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JPLG MEETING WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE 2021; BY ZOOM AT 7.30 PM

Present:	APC:	CPC:	CANPWG:
	Joan Pickett	Neil Boyce	Dai Rowlands (Chair)
	Megan Ellershaw	Fi Rowlands	John Hodder
	Richard Moon	Jane Greene	Sue Nash (for item 2)
	Jenny Rice	David Shaw	
		Steve Davies	
		Richard Anker	

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Anne Perkins (APC) and Dennis Surgeon (CPC). Jenny Rice (APC) attended briefly to set the meeting in motion and handed the Zoom reins to the chair.

2. Climate Change

2.1 The Castor & Ailsworth Climate Change Action Group had distributed a leaflet to residents as planned and also held an afternoon tea event at the Ailsworth recreation ground on 5 June. This was attended by some 40 people who were encouraged to air and share views and ideas. Information leaflets were made available together with a climate change quiz.

2.2 The Group's next meeting in the next few weeks will further explore their aims and in due course they will seek appropriate funding from the PCs. It would be helpful for the Group to know what priorities the PCs saw on the subject and asked that they consider this over the next few weeks. Sue will let the PC Chairs know the meeting arrangements and each PC would arrange for a member to attend. Sue would look out some precedent parish council policy statements on climate change and suggest examples for the PCs to consider adapting for their own needs.

Action: PCs and Sue Nash.

3. Declarations of interest

None declared.

4. Action Points from previous meeting 16 December 2020

4.1 Item 12 - Future burial provision in the parishes: Actioned; it was understood that discussion was ongoing and there were no further developments to report.

4.2 Remaining action points had either been attended to or covered by agenda items below.

5. Speedwatch/Road Safety Working Party

5.1 The Code of Conduct for Speedwatch had been considered, training was being arranged and it was understood that a nationwide Speedwatch campaign was planned for 15 September. The new speed camera for Castor had been received and would be installed and the existing 30 mph camera would be replaced with a new 20 mph one and re-sited. Ailsworth were currently investigating a post for mounting their planned new speed camera.

5.2 Whilst a few more volunteers for Speedwatch would be helpful there were currently enough to proceed. Concern was expressed that until the current 30 mph roundels were altered they might negate Speedwatch activity. However, such roundels were thought to be advisory, the key enforcement factor being the actual speed signage. For the avoidance of doubt Richard Anker will seek clarification of this.

Action: Richard Anker.

6. Ongoing review of JCAP actions

JCAP 1.3/4.3, Woodlands - The fete will not take place again this year and it was unclear about the care home launch date. Meetings with NPT continued and the need for early consultation on proposals for both the new sports pavilion and the replacement of the existing building prior to any planning applications continued to be stressed. They should ideally be brought forward simultaneously. A recent football tournament had caused considerable parking issues in the village and a similar event was subsequently cancelled. A protocol for events had been suggested but NPT were reluctant to commit to paper. When the planning applications are made CPC will seek conditions for the control of events. Other matters of continuing concern raised with NPT were parking, particularly in Splash Lane but also elsewhere; litter and the use of barbecues. Dogs not kept under control was also a concern, particularly when livestock were in the fields. These matters continued to be taken up with NPT at the regular meetings and the consensus was that they needed to manage things better.

JCAP2.3/4.6, PC Nature Recovery Plans - Each PC reported on progress. CPC continued to develop the Coppice. A wildlife pond had been created; benches would shortly be installed and wild flower seeds were being sourced for elsewhere. Ailsworth had begun work on a third of the recreation ground which had been set aside for re-wilding. They had also taken part in the Climate Change event on 5 June to canvass views and ideas. Neil reported that he'd received an email regarding a list being created of important local heritage and landscape features, which could add some weight in planning considerations. There was also a Zoom 'Rural Seminar' planned for 7 July. He will forward details of both to Joan.

Action: Neil.

JCAP3.3, Speeding - See item 5 above.

JCAP3.4, Support for the Village Shop - See item 8.

JCAP4.1, Cycle West - The planning application has been referred to the next meeting of the City Council's Planning and Environmental Protection Committee for consideration on 29 June 2021.

JCAP4.5, Litter Picks - See item 11.

Action: John Hodder will update relevant JCAP items and circulate a draft for PC approval.

