

CASTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2020

Present

Cllr Hinton (Chairman), Cllr Harvey (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Candler, Farley, Goodman, Hayward, Mellows, Webber.

Apologies

Cllr Thomas, Mrs Cooke (Clerk), Cllr Adams. Cllr Benn (absences all reflect emerging concerns around guidelines for gatherings during the declared Covid 19 Pandemic)

In attendance

4 members of the public.

1. **Item 1: Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Goodman Planning application S20/0275 & item 12 Cemetery Paths work
2. **Item 2: Approve Minutes** 19 Feb 2020 Pc Meeting
3. **Item 3: Matters Arising** none
4. **Non agenda Item – Corvid 19 Pandemic.** The Parish Council resolved that the rapidly developing national reactions to the Corvid 19 Pandemic required immediate consideration; the members of the public in attendance all had a direct interest in the subject. A separate report on the discussions and resolutions is attached. **RESOLVED**, that the Parish Council would support the setting up of a community group to assist the local population with an immediate grant of £500. The details of the terms of the financial support and liaison with other local organisations is at Annex A. The Councilors took due note of this breach of normal procedure but unanimously took the view that the urgency of the situation required prompt action.
5. **Item 4 County Council matters: NTR**
6. **Item 5: SKDC matters: NTR**
7. **Item 6: Risk assessments.** The existing risk assessments for PC property have been reviewed and remain valid.
8. **Item 7/8: Planning.** Following the verbal brief from the Planning Group the planning applications listed below:
 - a. **S19/0978** 2 houses on Station Road approved by SKDC. The PC noted that this was approved despite earlier applications for drives opening on to Station Road being rejected for an adjacent property.
 - b. **S20/0286** The PC wished it be noted that its earlier comments that the affordable homes on the site must be evenly distributed.
 - c. **S20/0275** The PC had no objection to the application
 - d. **Priory Farmyard Appeal** The PC stands by its objections to the siting of the buildings as previously submitted to SKDC but notes the decision now lies with the Secretary of State and not SKDC
9. **Item 9/10: Amenities Group Report.** The restoration of the paths through the Cemetery has been agreed by the PC as a priority; requests for quotes will be submitted for consideration at the next PC meeting. John Turner had agreed to repair the damaged fence in the NE corner. The next inspection of the Recreation Ground equipment would be done by the Chairman as the PC qualified member. A decision on replacing the picnic benches and the provision of a new bench will be deferred until May to take consideration of predicted Business Plan expenditure
10. **Item 11: Renewal of ground maintenance contracts:** Following discussion on the existing contracts with Rick Webster - now trading as Streetwise (Recreation Field) and Mr Wright (general grass cutting and hedgerow maintenance, both were deemed satisfactory. **RESOLVED**, that both contracts will be renewed for a further period of three years.
11. **Item 12: Cemetery Paths.** Dealt with under Item 9
12. **Item 13: Cemetery Fees.** Deferred until May meeting to allow time for a wider comparison of similar Parish Council charges elsewhere.
13. **Item 14.** Pond. Future agendas would include any pond related to matters to the Amenities Group for reports.
14. **Item 15: Correspondence.** There were no comments on the distributed correspondence submitted to the PC
15. **Item 16: Accounts.** The accounts submitted by the Clerk were noted.
16. **Item 17: Councilors' verbal reports.** Cllr Candler announced his intention to resign from the Parish Council after the AGM. Cllr Goodman said that the Midsummer Festival will be cancelled in June in view of Covid-19 restrictions.