



Castle Acre Parish Council

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Minuted record of Parish Council Meeting business conducted at Castle Acre village hall on 23 February 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Laurie Fisher- Chairman, Cllr Neil Patrick- Vice Chairman, Cllr Sean Allen, Cllr Martin Hickey, Cllr Liam Manson, Cllr Sheila Moister, Cllr Martin Tate.

In attendance: Mrs Libby Firth- Clerk and no members of the public.

107. Apologies: The Council accepted apologies from Cllr Helen Breach, Cllr Tim Hubbard and Cllr Jim Moriarty.

108. Minutes of the January 12th meeting

Items to be corrected:

-Item 100e. Forecast not forecasted, £1,90 should read £1,904.

-Item 102. Medieval not mediaeval

-Item 103. Minns not Mimms.

Cllr Patrick proposed approval of the minutes and Cllr Moister seconded this proposal. The Council agreed.

109. Health & Safety

-No new issues. Tree Report – No new updates

110. Declarations of Interest

-Cllr Patrick declared an interest in the Planning Application 23/00101/F, being a direct neighbour and will not take part in the discussion or vote on the application.

111. Planning

Planning Application Consultation 23/00101/F-Bethany, Newton Road Castle Acre King's Lynn Norfolk PE32 2AZ

-Following discussion Cllrs all voted in favour to support the application with no further comment.

112. Updates on actions required from previous meetings:

38. Castle Acre Ford Bank Repairs- update

-No further updates, still awaiting a date for the work to be carried out.

40b. Visitor Carpark- update

-Cllr Hickey has obtained a quote from a local contractor of £4.5k for the laying of matting. The cost of the matting and installation is approximately £1k below the available grant, this will allow for work required to the entrance splay. Holkham and PC still need to agree on lease terms. Cllr Hickey to pursue and to update PC on progress.

42. South Acre Rd ford TRO-update

-PC is still awaiting notification from NCC on a decision.

63a. Queen Elizabeth II Memorial – update from EH

-Following further discussion the PC have decided to Queen Elizabeth II's Green Canopy Initiative and accept a residents' kind offer to purchase and plant a tree as a memorial. Details to be confirmed.

97. Resident request remove/reduce street light on Pales Green, near to The Jokers property

-Following feedback from residents living close to the streetlight in question the PC agreed to the fitting of a diffuser and/or a timer. The PC has not included this work in the current FY budget so will request that the resident raising the issue funds these installations.

98a. Review of PC's support of Dark Skies Policy

-The clerk circulated a draft of the CAPC Dark Skies Policy for Cllrs to review, based upon the CPRE Norfolk standard light pollution clause. This can be included on all future planning applications they consider. Cllrs were in favour of the draft and happy for it to be included in the PC policies.

100b. Review of street lighting contract

-Cllrs discussed comparative electricity supply quotes from SSE and Npower. The SSE quote was at a higher rate per kWh rate than Npower, but fixed for a one year period. The Chairman proposed that given the current unstable nature of the energy market that it would be sensible to have the security of the one year contract. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Patrick and all Cllrs were in favour.

103. Local Plan – examination update

-The examiner of the Borough Local Plan has requested the local authority to provide further evidence for their spatial strategy and housing allocations before continuing with the hearings, which are an integral part of the process of examining the plan. The process has been postponed until April 25th while the local authority carries out the required work. Cllr Tate will report updates to the PC.

113. Matters requested by Councillors:

113a. Kings Coronation celebration

-Following discussion the clerk was asked to contact the local village groups and businesses to see what events are being planned. The PC can apply for funding of £200 from the BC for events which are open to the whole village. The PC has also allocated £250 of funds for any suitable village events.

114. Correspondence

a. Hiring of Pales Green- residents email.

A resident of Pales Green has asked if can hire Pales Green, in order to hold a family party on May 7th 2023. Cllrs decided that they were happy to permit the resident use of the Green with no hire fee. The permission was granted with the following caveats: notification to the surrounding neighbours of the event and ensuring as little disturbance to them as possible, suitable parking arrangements for guests must be made and if a bouncy castle (or other such item) is to be used then suitable public liability insurance must be sourced.

b. Defibrillator funding scheme- email from BCKLWN

Clerk circulated an email from the BCKLWN detailing information on a defibrillator funding scheme. Cllrs did not feel the PC needed to take any action at this time.

c. Information for Parish Councils, elections and community oil buying-email from BCKLWN

Clerk circulated an email from the BC regarding information on the forthcoming local election on 4th May. This covered key dates, requirements for photographic ID.

115. Reports

Highways – No new updates **Village hall** – No new updates **School** - No new updates

CAPFA – Cllr Hickey reported:

- The bid to the FCC had been submitted for the MUGA court
- The committee intend to hold the 2023 fete to be in early September
- A resident has kindly taken on the role of cleaner for the Pavilion, following resignation the previous cleaner.

Norfolk County Council (NCC) – Cllrs Moriarty’s report was circulated on email and included: Norfolk County deal update-thin gruel, Multiply free maths course and new multiply champions in Norfolk, Active Travel England funding for Norfolk, Norfolk’s Highway biodiversity and cutting the use of weedkillers.

BCKLWN (BC) – Cllr Moriarty’s report was circulated on email and included: Applications open for new form of free ID that can be used at elections, from 30th January residents will be able to recycle used household batteries, the BC has created a £50k funding scheme to help provide more defibrillators across Borough. Full reports are available on request.

116. Accounts to be paid:

ITEM:	Cost to PC Budget:	Grant funded:
K&M Lighting Service Inv:7267 new LED at Pyes Lane and Newton Rd Junction	£84.00 (£14.00 VAT)	
Clerk Salary February 2023	£323.70	
Npower invoice IN 2022	£85.47 (£4.27 vat)	
Village Hall invoice no.PC2023/001	£60	
Purchase of grit bin for North Street to be reimbursed by Cllr Allen	£233.13 (£40.94)	

-Cllr Hickey proposed the approval of the accounts, seconded by Cllr Mason. All agreed.

117. Village Maintenance.

- Clerk asked to contact Highways and request that North Street be added to their resurfacing schedule.
- Clerk asked to contact Highways and request the road to be cleared of mud/mulch on Stocks Green.

118. Public questions.

- N/A

The meeting closed at 8.41pm.

The next full Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 9th March 2023** at 7.30pm at the village hall.