

CASTLE BYTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017

Present

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

In attendance

County Cllr Mr B Adams, District Cllr Mr M Wilkins, 2 members of the public.

Cllr Mrs Sue Thomas was welcomed to the Parish Council after her election on 23 February.

1. Declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Sue Thomas signed the Acceptance of Office Declaration Form.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Hinton declared a personal interest with regard to item 10.

3. Approve record of the meeting held on 15 February 2017

The record of the meeting held on 15 February 17 was approved as minutes and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Goodman, seconded by Cllr Candler, all in favour.

4. Matters arising

LCC Highways had replied to the letter sent by the Chairman regarding proposed works – a Highways engineer will make a site visit. Cllr Candler said that Little Bytham supported the idea of a footpath linking Castle Bytham and Little Bytham.

5. Defibrillator

The Councillors voted in favour of adopting the defibrillator placed on the surgery external wall. Proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Candler, all in favour. The Parish Council will carry out maintenance. The defibrillator was bought by the Midsummer Fair Committee in March 2014 with a spare set of electro pads included. These need replacing every 3 years and cost £29.94/pair; the battery needs replacing every 5 to 7 years and costs £150. The defibrillator will be added to the insurance schedule and assets register. Clerk to contact Carlby Parish Council regarding free first aid training.

6. Management of emergencies in the village

An Emergency Plan will be drawn up by the Amenities Committee and the item back on the agenda once ready.

7. Communication

After debate it was proposed by Cllr Candler, seconded by Cllr Martindale, to publish a letter from Cllr Dennis in Glenside News regarding election schedule; a majority voted in favour.

8. Renewal contracts for grass cutting

The Councillors considered three quotations. The 3 year contract for the playing field was awarded to Rick Webster. The 3 year contract for the upper green, lower green, riverbank, cemetery and pavement moss clearing was awarded to Michael Wright. Proposed by Cllr Candler, seconded by Cllr Harvey, all in favour.

9. Amenities Committee Plan

The Amenities Plan was still undergoing revision.

Cllr Goodman presented the monthly report:

- a. Pond -the twice annual maintenance to be carried out in March, with the water level lowered in order to plant reeds. Plans for the October maintenance would be discussed with Mr Kent and Ponds UK consulted.
 - b. A cemetery project would be submitted at the April meeting.
 - c. A letter had been sent to the owner of the Holywell Road playground regarding its condition.
 - d. Estimates were awaited for signage at the upper green and at the pond.
 - e. The traffic safety mirrors had been installed opposite the surgery entrance and at the bottom of Pinfold Lane.
 - f. The new bin for the lower green had been delivered and would soon be installed.
 - g. Area of grass verge cutting was 2.4 acres – LCC to fund two cuts in 2011/17/18 at a rate of 2.1p/sq m.
 - h. Quotations were being sought for paving and other work at the Station Road bus shelter.
10. **Planning – S17/0446** - Peter Hinton. Erection of a Community Shop and associated hard and soft landscaping. Land opposite 39 and 41 Station Road, Castle Bytham. The Councillors supported the project as an important development which will benefit the local community after the closure of the Pinfold Road shop in 2013. The proposed building had environmental and sustainable value; the Councillors thought that roof solar panels would be a good investment; it was agreed that the roof should have fewer ridges to be more in keeping with the village scene . Cllr Hinton was thanked for all the work he had put into the project.

11. Educational Foundation – appointment of Trustee

Cllr Martindale gave an overview of the Charity and explained that Mr Peter Cox had come to the end of his term as the Trustee appointed by the Parish Council but was willing to stand again. The Councillors voted unanimously in favour of Mr Peter Cox being re-elected as Trustee. Proposed by Cllr Dennis, seconded by Cllr Webber.

12. Colsterworth and District Neighbourhood Plan

The Councillors agreed that the Plan was excellent.

13. Correspondence – seen

- a. SKDC refused planning permission for S16/2821 – change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling; Angel Wells Farm, Morkery Lane.
- b. Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue - Resilient Communities Conference – postponed until June 2017.
- c. SKDC Julie Edwards – Declaration of result of 23 February by-election
- d. LCC Cllr R Davies – Reply to Chairman’s letter regarding Highways works in CB and request for site visit; Highways Manager will be in touch shortly.
- e. LCC - temporary road closure at Morkery Lane [closed in vicinity of railway bridge] on 30 March 17.
- f. Rural panel minutes.

- g. Anglian Water – tariff to change from household to non-household on 1 April17 for cemetery and introduction new competitive market.

14. Accounts

Ratified:

- Mr Pritchard – reimbursement green pond emptying by SKDC £30.00 [101074]

Paid:

- M Cooke – salary 26 weeks £970.11 [101075]
- HMRC –Clerk’s PAYE £242.54 [101076]
- K Goodman – reimbursement lower green bin £185.94 [101077]

15. AOB

- a. Speeding in Pinfold Road and bad parking in the High Street had been reported – Cllr Hinton to take up these issues at the next Rural Pane Meeting.
- b. The Spinney in Little Bytham had suffered from vandalism in the past two weeks – reported to the police.

