

CASTLE ACRE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 1st March 2012

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

In attendance: The Clerk, 45 members of the public. Janet Murphy (NCC)

Apologies: Mr. J. Moriarty (JM), Mr. L. Fisher (LF), Mr. M. Dwyer (MD)

100 Minutes of the meeting on 9 February 2012

Ms C. Williams proposed and Mr. S Barnfield seconded that the minutes of the meeting on 9th February be accepted. Agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes.

101 Planning

GT called the meeting to start with Planning and declared Post Office and Costcutter plans for redevelopment open to the floor for discussion.

HB asked first if the plans were still on hold by NCC regarding the boundary query – it was reported that there had been no notification that they had been taken off hold - Highways having questioned whether the path on the corner was their right of way. This sparked various questions on the boundary from the floor. SB called for a show off hands from the floor in favour of the redevelopment and then asked for a second show of hands from anyone in that group who had not seen the plans. GT invited the public present to look at the plans and an artist's impression. It was agreed that in principle that the council were in favour of supporting the Costcutter Shop and the proposed Fish & Chip Shop but it was their duty to support residents and ensure that the village made the right decision for future generations. SB put forward the pros and cons for the redevelopment. Pros included: security, future efficiency, better stock deliveries, essential to keep village thriving, elderly population rely on shop. Cons included: Parking difficulties, road safety, children crossing safety, detrimental cooking fumes, no bus shelter, very large building, and aesthetic concern of village. Letters from the two neighbouring residents were read out. It was agreed by the council to object to the plans with the hope that the architect would take into consideration the comments made by the residents and adjust the plans accordingly.

The PC then moved onto the second application for one dwelling to be built on the Old School Playground, Pales Green. The public were invited to stay.

HB reported that the piece of land in question had been deemed unsuitable for redevelopment but was in part owned by the Holkham Estate. There was concern that Holkham may develop the plot further. The residents of Pales Green present reported that they had concerns over parking and vehicles involved in the building process. An issue was raised by Bill Corcoran regarding a ransom strip owned by the Parish, that Holkham had included as part of the entrance to the property. He asked if he might pursue getting this land registered officially for the Parish and the PC agreed. Holkham had agreed to deem part of the land around the property

to the Parish. It was agreed to object to the development until such time that the land was officially given to the Parish.

102 Actions required from previous Minutes

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(b) The contract for the Textile bin agreed , signed and sent to East London Textiles.

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(a) Diamond Jubilee / Olympic celebrations. Committee formed of Carolyn Ash, Pat Clark, Charlie Williams, Gwyneth Thorneywork – meeting set for 13 March. Suggested activities: Maypole dance and Tea & Cake (Friday), Hog Roast & Disco (Saturday or Monday), Church Service & Thanksgiving plus football match in 40's strip (Sunday). CW suggested that PC gift the children of the village a printed mug. The Council agreed in principle. Council voted to donate up to £500 to support the Jubilee celebrations.

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(a) Fly tipping on St James Road. MH stated he was unhappy with the outcome from BCKLWN which confirmed that they could not remove the tip as they felt it was situated on private land. TH was also unhappy with this decision as over 2 years he had spoken to many council officers and was unsure why the tipping had never been noted. **PC will ask JM to take this issue on.**

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(a) Financial Budget. Council voted to donate £500 to the playing field committee. SB – the precept request has been accepted. Draft Budget sheets presented with all costs increased by 4.8% in line with inflation. Income estimated at £11,726 – expenditure estimated at £12,174, giving a deficit of £448. Projected bank balance £9,683. Recycling credits being the item which is more of an unknown quantity. Version 3 to go on file.

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(a) Tractor damage to St. James's Green. The Clerk has emailed Holkham with photos suggesting the farmer who has done the damage should repair the green. As yet there has been no response. Other verge damage – **The Clerk to contact The Rangers to see if this is in their remit.**

(b) Fig tree on the corner of High Street and Massingham road. SB has cut this back.

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(a) Frank Moister and street lamp outside Church Gate Tea Rooms. The Clerk is in touch with Mr Moister and will **arrange a meeting with a street lighting technician** within the next month and present findings to the PC.

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(a) Farm and haulage traffic along Town Lane. The Clerk has sent out a letter drafted by MH to all farms & companies concerned and has received one positive reply.

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(a) Grass cutting contract. No agreement can be found so **SB to ask the contractor when the contract comes up for renewal.** (c) Ash Trees on Playing Field - The contractor for this job has not responded therefore the process will need to start again. **The Clerk to contact the tree officer to get permission to coppice the trees. TH to visit the site with the Clerk.**

103 5 Year plan
73 (b) Freebridge Housing Association have been contacted and invited to talk to the PC – as yet no appointment has been made.
Ford Area – MH contacted Highways who may now have a solution to bar vehicles from entering this area without having to resort to an expensive legal process. Nick Ford supplied very illustrative photos of potential hazard. The PC agreed that MH would put the final 'ideas' list on the village website and that the Clerk would ask residents in the Nar Valley News to comment by e-mail to the Clerk. **The Clerk to put 5 year plan on noticeboard.**
HB pointed out that there may be emergency info available and suggested councillors to look in the correspondence folder.
Village Notice Board – It was agreed in principle to site this outside the old school gates with perhaps another one elsewhere but this is to be discussed further.

104 Matters requested by Councillors
a) Highways sign for castle car park – MH pointed out there is already a sign
b) Snow clearance of school path – John Rolfe has offered to clear the path.
The Clerk to send a letter to the school telling them of the offer to get their agreement
c) Gritting North Street / St James's Green - **The Clerk to send a letter to Andy Wallace of BCKLWN to ask for this to be gritted this winter** and to check that the road leading down to the new school is also on the round as this was not done.
d) Anti social behaviour on Playing Field – groups of youngsters sitting on the cricket rollers. SB has arranged for rollers to be moved.

105 Correspondence
CW did not receive the wallet. GT reiterated that this needs to move swiftly between councillors so everyone has sight of this before the next meeting.

106 Reports
Horticultural Society – Spring Show
Cake Stalls on Stocks Green 17th March & 21st April - agreed

107 Accounts
Mr Tim Hubbard proposed and Mr. Steve Barnfield seconded that the following accounts be paid:

E.on Energy (Electricity January)	£ 45.49
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Agreed.

108 Village Maintenance
(a) Paul Stevenson asked for the Councils agreement to have a spring Litter Pick on Saturday 31st March. The Council agreed and thanked Mr Stevenson and the litter picking group for their work.
(b) Newton Road Telegraph Pole Damage - **The Clerk to contact the community police to find out if this has been reported.**

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Questions from the public

Mrs Q Parker asked if Priory Court could have salt bin for winter use. Elderly residents living there were not able to get to the shop this year because of ice. The council agreed to put salt bags there for residents use and Paul Stevenson kindly agreed to salt the path when needed.

Mrs Q Parker also asked if salt bins needed to be there all year. It was suggested that they should remain in situ due to licences having to be obtained to move them and because otherwise there could be difficulty with the Borough Council filling them. Agreed

With no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 12th April 2012
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**