

CASTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2018

Present

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

In attendance

County Cllr Mr B Adams, District Cllr Mr M Wilkins, 3 members of the public.

Public Forum – the Parish Council was made aware of a number of issues regarding a building site in Water Lane. The Planning Working Group will write to the developer to arrange an informal site meeting; District Cllr Mr M Wilkins will speak to the Enforcement Officer who will ensure that planning conditions are being followed.

1. Declarations of interest

Cllr Martindale declared an interest in item 8C

2. Approve minutes 20 June 2018

The notes of the meeting held on 20 June 18 were approved as minutes and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Goodman, seconded by Cllr Harvey, all in favour.

3. Matters arising

Status of the village - Mr Roger Ranson, SKDC confirmed that Castle Bytham has no formal designation and is recognised as a settlement in line with policies of the Local Plan.

4. Consultation on SKDC Local Plan proposed submissions

The Parish Council will forward a comment on transport infrastructure which advocates the use of public transport - bus provision in rural areas was inadequate therefore residents were unable to take up that option. Cllr Hayward to prepare a report on work issues for District Cllr Mr M Wilkins - Cllr Wilkins will arrange a meeting in the autumn with all neighbourhood parishes to discuss the Local Plan.

5. County Council matters

County Cllr Mr B Adams said that the Community Speedwatch scheme will be up and running mid August. Cllr Adams was looking into the cost of an additional street light at the Glen Road/Counthorpe Lane junction and will find out when the Regal Gardens storm drain will be repaired. The 'fix my street' app was working again.

6. District Council matters

District Cllr Mr M Wilkins had nothing further to report.

7. Planning issues – verbal report from Planning Working Group

Following a meeting with a planning officer and the enforcement officer reported in the 20 June minutes, District Cllr Mr M Wilkins was to press for key dimensions to be included in planning applications and hard copies provided to parish councils. Cllr Thomas reported favourably on a second site visit to 6 Water Lane except for the unknown ridge height.

- 8. Planning applications to be discussed. A)S18/0617** - Mr and Mrs Hay, 6 Water Lane, Castle Bytham; conversion of existing garage into study and erection of new garage and carport with room above. The Councillors unanimously approved this application now that the car port element has been removed and provided that the ridge is of the same height and on a

continuous level with the existing ridge.B) S18/1242 - Mr R Hix; Change of Use of land to angling based leisure use and siting of 4 nos. Log cabin type mobile homes, Former Red Barn Quarry Site, Swayfield Road, Castle Bytham. The Councillors approved the application subject to permissive development rights be removed other than for four cabins and leisure usage limited to angling only.C) S18/1300 - Mr R Hix; outline permission for the erection of a two-storey over-basement dwelling with approval sought for access. Land adjacent 37 Station Road, Castle Bytham. The Councillors approved this application by a majority; Cllr Martindale abstained from the vote.

Application S18/0499, Glen Road, Land to the South of Roxholme Haven will be discussed at SDKC's Development Committee on 24 July 18; Cllr Dennis to attend. *Post meeting note: Cllr Martindale to attend instead of Cllr Dennis.*

SKDC has granted planning permission to the following applications:

S18/0885 - Glen House, 63 Glen Road

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S19/0702 - School Farm House, 4 High Street

9. Amenities Working Party report

Cllr Webber reported that tarmac repair around a storm drain in Regal Gardens had yet to be carried out – the damage was reported in May. Some potholes have been repaired. Cllr Hinton reported that the 'no parking' sign fixed to the High Street bus shelter seemed to deter parking. Cllr Hinton was looking into weatherproof pin boards for public notices to be placed on the bus shelter back wall. The playing field was inspected in May; the benches had been cleaned at the cemetery and Michael Wright will be asked to spray weed killer on the gravel areas.

10. Report on Castle Bytham Village Hall Committee

Cllr Dennis reported that work on the new toilets was ahead of schedule and would be completed at the end of the first week in September. A Winter Wonderland event was planned for January 2019. A quotation for a generator external plug would be sought; the PC's Emergency Plan Committee would be able to obtain a grant for its cost.

11. Discuss School transport provision

Deferred until the next meeting; Cllr Martindale to prepare a report on existing provisions.

12. Correspondence – seen

A. Reply from Mr Roger Ranson, SKDC Planning Policy Manager regarding the status of the village under the new Local Plan - there is no formal designation for Castle Bytham in the Local Plan as the settlement hierarchy does not delineate settlements below the defined larger villages (see policy SP2 of the Local Plan) - Castle Bytham is just recognised as a settlement in line with the policies of the plan.

B. Community Lincs Insurance Services - amended schedule; 'all risks' status for bus shelters.

C. LALC - AGM 208

D. Community Lincs - routine playground inspection training; Cllr Hinton to attend.

E. LCC Traffic Orders - road closure; Morkery Lane (A1 South Witham to Water Lane) Castle Bytham from 6 to 8 August.

F. Mr Nigel Allsopp on various issues.

G. County Cllr Mr B Adams on Community Speed Watch

- H. Mr A Norman, SKDC - ward event listing.
- I. LCC Cllr R Davies on grass verge cutting - 2nd cut to be carried out late August
- J. Community Lincs - News Update
- K. S Moore - Parish Update
- L. Rural Services Network
- M. LALC- Planning and Neighbourhood Plans training
- N. Women In Local Government

13. Accounts

The following cheques were unanimously approved and signed:

- M Wright - mowing £120.00 [101147]
- Village Hall - rent £160.00 [101148]
- Lites PC - domain registration fee for four years £31.65 [101149]
- Rick Webster -mowing £307.20 [101150]

14. Councillors verbal reports

- A. Cllr Candler thought that farmers should be reminded about their workforce exceeding the speed limit through the village. Clerk to write.
- B. Cllr Candler announced the formation of the 'Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue Trust 'with Cllr Thomas, Cllr Candler and a Clipsham resident as Trustees; the Trust had taken a twenty year lease from the Forestry Commission for the management of Yew Tree Avenue. A £50,000 grant application to Leader was being prepared for which evidence of public support was crucial; the Parish Council agreed to send a letter of support.
- C. Cllr Hinton had received requests to extend the speed limit bin stickers to Clipsham Road and Glen Road and had written to SKDC to seek permission.
- D. Cllr Martindale reported that the straw bales placed in Church Lane as a seating area at the time of the Midsummer Festival needed to be removed as they would impede emergency vehicles needing to drive up the lane.
- E. Cllr Goodman asked for an item to be added to the August agenda regarding a grant request from the Midsummer Festival Committee towards the insurance cost of the November 2018 Bonfire/Fireworks Night. Cllr Martindale asked for parking arrangements for this event to be discussed also.

