

CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH 2008
8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Tracey Blackmore
Andy Smith
Brian Goode
Jayne Mann
Eleanor Hoggart
Martin Chillcott
William Baxter

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: John Taylor and John Howard. Members of the public present: Councillor Diane Lamb, Councillor John Holdich, Mr & Mrs Davies, John Allsopp, Mr & Mrs Hodder, Mr & Mrs Shaw, Mr Nigel Blanchford, P.C. Norman McCallum, Mr Chalmers, Mr Hugh Nicholls, Mr Andy Martin, Mr Bill Pickering, Mr Damani, Mr Ian Sheldon and Mr Andy Hiorns.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on Wednesday 6th February 2008 had been circulated prior to the meeting and a copy placed on the Notice Board. Proposed by Martin Chillcott and seconded by Brian Goode that the minutes be approved.

AGENDA ORDER – The agenda order was revised for those present.

PLANNING

a) 07/01134/FUL – Change of use to A1 Community pharmacy on ground floor, retention of first floor as offices at The Old Chapel, Church Hill, Castor – the second application will not be heard before June, the first application is still awaiting a decision from the planning inspectorate.

b) 08/00007/OUT - Erection of 45 homes, access roads and landscaping at land at the end of Clay Lane and to the rear of Green Farm Close, Castor - The Parish Council have sent several reports to the City Planners regarding their concerns about the harm to the character of the village, conservation area, problems with pedestrian and vehicle safety and the effect that a development of this density will have on the infrastructure and the social infrastructure of the village. The village would accept 19 houses that are designed to fit in with the village. The Parish Council are very disappointed that English Partnerships are not prepared to meet and discuss with them the issues that a development this size brings to our village. Tracey Blackmore thanked David Henderson for all his hardwork putting together the conservation report. Andy Hiorns the Design Consultant appointed by English Partnerships for this project had attended the meeting. Andy reported to the meeting that English Partnership were looking for a high quality development - 70% design, 30% price. Apparently social infrastructure is a high priority for English Partnership. English Partnership are aware of the Parishes views which are outlined in both the 28page report submitted to City council planning dept and summarised in the leaflet delivered to every home in Castor and Ailsworth. The Parish Council are concerned because this is the only opportunity in the planning process to try and reduce the density. English Partnership are considering a marginal reduction from 45 to 40, but it was made clear by the Parish council that this was nowhere near the appropriate density for all the issues outlined. Andy Hiorns informed the meeting that Peterborough City traffic engineers have advised them that there is no problem with the junction. It was suggested that perhaps English Partnership could perhaps help instigate a meeting between the engineers and the Parish Council. Andy was prepared to take the reports and our concerns back to English Partnership and reported that all possible attempts would be made to respond to the reports in the next two weeks. The Parish Council will use the Parish Mag and Castor News to keep the village updated on the progress of this matter. It would appear that the application will be going before City Council planning committee on 1st April.

- c) 08/00185/FUL – Single storey front extension at 4 Green Farm Close, Castor – no objections
- d) 08/00099/FUL – Single storey front extension and access ramp at Castor Primary School – no objections

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Road Safety – Concern was expressed about the parking in Stocks Hill and Peterborough Road for the Mothering Sunday Service. The Parochial Church Council will be asked to put the cones out for all special services.
- b) Glebefield – Nothing to report
- c) Farmers Cross – The plan has now been completed and can be forwarded onto the City Planners for consideration. Proposed Brian Goode, seconded Eleanor Hoggart
- d) Children’s Play area – With the workload the Parish Council has at the moment this will be dealt with later on in the year.
- e) Village Handyman – Further quotes are needed, the Clerk will put together a spec and email to all councillors
- f) Woodlands – On going discussions
- g) Chairmans Bench - Martin Chillcott has received a quote, which he will circulate
- h) Village Green - Eleanor Hoggart has this in hand
- i) Footpaths and bridleways - It is becoming a nuisance that horses riders are using the jitty between Benams Close and Allotment Lane. The jitty is very narrow and when a mess is left behind it is difficult for a wheelchair/pushchair to negotiate. Also the dip in the footpath just beyond the jitty into Allotment Lane still needs to be dealt with. The Clerk will contact Highways regarding this matter and also to enquire about a barrier at the entrance to the jitty and reinstating the no cycling sign and possibly no horses. The state of the track from Allotment Lane up to Tween-town field was also discussed. Due to the movement of vehicles on this track a rather large pothole has appeared. The Clerk will investigate as to whether the tenant has vehicular rights.
- j) Signage - this will be put on the next agenda

FINANCE –

Payments:

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| Stirling Maynard for Transport Survey | £ 998.75 |
| Mrs S. Henson Wages for Feb | £ 203.24 |

Receipts:

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| Interest from Yorkshire Bank | £ 0.29 |
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| Current Account | £ 4,380.12 |
| Deposit Account | £51,402.21 |
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| | £55,782.33 |
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It was proposed by Eleanor Hoggart and seconded by Martin Chillcott that the following be paid:

- Brian Gibson - £198.23 for installation of bench
- Peterborough City Council re landscaping charges - £315.11
- Anglian Water for allotments - £21.83

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT – The legal work is progressing

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Agenda items:

Pharmacy

Road safety – **JT**

Glebe field – **TB/JT**

Clay Lane development – **TB/JT**

Children's Play Area - **TB**

Woodlands – **MC**

Farmers Cross – **JT/SH**

Village Handyman –**SH**

Signage - **JT**

Gates for the Cricket Ground -**WB**

Quiet Lanes

Telephone Box

10. **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR** - None

The meeting closed at 9.56 p.m.

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL ON WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL AT 8.00 PM. IN THE
VILLAGE HALL**