

CLAYPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st February 2010 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

Present: Councillors: T Allen, G Bignell (arrived 7.15), S Frayne, R Oakham, R Prabucki (Chairman), D Revill, C Sharp, J Taylor and the Clerk. District Cllr Kerr also attended and there were two members of the public .

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING COMMENTS

Cllr Prabucki welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Oxberry had sent a letter of resignation as work commitments prevent her from attending meetings. The vacancy will be advertised.

2. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. NOTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4/01/10

The notes of the meeting held on 4th January 2010 were unavailable as the clerk's computer had failed. This will be repaired as soon as possible and presented at the next meeting.

5. CLERK'S & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 5.1 New equipment at play area- see item 6a below.
- 5.2 Provision of bus shelter- The test dig with Mr M Crookes (SKDC) arranged for January 10th had been postponed due to bad weather. This has been scheduled for February 8th .
- 5.3 Footpath at the rear of hard play area to play park- see item 6c below.
- 5.4 Footpath adjacent railway- Osterfen Lane and Barnby Lane. LCC had accepted responsibility for the maintenance of this footpath. Clerk will telephone (Faith Hopkin) when work required.
- 5.5 Erection of net at playing fields adjacent to the railway- A member of the football club yet to advise the height (if over 4 metres high PP will be required even if taken down after the season ends). Clerk will follow up.
- 5.6 Dogfouling- there had been numerous reports of this made to the clerk. The dog warden had been informed and will distribute leaflets to homes in the area of the village which is badly affected- Doddington lane, School Lane, Moore Close etc.
- 5.7 Fencing at River Bridge- this will be replaced by Ian Warner.

- 5.8 Parish walkabout- Clerk advised that Mark Heaton (LCC) was available Thurs Feb 25th
- 5.9 Drainage on playing field- Clerk had been contacted by a member of football club regarding drainage problems on the senior pitch. Mr Clark's field which is adjacent is much higher than the playing field and water is running off that field over the pitch area and then to the railway. He asked whether the fc could dig a narrow trench adjacent to the hedge to direct this water away from the playing surface. After discussion it was agreed that the Council would seek some professional advice on drainage issues.
- 5.10 Trees from LCC- these had been collected from Horncastle and will be planted alongside the metal fence at the play area by Kings.

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND SPORTS/PLAY FACILITIES

- a) Grant application- Two public consultation events had been very successful with attendance higher than anticipated. Seventy-three signatures had been received by the playgroup supporting the improvement of play equipment at the hall. Fifty questionnaires devised by the PC had been completed during the two days and all comments/suggestions noted. Children on the school council from the primary school had also attended. The application will take into account these concerns. The majority of people who completed a questionnaire were in favour of the play equipment remaining at the existing site. Cllr Prabucki thanked Cllr Sharp for all his hard work at the two events. Cllr Sharp advised that an application for grant funding of £19.5k is to be made. The PC **agreed** to fund the new play equipment up to a maximum of 10k.
- b) Other matters
 - Lease of playing fields by Claypole primary school- Mrs Kelly had written to Mouchel and was still awaiting a reply.
 - Four holes in playing fields- Cllr Revill is to investigate the best course of action to ensure these are not a health and safety issue.
- c) Footpath at rear of hard play area- Nothing further to report.

7. COMMON LAND- FUTURE USE

Clerk advised she had requested comments re this land via the parish newsletter. Cllr Revill raised several matters for debate- does the parish need the common land, what is it used for, do many people use it, should it be maintained or returned to nature, should people be encouraged to the river area where there is no safety equipment, should it be returned to Cromwell House and an alternative area found? Cllr Prabucki advised that the PC is the custodian of the land on behalf of the parish and would be unable to dispose of it. It was agreed that this topic would be placed on future agendas once a 'feel' for what the public wanted and what the PC could do had been obtained. Fencing would not now proceed although the land would be maintained by Kings for the time being.

8. **CEMETERY- POLICY FOR REFUNDS**

A verbal request had been made to the Council for a refund of two plots (out of three) in the cemetery which had been reserved some years ago. It was agreed that monies received could be refunded in some instances and each application would be considered individually. Cllr Frayne will speak with the person in question and offer a refund providing that the two plots which will be made available are together and not separate ones.

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) It was agreed to approve payment of:
 - i) £50.00 –Claypole Mothers Union- for special day of events 24th March
- b) It was agreed not to approve payment of:
 - i) £65.00- LALC- training scheme but to pay for training courses as required.
- c) Budget Review- unavailable due to computer failure.
- d) Additional street lights- Quotations had been received for additional lights between the church and Coalallenby £758.00 and the junction at Rectory Lane and Main Street £880.00. It was agreed that these should be installed. The quotation for a replacement light adjacent to the post box Shire Lane was deemed to be too costly.

10 **PLANNING MATTERS AND RESULTS**

Applications

S09/2864/OUT/PC1- Erection of two dwellings- Gordon House Farm, Back Lane- Comments were required by SKDC prior to this meeting. Papers had been passed to Cllrs Taylor and Prabucki. There were no objections.

S09/2919/HSH/PC1- First floor side extension – 4 Brunts Farm Close. Comments were required by SKDC prior to this meeting. Papers had been passed to Cllrs Taylor and Prabucki- No objections

Results

S09/2368/TP- Works to ash tree- Welfen Lane- Work allowed 7 Jan 2010

Other matters- Clerk advised she had received a letter from the Lincoln Diocese regarding the future sale of the school. It states that any proceeds of sale can only be used for educational purposes. A copy of this letter will be passed to Mrs Kelly for her comments.

11 **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Rights of Way- improvement plan- Cllr Oakham advised that if access to rights of way can be improved by replacing styles with kissing gates this would be funded by the CC. A note will be placed in the newsletter that if anybody knows where styles should be replaced to inform the clerk.

Pot holes- Mark Heaton will be advised of these during the parish walkabout on Feb 25th.

12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

E mails/letters

- a) SKDC- Working Better Together
- b) East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre- Castle Donington

Circulars

- a) SKDC- Democracy Services-Dispensations
- b) Lincolnshire Police- 6 monthly update

13 **CLOSING COMMENTS**

The Chairman thanked Cllrs for attendance. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman