

CASTLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council General Meeting held Monday 10 June 2013 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Ayles, Hinds, Presant-Collins, Markham, & Sweetland. The Clerk Mrs S Bradbury was in attendance. 1 member of the public joined the meeting part way through. There were no matters for discussion in the Open Forum. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

		ACTION
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: 2012/022	
1.1	Cllr Stacey reason work, Cllr Keane reason holiday. Ward Cllr Geary reason alternative appointment. Apologies accepted.	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any agenda items below	
2.1	Cllr Presant-Collins declared a pecuniary interest in item 6.1.	
3	APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
3.1	The minutes of the general meeting of the 13 May 2013 were proposed by Cllr Sweetland, seconded by Cllr Hinds and accepted as a true & accurate record.	
4	TO RECEIVE REPORTS	
4.1.	Clerks report handed out at meeting. Matters arising:	
4.1.1.	Cllr Presant-Collins handed round images of alternative bins to those that could be supplied by MKC. He was awaiting prices and will circulate these when he receives them. Cllr Presant-Collins to word a resolution for the Clerk to put on the agenda for the next meeting.	Cllr Presant-Collins
4.1.2.	Cllr Stacey had arranged for a mechanic to adjust the mower's blades and all seemed OK now. Matter to be further discussed at Sports Ground Committee meeting. Clerk to arrange for as soon as possible. The Clerk reported that the captain of the cricket club had asked for his thanks to be passed on to Cllrs Markham and Stacey	Clerk
4.1.3.	Clerk to contact VH Committee Chair to establish progress on fitting of acoustic panels.	Clerk
4.2.	Neighbourhood Plan report handed out at meeting. No further comments.	
4.3.	Village Centre report: Cllr Presant-Collins had been unable to contact the project manager. He will give an email update when he has managed to do so.	Cllr Presant-Collins
5	PLANNING APPLICATIONS (previously viewed on line by Cllrs)	
5.1	None	
6	TO REPORT BACK ON PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS	
6.1.	13/00195/FUL Installation of 3 bladed wind turbine, including access, substation and underground cabling Lodge Farm House Wolverton Road Castlethorpe Cllr Presant-Collins withdrew from the discussion Cllr Ayles gave an update on the current MKC position re: applications for wind turbines. He further reminded Cllrs that they could also give personal comments separate to those made by the Parish Council. Comments were being taken right up to the date of the Development Control Committee. A member of the public had informed him that the application would be considered in August, but there is no date given on the MKC web site. Cllr Ayles will confirm with MKC. Cllr Markham asked about the application for a wind farm at Haversham. Cllr Ayles said that he would check this also.	Cllr Ayles
7	RESOLUTIONS	
7.1.	Cllr Presant-Collins said that two of the four remaining old-style street lights were within the boundary of the village centre re-generation. He proposed that these and the other two remaining lights be replaced as part of the project. Agreed unanimously.	
7.2.	Cllr Ayles reported that MKC had said that they are now prepared to enforce Dog Control Orders. The matter is to be approved at the Regulatory Services Committee on 26 th June. The proposal is to first pilot the scheme in Castlethorpe. Cllr Ayles will not be able to make the meeting. Cllr Hinds volunteered to go – agreed by all that he will represent the Parish Council. The cost of signage (£230 each for two adverts and entry notices at £30 each will need to be met by the parish. It was agreed that the Clerk include a resolution on agenda for the next meeting. It was also agreed that he include a further resolution to keep dogs on leads at the Fish Ponds play area. Cllr Ayles then	Cllr Hinds Clerk

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- proposed that the Parish Council would ask MKC to employ the services of a warden for a half day a month at a cost of £92.50. Agreed unanimously.
- 7.3. Cllr Ayles asked the council to express its thanks to Cllr Hinds for providing a floral display for the Flower Festival. .Agreed unanimously.
- 7.4. Cllr Ayles proposed that the following change be made to Standing Orders: 'That the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) be given authority to authorise expenditure in an emergency when it is not possible to wait either for the next council meeting or for an extraordinary Finance Committee meeting. In such cases the RFO shall consult with at least two councillors one of whom should be the Chair or Vice Chair or the Chair of the Finance Committee and gain their support for such expenditure'. Agreed unanimously.
- 7.5. Cllr Sweetland proposed that the cost of advertising in Castlethorpe News should be changed as follows: adverts from within the village £20 for full (A5) page £10 for half and from outside the village £30 and £15. Also a 20% discount to be given for (advanced) payment for a full year. Cllr Markham declared a pecuniary interest and withdrew from the discussion. The resolution was put to the vote and agreed unanimously by the remaining councillors. Cllr Markham re-joined the meeting.
- 7.6. Cllr Sweetland reported that Sure Start had requested support from parish councils in our area for such as advertising and participating in an advisory capacity. She would be happy to represent the Parish Council in this way. Agreed unanimously..
- 7.7. Cllr Sweetland reported that there was a problem with trees overhanging property boundaries in the village. Cllrs Ayles and Markham would speak to the individuals concerned.
- 7.8. There had been several requests from villagers to look at erecting more attractive village signs. It was agreed that Cllr Sweetland propose some costed alternatives for the next meeting.

Cllrs Ayles
& Markham

Cllr
Sweetland

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 8.1 The Finance Committee had met on 25th May and had resolved to recommend full acceptance of the end of year accounts to the parish council. Cllr Ayles proposed that they therefore be accepted, seconded Cllr Presant-Collins and agreed unanimously.
- 14.2 The RFO Payments Schedule was circulated at the meeting. There were no queries. Total payments of £4282.79 from Lloyds Bank were approved. Proposed Cllr Ayles seconded Cllr Hinds.

S Bradbury – salary for May	£508.62
F Price – cleaning Village Hall May	£168.00
A H Contracts – dog bin emptying	£25.00
MK Council – village poll costs	£297.00
MK Council – cricket pavilion rates 2012/13	£528.75
Zurich Insurers – annual insurance	£1483.76
BT – Clerk's phone to May	£74.14
Pollards – VH cleaning products	£7.80
Ian Wesley – to fit hot water units in cricket pavilion	£630.00
Anglian Water quarterly supply VH & SG	£123.72
Eon – monthly utilities (SG, VH) – DD	£193.00
TOTAL PAYABLE	£4282.79

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 9.1. The Secretary of the Allotments Association had asked that the size of the Bullington End play area be reduced to release more land to meet increased demand for allotments. All Cllrs will have a look at the site. Clerk to include specific item on agenda for next meeting.
- 9.2.1. A request from a company called 'Go Charitable' to buy consumable products was noted.
- 9.2.2. The Clerk had contacted MKC about a resident's question about the erection of 'garden rooms' in Thrupp Close. MKC will contact the resident direct.
- 9.2.3. Details of a new residents' group has now been put on the village web site
- 9.2.4. It was agreed that there is nothing that the Parish Council can do about the

All Cllrs
Clerk

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	closure of the out-of-hours surgery at Northampton.	
10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for noting, or for inclusion on a future agenda)	
10.1	There were no volunteers for the position of Vice Chair of the Parish Forum.	
10.2.	Clerk to put a resolution to adopt the now completed Parish Protocol on the next agenda.	Clerk
10.3	Cllr Ayles reported back from the recent Parish Forum. Key items of interest: MKC had insisted that when roads are closed the legal obligation is with the people erecting the signs. It is necessary to either hire trained marshals or have volunteers attend a 4 day training course. Cllr Ayles had written back requesting that MKC meet costs for Remembrance Day parades. MKC have asked for parish and town council comments on arrangements for Local Council Tax Compensation for next year. Clerk to include item on next agenda.	Clerk
10.4	The Clerk raised the matter of the disappointing responses to the applications for Highway Department capital projects, especially with regard to the requests to repair footways and the Sustrans cycle track. Cllr Ayles will discuss these two specific matters with MKC. Clerk to contact Andrew Jackman to arrange meeting to discuss refusal of request to paint white lines at the junction of South Street/New Road	Cllr Ayles Clerk
10.5	Cllr Markham asked that an item on the state of the village seats, especially the one opposite the shop be put on the next agenda.	Clerk
10.6	Cllr Markham said that he is still unhappy about some aspects of the Maltings Field development. Clerk to contact MKC to see if Cllrs can attend a future site inspection.	Clerk
11	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
17.1	1 July 2013 at 7.30 p.m. Agreed.	

There being no further business to discuss this part of the meeting closed at 9.40pm