



Castlethorpe Parish Council

Parish Council General Meeting to be held online
on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7:30 pm

AGENDA

Dear Parishioners,

A General Meeting of Castlethorpe Parish Council will be held on the above date & time by video conference when the business set out below will be transacted.

Residents may ask questions in an Open Forum which will precede the Council Meeting:

- by giving them to the Clerk or any Councillor by noon on the day of the meeting
- by joining the Open Forum by following the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82124420711>

It will be necessary to enter the Passcode: 905437

Alternatively, residents may phone in on 0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237 and entering the meeting ID 821 2442 0711 and the Passcode: 905437. Residents will be asked to leave the meeting at the end of the Open Forum and can continue to view the meeting on Facebook or YouTube (see below).

- By posting questions as comments on the Facebook broadcast of the proceedings Please note that only questions posted during the Open Forum can be considered.

Proceedings may be viewed on the Castlethorpe Facebook page and on the YouTube Channel 'Philip Ayles' both as a live stream and as a recording which will be retained for at least a month.

Steve Bradbury

Clerk to the Parish Council

Phone: 01908 337928 or email: clerk@castlethorpe-pc.gov.uk

- 1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any of the agenda items below**
- 3 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
 - 3.1. To agree the minutes of the General Meeting of the 5th October 2020 as a true record.
- 4 TO RECEIVE REPORTS.**
 - 4.1. Clerks Report & Review of Actions. **(to be circulated prior to meeting)**
 - 4.2. Report by Cllr Ayles on the outcome of the call-in of the MKC Delegated Decision to withdraw bus subsidies and replace non-profitable services with 'Demand Responsive Transport' **(see Appendix A2)**
 - 4.3. Report on Maltings 2 Hearing **(to be given verbally by Cllr Ayles)**
 - 4.4. Report on hiring of Village Hall to new Pre-School organisation **(to be given verbally by Cllr Forgham)**
- 5 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS (previously viewed on line by Cllrs)**
 - 5.1. **20/02628/FUL** Change of use from agriculture to B8 (re-submission of 20/00272/FUL) | Bartholomew Farm Wolverton Road Castlethorpe
- 6 TO RECEIVE REPORT BACK ON PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATION**
 - 6.1. **20/02099/LBC** Listed Building Consent for a single storey rear extension to provide a wc and lobby to new back door 11 School Lane Castlethorpe - **permitted**
 - 6.2. **20/02098/FUL** Single storey rear extension to provide a wc and lobby to new back door 11 School Lane Castlethorpe **permitted**
 - 6.3. **20/02156/LBC** - Listed building consent for the replacement of windows and doors subsequent to application 18/02688/LBC to replace the windows in the roof. The Samling 2 Lodge Farm Court Castlethorpe **permitted**
 - 6.4. **20/02217/TPO** Tree preservation order consent for T1 + T2 - 2 Horse Chestnuts: Repollard back to previous points due to excessive shading and falling debris Chestnuts South Street Castlethorpe - **registered**
 - 6.5. **20/02318/CLUP** Certificate of lawfulness for the construction of a wooden garden office in the garden to the rear of the property. 10 South Street Castlethorpe - **registered**

