

# GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at the Church Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. May 2017.

## **In Attendance:**

Councillors Mark Bush (MB) in the Chair, Michael Markey (MM), John Sylvester (JS), Clare Rowbotham (CR) and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present was County Councillor Chris Parsons, and 2 members of the public, Mr. Tom Lamb and Mrs. Margaret Markey

## **16.104 Apologies for Absence:**

County Councillor David Wilby, David Clarke

## **16.105. Declarations of Interest and Amendments:**

None

## **16.106 Minutes of Previous Meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup>.April 2017**

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed MM, seconded MB, all in favour.

## **16.107 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Planning – 5 Home Farm Close: The Council had submitted its comments via the RCC Planning website.

## **16.108 Police & Neighbourhood Watch**

Report as for Annual Parish meeting earlier in the evening.

## **16.109 Financial Update**

Current Position: The Clerk presented details of the current position. The precept of £5,000n had now been received, and after expenditure of £443, the current balance stands at £12,142.

## **16.110 Planning**

1. Home Farm Lime Trees: MB reported that the Planning Dept had climbed down on this application and the work will now proceed as applied for. Mr. Lamb reported that the replacement trees will not be planted until November

2. Home Farm, Pickworth Road: Two applications have been submitted:

(a). Agricultural dwelling – outline planning application sought for a three-bedroomed bungalow.

(b) Erection of new barn. A steel-framed 60' x 60' storage unit, which will sited alongside the existing barn.

It was agreed to support both applications, with, for (a), emphasis on the need for a presence on site for the protection of cattle.

## **16.111 Traffic through the Village**

MB outlined the problems, which had been discussed with the Police representative in the Annual Parish meeting earlier in the evening. The new development at the petrol station will increase traffic through the vuillage.

Mrs. Markey commented that the fact that Great Casterton was on a wide load route should not affect a 7.5t hgv ban – wide loads were relatively few, and always under police escort and would override any ban. Great Casterton had a combination of unique factors not seen in other villages in Rutland: an extremely narrow main street, a cycle route, two schools with more than 1,000 pupils, all in a conservation area. All these factors argued for a ban.

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MB asked for comments on whether the chicane at the Crown should be removed. CR felt that it made it easier for children to cross the main street. It was generally considered that the chicane was not needed at that point.

### **16.112 Good Neighbour Scheme.**

MB reported that he had received details of another scheme being introduced by RCC, similar to that outlined by Keira Gaynor of Rural Community Council at a recent meeting, which the PCC was to be involved in. There seemed little point in two similar initiatives running alongside each other. CP was not aware of the RCC scheme.

### **16.113 The Crown Inn**

Remedial works on the property is progressing well, and there have been some internal alterations in lay-out. The Site had been visited by the RCC Planning enforcement officer, who was satisfied with the work being done to this listed building. It is hoped to re-open in June.

### **16.114. Any Other Business**

1. Bowling Green. MB reported that Burghley Estates were procrastinating on this site, which is continuing to deteriorate. It is now two years since the Council had approached them on the subject, with no further developments. We shall continue to pursue.

### **16.115 Date of Next Meetings:**

On a date to be arranged in July, if felt necessary, otherwise in September.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

The meeting was followed by a private meeting of the Council, at which the Clerk's performance appraisal was conducted, and a salary increase in line with NALC scales, with back pay amounting to £500, agreed.