

CASTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2017

Present

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

Apologies

Cllr Goodman.

In attendance

County Cllr Mr B Adams, two members of the public.

1. Declarations of interest

Cllr Candler declared an interest with respect to item 10.

2. Approve record of the meeting held on 19 July 2017

The record of the meeting held on 19 July 17 was approved as minutes and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Candler, seconded by Cllr Martindale.

3. Matters arising

4) Castle Bytham has been designated as a Small Village in SKDC's Local Plan.

5) Sign at the Old Quarry. Permission refused and applicant appealing.

Pinfold Road garden in state of neglect – various ways forward considered to solve the problem.

Cllr Adams reported that his meeting with Head of Highways Mr Rowan Smith had not led to any definite decisions.

4. Planning.

S17/1261 – Mr R Bontoft, 31 Station Road, Castle Bytham; variation of conditions 3 and 5 of pp S13/2733/FULL to replace front boundary hedge with wall.

The Councillors unanimously approved this application.

SKDC have given planning permission to the following applications: A)S17/0724 – The Old Quarry, Station rd; submission of details in relation to the discharge of condition 7 (archaeology) of planning approval S14/3097. B)S17/0725 – the Old Quarry, Station Rd; submission of details in relation to the discharge of condition 8 (contamination) of planning approval S14/3097.

C)S17/0999 – 5 High St; replacement of existing single storey extension with single storey rear extension. D)S17/0888 – land off Glen Rd adjacent River Tham; fell ash tree.

5. Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership – discuss joining The Community Speed Watch at a cost of £40 and purchase 200x30mph stickers at a cost of £100.

The Councillors unanimously agreed to join the Community Speed Watch at a cost of £40.

Clerk to fill in the form and return to LCC; six 30 mph speed limit passive signs will be provided free of charge. Cllr Adams to find out whether speed limit stickers to be placed on wheelie bins would be allowed by SKDC. It was agreed to write to Lincolnshire Police to ask for a mobile speed unit to come to the village and also to find out information on £2000 illuminated speed sign.

6. Amenities Committee: Station Road bus shelter – update on proposed work to adjacent waiting area; cemetery repairs – update and discussion on next steps; new finger posts – agree sign off of costs and discussion on next steps; upper green - agree extra hours for M Wright to clear the brambles; amenities report – proposal to move to verbal monthly update and quarterly written report

Station Road bus shelter - three quotations to be sought for additional paved pedestrian area, 3m x 1m adjacent to the bus shelter. Steel fencing will be installed 0.5m from the kerb.

Cemetery – the two bags of top soil recently purchased to be used to fill in cracks in the clay, and grass seeds sown, a section of 5 sqm at a time. Cost of gardening tools to be explored.

Advice from Rick Webster and other experts will be sought. The pathway will be cut shorter from now on. Michael Wright to tackle the rough ground at the end once the cutting season is over. Part of the fence near the water tank had rotted away. Metal fencing to be repainted with the help of volunteers.

Finger posts – deferred.

Upper Green – Michael Wright already contracted for all tasks at the Upper Green.

The Councillors were all in favour of verbal monthly update and quarterly written report.

7. Change from permissive footpath to public right of way across playing field: approve expenditure of up to £100 for map database change.

Cllr Hinton to complete the application form. The Councillors were unanimously in favour of spending up to £100 for the map database change.

8. Emergency plan

Cllr Hinton had circulated his Emergency Plan template. Cllrs Hinton, Dennis and Harvey to undergo training. Volunteers to be sought. *Cllr Allsopp left*. Purchase of site evacuation kits will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

9. Water Lane hedge removal

It was agreed to write again to SKDC who had not responded to the latest letter and photograph of the hedge before removal.

10. Discuss donation for bonfire night fireworks

Cllr Candler had declared an interest. The Councillors unanimously agreed to donate £300 to cover insurance cost for bonfire night.

11. Correspondence – seen

- a. Grant Thornton – 4 questions on submitted annual return to be answered by 4 August. Reply sent by clerk.
- b. Rural services network – conference in Cheltenham, September
- c. Highways England - Notice of maintenance work on bridge going under the A1 at South Witham. Diversion signs will be in place from 14 August until 11 September.
- d. Transparency fund drop-in session 1st Feb 18.
- e. Wel Medical – need to inform the ambulance service about the village defibrillator.
- f. Community Lincs AGM and 90th year celebration – 19 September, 14.00-17.00, Washingborough Community Centre
- g. County Cllr Mr B Adams – answer to clerk's query regarding the designation of Castle Bytham: under the new Local Plan there are only two designations: Large or Small; Castle Bytham is a Small Village. Closer scrutiny will be given to whether any application is needed or adds value to the community.

Sent as attachment:

1. Speedwatch application form
2. S13/0733 – in relation to agenda planning item.
3. Community emergency plan – agenda item
4. Healthwatch Lincolnshire
5. Data Protection Act – new DPA scheduled May 2018

12. Accounts

To pay:

1. Anglian Water – cemetery rates £14.60 [101100]
2. LALC – Cllr networking day training £25.00 [101101]
3. LALC – Cllr training day £25.00 [101102]

13. AOB

Clerk to write to local farmers regarding the speed of tractors/trailers travelling through the village; complaints have been received and there are concerns about possible accidents. A letter will be sent to Mr Frampton regarding children playing in the Old Quarry and the need to make two old buildings near the weighbridge safe.