

GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Casterton College at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 15th. May 2019

In Attendance:

Councillors Mark Bush (MB) in the Chair, John Sylvester (JS), Wanda Allen (WA), Alasdair Ryder (AR) Steve Barker (SB) and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present was and 3 members of the public, David Clarke, Mrs. Jill Bush and Mrs. Marion Pitt.

19.016 Apologies for Absence:

County Councillors David Wilby and Chris Parsons.

19.017 Declarations of Interest and Amendments:

None

19.018 Minutes of Meeting held on 24th. April 2019

The minutes were approved on the proposal of JS seconded WA all in favour

19.019 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

19.020 Police & Neighbourhood Watch

As reported to the Annual Parish Meeting earlier in the evening.

19.021 Financial Update

Current Position: The Clerk reported a current balance of £11,885, after receipt of the precept of £5,150 a satisfactory position. The Council approved payments of £343.47 to Zurich Municipal Insurance renewal premium, and £70.00 to Plough Environmental Services for grass cutting in April.

19.022 Planning

Barkers: A new application had been submitted, as the previous suspended application had been found to contain measurement errors, and various amendments had had to be made. The Chairman had written comments much in the same vein as had been sent on the previous application.

SB confirmed, as a previous owner, that the property on the corner of Water Lane had a covenant allowing the County Council to compulsorily purchase 1m of frontage to allow for street widening, but the option had not been taken up by RCC after the first application. He felt that we should push for this on the revised application. MB confirmed that the planning department had been made aware of this covenant. SB also confirmed that the owner of Forsyth House was not interested in offers for the property at the present time.

Woolfox Garden Community: The Chairman had, as suggested by DW at last month's meeting, had written to both the Leader of RCC, and also the Chief Executive of the Council setting out our position on this development. Both had acknowledged receipt, and the Chief Executive had confirmed that all relevant parties within RCC would be made aware of the contents of the letter. The Chairman spoke about the effect the North Stamford development would have on the village, and we are caught as "the meat in the sandwich" between Woolfox, North Stamford and St. Georges. There has been no dialogue with SKDC on this development at all, and even Rutland CC has heard very little.

St. Georges: The Chairman pointed out that this land, unlike Woolfox, was subject to MoD regulations which, if enforced, could result in a maximum of 5,000 houses in the development. RCC's involvement had reduced this to 2,000, and all parties should be supporting their initiatives in this respect rather than criticising.

19.023 Bus Users Group

WA had little to report, as there was not a further meeting scheduled until July. Analysis of national bus usage statistics showed that Rutland had the lowest number of bus journeys per head of population (2 per head per year), compared with the top figure of 145

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19.024 **Glebe Land**. No change from report at last meeting

19.025 **Any Other Business**

Parking at rear of cottages at rear of 3-8 Old Great North Road. The possibility of single yellow lines being installed once the carpark was complete was discussed. The Clerk was asked to suggest this to Robyn Green at Highways.

19.026 **Date of Next Meetings:**

Council Meeting – Wednesday 17th. July 2019, 7.00pm

Council Meeting – Wednesday 11th. September 2019, 7.00pm

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm.