

CASTLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held in the Cricket Pavillion on Monday 31st July 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Sweetland, Forgham, Markham & Keane (Chair). The Clerk & Ward Cllr Green were also in attendance along with four members of the public.

The meeting was preceded by a public session:

It was remarked that the Carrington Arms appeared to be in an unsafe condition. There were chunks of stonework and plaster that had fallen off the building and it appears to be a danger to people walking past it. The parish council had previously contacted the owner who had commissioned a surveyor to examine the building. He had found no major structural faults to the building itself that would represent a danger to the public. The parish council had been promised a copy of the surveyor's report but this had not been forthcoming. Cllr Keane said that he would attempt to get an (independent) MKC surveyor to examine the building and to arrange a meeting involving MKC officers responsible for Health & Safety, Listed Buildings and Conservation, the owner and the parish council. Cllr Forgham would take up the matter with Heritage England.

A question was asked about the background to the intention to transfer the lease of the sports ground to a sports association being formed by local users of the facilities. The Clerk responded that the main driver for the transfer was the imposition of business rates on the facility that would ultimately cost the village c. £3,000 per year. The new association should be able to claim exemption from the rates.

The matter of the re-building of the bungalow at number 1 Wolverton Road was brought up (item 3.1 refers). It was pointed out that the application would probably be changed to remove the garage completely from the plan and a question asked whether the parish council would have any objection. When considering the matter at 3.1. the parish council could only assess the information at hand i.e. with the inclusion of the garage. No Cllrs saw any reason to object to such a change in the future though this would have to be separately considered when the change to the application is made.

There being no further matters the meeting proper commenced at 10.18

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllrs Stacey & Hinds reason work, Cllr Ayles reason holiday. All accepted | Action |
| 2 | TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
2.1. Cllr Markham declared a pecuniary and personal interest in item 3.1.

The Chair agreed to bring item 4.4. forward so as Cllr Green had another appointment: | |
| 4.4. | TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS (part 1)
Cllr Markham reported that two Anglian Water engineers had been out to look again at the drains at the turn into Bullington End Road from North Street. Cllr Green had been in touch with Anglian Water's area manager as this situation was re-occurring far too often. She had received a response that Anglian Water were conducting a full investigation and would communicate their findings on completion (reference 000051647770). They had reiterated that a lot of the problems were due to residents flushing inappropriate items and said that they would be writing to them. The Chair suspended the meeting to allow a resident to express the frequency and impact of the problem. There had been raw sewage seeping under the door and the occupants were reluctant to leave the house for any period of time. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Green and the parish council for their efforts in getting the matter resolved. The Chair resumed the meeting. Cllr Forgham advised affected residents to write to OFWAT. | |
| 3 | TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Cllr Markham withdrew to the public gallery
3.1. 15/01585/FUL -Demolition & reconstruction of fire damaged property 1 Wolverton Rd – no concerns expressed
Cllr Markham returned to the meeting | |

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3.2. **15/01630/DISCON** - Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 3-7, 10-13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25 and 28 attached to planning permission 11/01593/FUL Former Station Yard Goods Yard Castlethorpe. It was agreed that there was far too much in this application to have fully considered everything in the 3 days leading up to the meeting. The Chair suggested that he arranged a meeting with MKC Planning to walk through each condition to ensure that the PC are happened. It was agreed that Cllrs Keane, Forgham and the Clerk would try to meet with MKC

3.3. **15/01680/DISCON** - Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 4 (ecological enhancement & management plan) and 5 (landscaping scheme) attached to application 15/00108/FUL Land Adj Lodge Farm House Wolverton Road Castlethorpe – no concerns expressed.

4 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS

4.1. As quotes had not been received in time there was no need for a part 2 of the meeting

4.2. It was agreed that Cllrs Keane, Forgham and the Clerk would compile a list of infrastructure project for section 5.8 of the Castlethorpe Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2030. (Draft) version 2.5. of the Plan was unanimously agreed with this addition.

4.3. The lease for the transfer of the sports ground to the newly formed sports association had yet to be finalised therefore this item was withdrawn.

5 TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1. The annual accounts were scrutinised & unanimously approved. They were signed by the Chair.

There being no further business and no part 2 the meeting closed at 11.20