

# CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of Castor Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Castor village hall at 7.30pm

114. **PRESENT:** Cllr. Richard Anker, Cllr. Steve Davies, Cllr. Jane Greene, Cllr. John Howard, Cllr. Fiona Rowlands and Cllr David Shaw. Officers present: John Haste, clerk; also, in attendance Members of the public. Cllr Neil Boyce sent apologies because of prior commitments. In the absence of the chairman Cllr. Fiona Rowlands chaired the meeting
115. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the agenda – Cllr. Anker declared an interest in the item dealing with the leases of council owned land.
116. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – We unanimously RESOLVED to accept the minutes as drafted and they were duly signed by the chairman.
117. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- A representative of the Cycle West Project (CW) drew a distinction between the project and the non-motorised provision being made as part of the A47 upgrade. CW considered their route to be complimentary to that on A47. It would take in the minor roads of Castor, Sutton and Wansford and was intended for the leisure cyclist and families as opposed to the road cyclist. CW had received support from other parish councils and had secured funding for the 800 meters or so that would require construction. CW are approx. £2k short of the target of £10k required for the revised design work which they hope to complete in April.
  - A resident spoke in connection with the campaign of opposition to the proposed climbing wall and the alternate view that Nene Park Trust (NPT) were responding to the needs of visitors to the park.
  - A resident also raised issues of anti social behaviour in the village and the concerns of residents that these incidents were not being addressed. We reiterated views expressed at earlier meetings that these incidents needed to be reported and logged. Increased reporting does work in that enforcement agencies tended to prioritise their resources where known issues exist. We asked that the clerk be informed of all incidents with as much information as possible such as descriptions of individuals, Car registration numbers and even photographs.
118. **PLANNING**
- a) We received and noted the content of a status report on planning applications considered at previous meetings this year. We noted that revised plans had been submitted for 35a Peterborough Road (18/01875/FUL). The revised plans appeared to address our previous concerns in that the building was smaller and another on the site was to be demolished. In the light of the revised plans we had no objections to the planning application
  - b) 19/00241/DISCHG Discharge condition C3 (drawings) of planning permission 18/01946/HHFUL - 8 High Street – We have no observations to make on this application
  - c) Proposed Olympic / National Competition Wall in Ferry Meadows We were invited to consider the views of a group opposed to this scheme publicised by Nene Park Trust. We were conscious that there would be castor residents in favour of the scheme and others opposed to the scheme. As the scheme is not in our parish, we agreed to remain neutral on this occasion.

- b) **Local Plan** – There are no recent development to report and we await the conclusion of deliberations by the planning inspector
- c) **Joint Community Action Plan (JCAP)** – John Hodder reported that the CANPWG met on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The group meet again on 26<sup>th</sup> March and the group await feedback in due course, about the action to be taken on potential development sites, and would appreciate updating on discussions relating to access to the Woodlands site
- d) **Neighbourhood planning** – covered in the previous item

119. **LAND AND ALLOTMENTS:**

- a) **Land Leases** - The clerk advised us he had received four copies of the lease of land at Oldfield recreation ground to Mr Wood. **RESOLVED** that in the absence of the chairman the leases should be signed by the Vice chairman at the conclusion of our meeting.
- b) **Safety issue** – We noted the action taken by clerk to appoint Willow Tree Services to remove a dangerous branch lodged high in a tree at the entrance to the cricket ground at a cost of £150 plus VAT and unanimously approved of that action.

120. **GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

- a) **Draft community engagement plan.** In the absence of the chairman, we agreed that this be deferred to the April Meeting.
- b) **Athene Invoice for Neighbourhood plan website hosting.** We **RESOLVED** to agree our share (£64.91) of the cost (£111.75) of website hosting for a further year.

121. **COMMUNITY MATTERS:**

- a) **Village Sign** – We were advised that two quotes had been received. Glendale £465 + Vat and another for £1500. The vast difference in price begs the question as to whether the potential contractors are providing prices on a like for like basis. Cllr. Baxter offered to draft a specification for the work and invite the contractors to confirm their prices against that specification
- b) **Trim Trail** – Cllr Howard had obtained one quote, awaiting quotes from two other sources and held a price list from another. Cllr Howard was also aware of some concerns by the cricket club and that there would be a need for a risk assessment. The matter would be taken forward to a future agenda when firm details were to hand for a decision.
- c) **Cycle West grant application** - Parish council felt reassured by the discussion during the public forum and felt that the Cycle West route may be used more by residents than the A47 route. We had been asked to consider a grant of £1000. **RESOLVED** to accede to the request and grant £1000 towards the redesign works.
- d) **Swimrun**– Cllr. Baxter agreed to check after the event to ensure that the site was left in a litter free state. Clerk to provide contact details to Cllr. Baxter if required.
- e) **Friends of Castor Primary School** - Cllrs, Green and Rowlands had attended the official opening of the school shop and bank. Both were impressed by the incredible enthusiasm of the children to use the facility. It was agreed that the friends of Castor school had made good use of the parish council grant.
- f) **Play equipment Report** – requested by the chairman at the previous meeting. In the absence of the chairman we agreed to defer this matter to the April meeting.

**122. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.** As suggested at the previous meeting, the chairman had produced A5 copies of the adopted NP, these were handed out to the councillors present and a copy to the clerk.

**123. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **SPEED INDICATOR SIGN** – Cllr. Anker gave notice that we need to identify a person to take on the responsibility for the speed indicator sign.
- b) **CCTV** - In the light of the earlier discussion on anti-social behaviour in the village we might consider CCTV and before doing so will seek expert advice on the implications of installing such equipment
- c) **COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT** – actions required to enable the project to go live

The vice Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm



Clerk & RFO 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Castor Village Hall at 7.30pm.</b>		
<b>APPROVED BY CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Signature of Chairman of approving meeting:</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019</b>

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