

# CASTLE ACRE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk, 14 members of the public, Cllr. Janet Murphy (NCC)

## Apologies:

### 59. Minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Mr. Fisher proposed and Mr. Hubbard seconded that the minutes be accepted. Agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### 60. Actions required from previous meetings

- (a) Traffic control – SB showed Council a photo of a gate which could be an option of reducing vehicle speed in Newton Road. MD and LF agreed with the idea. Cllr. Murphy said that we would have to notify NCC Highways. MH responded that the idea has already been discussed. TH said that we would need permission from the Holkham Estate (owners of the land) – MH is to progress the idea with Highways. The Chairman said that costs would need to be considered and wondered if funding would be available. JM asked if a timetable on various Highways actions was available – MH responded that it is being progressed.
- (b) South Acre Road – The Clerk has written to the South Acre Parish Clerk and the leader of Breckland District Council asking for their views on possible closure, but as yet had not had a response.
- (c) Village sign – has been taken down and will take about two months to dry before work can be done. Council agreed that an additional reference to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 should be included on the sign.
- (d) Village Hall – The Clerk will write to HMRC to enquire about liability for VAT.
- (e) Recycling points – MH told Council that the paper bank was now in place at Cost Cutter. BCKLWN is claiming the bounty from the current bottle bank. Should we rent our own? Mr. Fisher proposed and Mr. Barnfield seconded that we should attempt this. Agreed – MH to co-ordinate.
- (f) Tree Preservation Order – MD – should BCKLWN have informed us? JM – they may do so from now on. We will send an objection and express surprise at not being informed.
- (g) Stocks Green parking – TH said we should send a letter to all residents on the green reminding them about thoughtful parking, otherwise there could be a necessity to use white or yellow lines. **For review in January.**

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### **Urgent Business**

- (a) Waste treatment – JM reported on an open forum held on 10th November about the proposed West Lexham site. There had been no notification to the Parish Council, nor was there any publicity in the village. MH said that the annual estimate of waste treated was in the region of 100,000 tonnes, mainly out of date or rejected packaged food from manufacturers. MD asked if there were any substantial grants known of which would attach to the scheme. MH – one of the main concerns is possible contamination of the River Nar. **The Clerk is to write to Dr. Tom North (Rougham Parish Council) thanking him for the information he provided.** MD was concerned that the planning application could be submitted in December and escape the notice of many local residents. The Parish Council's objections would be on traffic volume, the resulting carbon footprint, does not meet proximity criteria, not ideally sited. Other objections cited were – A1065 is one of the most dangerous stretches of road in the country, the site could attract seagulls (birdstrike? LF will inform Marham), the highest point of the building is not at the lowest part of the land (misleading plan).
- (b) LDF – SB – the Pales Green development is totally unsuitable. Responses to BCKLWN would be as follows:
- Area 508 – OK as area is large enough to contain planned development.
  - Area 509 – should be brought back for further consideration.
  - Area 510 - Council agrees with BCKLWN objection.
  - Area 953 – As for 510.
  - Area 1130 – As for 510.
  - Area 1131 - Acceptable.

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### **Matters raised by Councillors**

- (a) Playing Field finances – The Chairman said we should write to the PF Committee to inform we are not in a position to assist – we already contribute to the grass cutting costs. We acknowledge the difficulty and await the outcome of their own efforts.
- (b) Pales Green grit bin – SB has ordered and the licence has been granted by NCC.

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### **Correspondence**

From Dr. Tom North: Copies of Rougham P.C. objection to proposed anaerobic waste disposal plant and Inspector's decision to refuse previous application.

From SB on re-cycling matters

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### **Reports**

Playing Field (GT): The Committee is consulting the clubs re subscription increase.

Village Hall – there will be an open day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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### **Planning**

- (a) GT and JM reported that the BCKLWN Planning Committee had refused the latest application for development of the Albert Victor site. It has been suggested to the developers that they meet with the Parish Council to discuss further progress.
- (b) GT reported on the meeting with Mr. James Bracey, Holkham Estate surveyor. The Estate has prepared some outline ideas for building dwellings on the old school hard surface playing area. Apparently this could involve using some of the land currently held as allotments. This was discussed in detail and questions were invited from the public. The overall opinion was that there are other areas better suited to have growth than Pales Green and we would prefer to see this site tidied up as a “green space” or as more allotments. GT will refer back to Mr. Bracey.

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### **Accounts**

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

E.on Energy (Electricity October)	£ 45.49
Mr. A. Ellis (Greens Grass Cutting)	£ 140.00
MHB Servcices Ltd. (Street Light Annual Clean)	£ 258.00

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### **Village Maintenance**

Mrs. Joice told Council that there was still a heap of rubbish on the verge in St James Road – contact BCKLWN.

MH told Council that Amanda Jermy (BCKLWN) would be prepared to attend the next meeting to speak on waste re-cycling.

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### **Questions from the public**

There were no further questions from the public.

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**