7. Neighbourhood Plans

7.1 David Shaw had received a view from PCC on potential housing needs that:

"There are no Local Plan allocations in Castor or Ailsworth. But part of the overall supply for the Local Plan includes sites with planning permission under 10 dwellings which are not shown on the policies map. At 1 April 2018 (base date for Local Plan housing figures):

*Castor = 4 dwellings with full permission
Ailsworth = 1 dwelling with full permission.*

Between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2020 1 dwelling has been built in Castor and none in Ailsworth.

*Therefore the need for **Castor is 3 and Ailsworth is 1**. However, at 31 March 2020 25 dwellings were UC in Castor, it is likely the 2020/21 monitoring data will include some completions which means the Local Plan need will be nil."*

7.2 David commented that the new care home in Castor equated to the 25 new dwellings mentioned. These were outside the village envelope, to which the NP housing growth target in policy CH2 relates, it nonetheless demonstrated that the parish was not averse to appropriate development. On the face of it there was no urgent need to review the housing targets in the NPs and in light of the likelihood of planning changes being introduced it was suggested that this be deferred until such changes became known.

7.3 However, it was agreed that each PC should now consider the effectiveness of the non-housing policies in their NPs and form an initial view on the extent to which they might need review. It was suggested that this be done by September.

Action: Both PCs.

8. Village Shop

JCAP 3.4 and both NPs reflected community support for the viability of the shop, which APC were in the process of recording as a community asset. A retrospective planning application for temporary change of use of the house next to the shop to keep the business going was currently awaiting the planning decision. It was understood that the current delay in building progress was the requirement for a further bat survey. The delay and service level at the shop were a continuing concern. David Shaw will liaise with Anne Perkins with a view to them speaking again with Lila to encourage progress.

Action: David Shaw.

9. Health Care

There was nothing further to report although some impression that the service at the surgery may have improved slightly. This item will remain as a standing item on the agenda.

10. Village 'Open Evening'

With no village fete being held for a second year due to the Covid situation the need to arrange something to enable parishioners to meet PC members and air thoughts was discussed. CPC's previous experience of holding regular 'surgeries' at the Cedar Centre had not been encouraging. It was felt that linking an 'open day' with a specific event was perhaps the best option and suggested that a joint PC gazebo could be set up when CPC hold an open day at the Coppice. The village Facebook page could be used to publicize this and also continue to be used to highlight matters such as the two PC's annual reports on their websites.

Action: PCs to consider as above.

11. 'Joint Village Spring Clean'/Litter Pick

Following the recent Keep Britain Tidy initiative in May/early June entitled the 'Great British Spring Clean' the PCs discussed options to recommence litter picks in the parishes. This should await the expected easing of Covid restrictions, now expected in July. Assuming that lockdown restrictions are lifted as planned a litter pick would be arranged for Saturday 31 July, starting from the ends of the two villages and working towards the centre.

Action: Both PCs.

12. COVID 19/Coronavirus

Neil had established that our local Covid rates were now reported as low. There was some concern in about vaccine hesitancy in some community groups in Peterborough and a vaccine drive was taking place.

13. Format of future JPLG Meetings

With the return to face to face meetings of formal PC meetings in May the format of the informal JPLG meetings was discussed. It was suggested that we might hold alternate face to face and Zoom meetings

Action: PCs to confirm.

14. Any other business?

14.1 Neil commented that:

- The Hate Crime meeting had highlighted that vaccine hesitancy was causing some concern in Peterborough. There was also an issue with children emulating the George Floyd 'manoeuvre'.
- PCs had also been asked to keep their eyes open for an influx of travellers and make PCC and the police aware of any concerns.
- He had recently attended a Windrush Flag raising ceremony.
- The Scrutiny Committee had been split and PCC now has four Scrutiny Committees covering:
 - Growth, Environment and Resources
 - Communities
 - Children and education
 - Adults and Health

14.2 Following recent concerns raised at CPC about noisy parachute planes from the Sibson airfield Neil had liaised with the parachute club owners and they had agreed to introduce new flight plans to avoid flying over the two villages. If concerns continue let Neil know the times and dates and he will feed this back to the club, which had so far been very co-operative.

Action: All.

15. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 29 September 2021 in the Cedar Centre (Neil will check and book if available).