PC Council members come up with a list of everything the PC expects and send this to GT who would collate this.

St James's Church- Chancel Repair responsibility.

Discussions ensued on the moral issue of this action by the church and what the PC would be able to do. It was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge Mr Stuart Nairn's letter and that this item should be put on the September PC meeting agenda.

40 **Planning**

34 Town Lane – Freebridge had been asked to make the plans a little more interesting but nothing much had changed. The Parish Council agreed they would have no objections to the planning application.

41 **Correspondence**

The Playing Field had asked for the £500 donation promised to them by the PC. Mr Martin Hickey proposed the money be passed over and Mr Laurie Fisher seconded.

The PC agreed that the Playing Field should become a QE11 Field as this cost nothing and may aid grant applications in the future. Clerk to send off the form.

The New Standards Regime: GT posed whether the PC would be to take on the standards of KLWNBC as emailed to the Clerk. Agreed. All Councillors to fill in the required forms and give them to the Clerk to be sent off by 31 August.

26 Town Lane: Email read out received by the Clerk detailing a resident who was unhappy with the new fencing and thought that a high fence might be erected. It was agreed to not proceed with this further as Mr Ellis would not be erecting a 6ft high fence around the property.

42 **Reports**

Highways – MH presented. Grass verge on A1065 has been cut. Ditch along the Newton Road been cleared so water is flowing better. Flooding on Town Lane/Massingham Road junction – Highways well aware of the problem and have ordered a full survey. Posts to be put along the side of St James's Green where traffic keeps mounting the green. No decision yet on whether the Newton Road/North street junction to be changed. Highways have been emailed about the dangerous subsided ditch in Newton Road. Village Speed Restriction gate – still waiting for utility map.

Playing Field – Around £1000 made at the mini Fete held in the Village hall.

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Accounts

Mr Martin Hickey proposed and Mr. Laurie Fisher seconded that the following

ACCOUNTS to be paid:

Linda Roast (Clerks Wages)	£ 325.26
FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd	£ 34.90
Eon Energy (Electricity)	£ 44.87
Mr A Ellis (grass Cutting)	£ 350.00
Playing Field (Donation)	£ 500.00

Agreed.

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Village Maintenance / Questions from the public

SB presented that the Village Sign Base had taken 1 ½ days to repair the base which was much longer than had been originally anticipated.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm
The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 16th September 2012
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall