

CASTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting held on 15 August 2018

Present

Cllr Dennis (Chairman), Cllr Harvey (Vice Chairman), Cllrs Candler, Goodman, Hayward, Hinton, Thomas, Webber.

In attendance

County Cllr Mr B Adams, District Cllr Mr M Wilkins; 4 members of the public.

Apologies

Cllr Martindale

1. Declarations of interest

Cllrs Goodman, Candler and Harvey declared an interest in item 9.

2. Approve minutes 18 July 2018

The notes of the 18 July 18 meeting were approved as minutes and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Goodman, all in favour.

- 3. Matters arising .** A) straw bales removal in Church Lane - Cllr Goodman will speak to The Castle Inn's landlord regarding the bales. B) Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue Trust - Cllr Candler thanked the Parish Council for their letter of support and said that work had started; funding application will be submitted in September.

4. County Council matters

No left turn sign from High Street into Castlegate – Highways have yet to install the sign; County Cllr Mr B Adams has taken photographs to forward to Highways; clerk will write pointing out damage to vehicles whose drivers attempt to take the left turn. Cllr Adams said that most of the road repair works should be completed by the end of September.

5. District Council matters

District Cllr Mr M Wilkins said that the Local Plan to 2036 was now with the Secretary of State and would probably be approved in the Spring of 2019. Cllr Goodman asked whether Castle Bytham would continue to be viewed as an LSC as far as current planning applications were concerned; Cllr Wilkins said that the planning officers would be sympathetic towards the fact that Castle Bytham was to become a Settlement in the new Local Plan and no longer an LSC.

6. Planning issues –verbal report from Planning Working Group

S17/1315, Priory Farmyard; the application was discussed at the 17 January 18 meeting and comments sent back to SKDC. A letter from Mr Michael Thompson from Richardson Chartered Surveyors was received on 11 August, enclosing an A3 map of the application location/proposed building work and asking the Councillors to mark with a red cross their preferred location for the proposed dwelling on the map. The Planning Working Group and Cllr Webber made a site visit on 13 August; also in attendance were the residents of The Priory, the Old Schoolhouse, 16 and 18 Station Road. The Councillors agreed on the following reply to Mr Thompson's letter:

The Parish Council discussed application S17/1315/FUL again at the 15th August meeting and wish to reiterate their comments sent back to SKDC in January 2018. The Councillors voted against the application for the following reasons: 1. The proposed house would be in close proximity of St. James'

Church (Circa 1151, Grade 1 Listed), The Priory (Circa 1472, Grade II* Listed) and its barns - both listed buildings and Heritage Assets in the Conservation Area; The Priory is the oldest dwelling in the village.

2. The proposed house has a very large footprint: its height was a concern - the removal of trees (Leylandii) would make the dominance of the proposed dwelling even more severe.
3. There were wildlife concerns because of the nesting owl and bat population.
4. The water supply to the Church and The Old School House would have to be re-routed as it currently runs across The Priory Farmyard.
5. The Councillors wish for the application to go to Committee.
6. The Councillors would consider further applications, should the issues aforementioned be addressed.

In the event of an alternative application being submitted addressing all of the above issues and taking note of the reasons for SKDC refusing planning permissions relating to this site on three prior occasions, the Parish Council is prepared to consider a single storey dwelling with a smaller footprint located behind the line of the Nissen huts.

Further discussions are required regarding the proposed cottage on the application. In its current location it will closely overlook two houses on Station Road which are not shown on the plan.

7. Planning applications to be discussed

S18/1322 – Mr S Mellows; erection of an earth sheltered dwelling house with associated soft/hard landscaping and extension to existing barn on land to the south of Cumberland Gardens, Castle Bytham

The Parish Council would not in principle support a planning application on a Greenfield Site but agreed to make an exception for this application at this particular location as the proposed dwelling was sustainable and would have very little impact on the village because of its underground design. This decision would not be setting a precedent in any way.

The Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the application with the following conditions:

- Construction of a cattle grid on the access road
- The access road/agricultural track should be surfaced with tarmac as shown on the plan
- No building work/deliveries should take place on Sundays
- No work to commence before 7.30am and to end by 5.30 daily

SKDC has refused planning permission to application S18/0499 – Land to south of Roxholme Haven, Glen Road, Castle Bytham.

8. Discuss school transport provision

Cllr Martindale had forwarded a report on school transport provision. Cllr Goodman said that there was a lack of buses outside the feeder schools; Cllr Webber will find out which schools are attended by local children and the numbers going to each school. Cllr Harvey said that the number 4 service Grantham – Stamford would be replaced by scheduled Call Connect buses three times a day from September.

9. Request for donation from The Midsummer Festival Committee towards bonfire night insurance

A donation of £300 was unanimously agreed. Cllr Goodman said that lessons had been learnt from 2017 bonfire night parking issues, therefore this year bollards would be in place and parking marshalls would monitor parking. Cllr Goodman will provide a written application for the files. 2017 income from bonfire night had been £2,999 and its cost £2,151 (minus £300

parish council donation). There was no surplus stock of drinks for this year's event and the regular fireworks company had stopped trading – the new company used was more expensive. The event cost would be expanded by £300-£350 for additional entertainment.

10. Amenities Working Party report

Cllr Goodman announced her resignation from the Amenities Committee as she was now also a member of the Planning Working Group and could not devote enough time to both. Cllr Hinton said that a meeting would be called soon and the program of improvements implemented. Cllr Dennis asked for the Upper Green repairs to be given priority. Cemetery: Cllr Hinton had replaced the 'Caution Uneven Ground' sign that had been removed at the entrance. Michael Wright had sprayed the gravel areas with weed killer and applied the top soil purchased previously. The fence was still awaiting repair.

11. Discuss purchase of additional wheelie bin speed limit reminder stickers

No more stickers needed to be purchased as Cllr Hinton had sufficient for the scheme to be extended to Clipsham Road and Holywell Road; SKDC has given agreement. Cllr Hinton will call on residents with consent forms. Highways had not yet given clearance for the Speed Indicating Device proposed locations.

12. Report on Castle Bytham Village Hall Committee

Cllr Dennis reported that work was ahead of schedule on the new toilets and would be completed during the first week in September. An invoice for £2,169.40 was presented as the first tranche against the £5,000 agreed by the parish council towards improvements to toilet facilities in the village hall.

13. Approve privacy notice

Two additions were made to the privacy notice which was approved unanimously and adopted.

14. Correspondence – seen

- a. Community Lincs – news and update
- b. Community Lincs – East Midlands Community led housing conference
- c. County Cllr Mr B Adams – Colsterworth rural highways report
- d. Public sector executive

15. Accounts

The following cheques were approved and signed:

M Wright – mowing £84.00 [101151]

Anglian Water Business Ltd – cemetery rates £11.31 [101152]

Midsummer Festival Committee – donation towards bonfire night insurance £300.00 [101153]

Village Hall Committee – invoice for work on new toilets £2,169.40 [101154]

16. Councillors verbal reports

Cllr Hinton suggested asking Michael Wright to tidy up/remove ivy from St James's passage.

Cllr Dennis had received a letter from a resident regarding the website – clerk expedited.