- 6.6. **20/02423/PNHSE** Prior notification for a single storey extension to the rear of a semi detached dwelling measuring 5 metres from the rear wall of the dwelling, 2.83 metres in height to the eaves and a maximum height of 2.83 metres 3 The Chequers Castlethorpe – **awaiting decision**
- 6.7. **19/02444/REM** - Reserved matters application for the erection of 31 dwellings, to include matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for which approval is being sought. Land To The East of Maltings Field. **Hearing to be held on 27th October via Microsoft Teams. Meeting held – report given at 4.3.**
- 6.8. **20/01298/FUL** Proposed siting of 40 static holiday caravans in lieu of 70 touring caravans Cosgrove Park Main Street Cosgrove **application withdrawn**
- 7 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS (all supporting documentation to be circulated prior to meeting)**
- 7.1. To consider grass cutting schedule for 2021
- 7.2. To amend Standing Orders to allow the Clerk and Chairman to call in a Decision after consultation with at least a majority of the Council (Cllr Ayles)
- 7.3. To replace/repair fence and gate posts at west South Street entrance to Castle Field (Cllr Ayles)
- 8 TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL MATTERS (circulated prior to meeting)**
- 8.1. To approve the RFO payments schedule.
- 8.2. To require private bookings of the Village Hall to be paid for in advance by card (Cllr Forgham)
- 8.3. To consider preparation of draft budget for 1920/21
- 9 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (email circulated prior to meeting)**
- 9.1. None
- 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for noting, or for inclusion on a future agenda)**
- 10.1. To discuss provision of councillors' papers
- 11 TO AGREE DATE AND ATTENDANCE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS**
- 11.1. Next Parish Council meeting will be a General Meeting on Monday 2nd November 2020 and will be conducted by video conference
- Part 2**
- 12 **12 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST by Councillors in any of the agenda items below**
- 13 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS**
- 13.1. Update on Court Case brought to reclaim damages caused by Village Hall hirer **(to be given verbally by Cllr Forgham)**
- 14 TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS**
- 14.1. To consider parish council position with regard to Maltings 2 Appeal Hearing and to respond to any request made by the appellants for a 'Deed of Variation' to modify the s.106 planning obligation

Appendix A – Schedule of Reports & File Notes

1. Clerk's Report (item 4.1)

To be circulated prior to meeting

2. Report by Cllr Ayles on the outcome of the call-in of the MKC Delegated Decision to withdraw bus subsidies and replace non-profitable services with 'Demand Responsive Transport'

As you know, a decision was made at our last meeting to Call In the Delegated Decision on DRT on the grounds that the written commitment to consult with parishes had not be fulfilled and, of course, that there was a threat that our No 33 bus would be replaced by a dial-up minibus with echoes of the failed 'Hanslope Harrier'.

The decision was also called in by Hanslope Parish Council on the same grounds as us and supporting us. The issue was escalated by George to the Conservative Group who also called it in though on rather different grounds focussing on the process of decision making and, if I understand it correctly, deciding on what is effectively a budget issue outside of the budget making process which has oversight from the Budget Scrutiny Committee.

After a Call In, the parties are invited to a Mediation Meeting. If this is unsuccessful, then a hearing is held before the Executive Scrutiny Sub Committee. A Mediation meeting was held last Wednesday with Cllr Rob Middleton who holds the Finance Portfolio and with the authority of Cllr Lauren Townsend who had to offer her apologies. Russell and I represented CPC. Prior to the meeting (and I mean in the two hours before!), there was a flurry of papers issued which were hard to read in the time but in which it became clear that the No 33 which is a cross border service and half funded by Northants, would not be affected. I think it was the only subsidised service not to be affected. So the 33 is safe at least for the time being (ie the subsidy will be renewed from April 2021).

However, Cllr Middleton agreed that the parishes should have been consulted and offered to write to MKALC and apologise and re-commit that future issues affecting parishes would be consulted. He and I worked on a form of words which was sent last week to the MKALC Chair and Vice Chair. To mitigate the lack of consultation, it was agreed that additional parish councillors would join the DRT Working Group in addition to Rebecca Kurth and Alan Francis. Coincidentally, there was a presentation on DRT later that day and Russell and I again attended. DRT is a lot more sophisticated than dialling a minibus and has the potential to offer a service better than a scheduled bus and it was well received by other parishes attending. I think MKC needs to do a bit of due diligence with existing councils which use DRT but, in any case, it doesn't affect the 33.

On this basis, Hanslope PC and I felt there was no need to pursue the Call In as we had resolved the issues that concerned us. I am not entirely clear of the Conservative Group Call In but the second Mediation session, which would have taken place this afternoon, was cancelled, after receipt of emails from Hanslope Chairman, Martin Palmer, and me.

Thank you for your support on Calling In this Decision and I think we got the result we wanted.

Regards,

Phil

Chairman, Castlethorpe Parish Council