

CASTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2018

Present

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

In attendance

District Cllr Mr M Wilkins, one member of the public.

Apologies

Cllr Hinton, County Cllr Mr B Adams.

1. Declarations of interest

Cllr Harvey declared an interest with regard to item 10a; Cllr Dennis declared an interest with regard to item 10b.

2. Approve minutes 30 May 2018

The notes of the meeting held on 30 May 18 were approved as minutes and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Goodman, seconded by Cllr Harvey.

3. Matters arising - consider whether to install a street light at the Glen Rd/Counthorpe Rd junction

Deferred – a review of street lighting in the whole of the village to be undertaken at the end of the year.

4. Consultation on SKDC Local Plan proposed submissions

(Cllr Candler joined the meeting at 20.05)

Consultation discussions deferred to the 18 July meeting. Clerk to write to Mr Ranson, SKDC officer in charge of the consultation, to ascertain the status of the village.

5. County Council matters

County Cllr Adams regularly provides the Colsterworth Rural spreadsheet of all highways issues. School transport will be on the agenda at the 18 July meeting.

6. District Council matters

District Cllr Mr M Wilkins reported that from May 2019 SKDC would move towards bringing back services in house rather than employing contractors; this would allow more flexibility across services – for example, waste collection staff could be deployed for snow clearing. The Big Clean had demonstrated that it was possible to mobilise local residents. Cllr Goodman had contacted SKDC to ask for recycling bins for use at the Midsummer Festival and had yet not had a reply; Cllr Wilkins to chase up. Cllr Dennis had hosted an informal meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan, attended by Samantha Fern and Charlotte Vernon (both of whom have extensive knowledge of preparing Neighbourhood Plans), Sara Fraser- Chair of Little Bytham Parish Council, Barbara Cooper and Teresa Jude -Chair and Vice Chair Careby, Holywell and Aunby Parish Meeting, and Cllr Goodman. Apologies were received from SKDC Head of Planning Policy Mr R Ranson, District Cllr Mr M Wilkins, Angela Davies and Cllr Sue Thomas. On 9 July a second meeting will take place with Liz Kunen attending to give her advice and experience of leading the team designing and writing Colsterworth and District Neighbourhood Plan which was classed exceptional by the assessors. Local volunteers will be sought to form a committee

which will take the views of local residents and implement them into the design and creation of a Neighbourhood Plan potentially involving Castle Bytham, Little Bytham, Creeton and Counthorpe, and Careby, Holywell and Aunby parishes. The existing Castle Bytham Village Plan will be used as a baseline. This project will not be Parish Council led but a combined community effort.

7. Planning issues –verbal report from Planning Working Group

Hawley Cottage, Water Lane - a meeting had taken place between SKDC's Enforcement Officer, an SKDC Planning Officer, District Cllr Mr M Wilkins, Cllrs Dennis, Goodman and Thomas – the Enforcement Officer declared that the building in progress was not in breach of the approved planning application. The Councillors asked for better communication between planning officers and the parish council in future.

Site visit to Glen House, Glen Road and excellent meeting with the owners. The plans will have no impact on the Street Scene and potentially provide 3/4 high-tech jobs in their rapidly growing business.

8. Planning applications to be discussed.

A)S18/0885- Mr and Mrs Dupree, Glen House, 63 Glen Road, Castle Bytham; alterations to listed building, listed building consent. The Councillors were unanimously in favour of this application.B) S18/0886 - Mr and Mrs Dupree, Glen House, 63 Glen Road, Castle Bytham; change of use and carport to office accommodation and associated alterations, full planning permission. The Councillors were unanimously in favour of this application.

SKDC have granted planning permission to the following applications:

S18/0268 – Riverside Barn, 6A Glen Road.

S18/0765 – Land off Water Lane; approval of details reserved by condition.

9. Amenities Working Party report

Cllr Goodman said that the upper green fencing has been repainted – the Midsummer Festival Committee purchased the paint. Cllr Hayward had cleaned most of the street signs around the village.

10. Grant applications

a) Glenside News for £200; the Councillors unanimously approved a £200 grant. b) Party Girls (Senior Citizens Christmas Party); the Councillors unanimously approved a £200 grant, with the proviso that none of it should be donated to other village organisations. c) Village Hall Committee for generator external plug; deferred – the matter will be on the next VHC agenda.

11. Report on Castle Bytham Village Hall Committee

Cllr Dennis reported that work on the new toilets will start on 25 June 18and that parts of the Hall will remain open for meetings etc during the work. However, users will be advised that only the disabled toilet will be in operation/available during the works.

12. Waste Strategy for Lincolnshire consultation

The Councillors agreed that a more specific document with action plan details was necessary in order for the Parish Council to comment.

13. Correspondence – seen

LCC - Cllr R Davies on reporting highways faults

SKDC – Cllr Wilkins; road closures for Midsummer Festival

Lindsey Westman – survey

X2 Connect on refurbishing red telephone boxes.

14. Accounts

The Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the following cheques to be signed:

M Wright - mowing £156.00 [101141]

Wave - cemetery water rates £11.70 [101142]

Lites PC - Web hosting fees £50.00 [101143]

Community Lincs Insurance Services – ‘all risks’ additional payment for bus shelters £20.54 [101144]

Glenside News – donation £200.00 [101145]

Castle Bytham Party Girls – donation for Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner £200.00 [101146]

[Cheque 101137 for £14.38 to Lites PC was cancelled]

15. Councillors verbal reports

Cllr Goodman said that the new owners of The Old Smithy had reduced the height of the wooden gates which were checked by the Enforcement Officer who declared that there would be no requirement for retrospective planning application.

Cllr Hayward said that a sign in Couthorpe Lane near the bridge was being damaged by a tree branch brushing against it; clerk to establish who the owner of the tree is.

Cllr Dennis said that Bill Sacker was to appeal against SKDC’s refusal of his planning application and that she had assured him of the Parish Council’s support.