

## **CLAYPOLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

**Present: Councillors: T Allen, G Bignell,, S Frayne, R Oakham, R Prabucki (Chairman), D Revall, 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. The vacancy for a Councillor had been advertised in the newsletter and on the noticeboard. Two people were initially interested in the vacancy but J Halstead was happy for Richard Clarke to fill the vacancy on this occasion. Mr Clarke was voted unanimously onto the Council.

### **2. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

### **4. NOTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 4/01/10 and 1/02/10**

The notes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Frayne, seconded Cllr Taylor.

### **5. CLERK'S & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- 5.1 New equipment at play area- see item 6a below.
- 5.2 Provision of bus shelter- The planning application has been submitted.
- 5.3 Footpath at the rear of hard play area to play park- see item 6c below.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 Dogfouling- the clerk had been advised that the dog warden had only managed to distribute leaflets to Moore Close before the Waste Enforcement role was suspended. He is now working in an administrative role until the beginning of the new financial year. He advised that the Dog Control Orders are currently being worked on and he hopes that they should be operational in the summer after a period of consultation.
- 5.7 Fencing at River Bridge- this will be replaced by Ian Warner.

- 5.8 Parish walkabout- Cllrs accompanied Mark Heaton around the village to identify areas of maintenance/concern.
- 5.9 Drainage on playing field- It was agreed that advice re. drainage from an agricultural contractor would be expensive and in light of the possibility of purchasing land from Mr Clark (see 6d) to extend the playing field it was agreed to leave this matter until the purchase of the additional area has been fully considered.
- 5.10 Trees from LCC- these are yet to be planted alongside the metal fence at the play area by Kings.

6. **PLAYING FIELDS AND SPORTS/PLAY FACILITIES**

- a) Grant application- The grant application for additional play equipment had been submitted.
- 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 (for goal posts) 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- There had been no news regarding the application for funding towards the path at the rear of the playing fields.
- d) Cllr Prabucki advised the meeting that he had met with Mr Clark (after a phone call from Mr Clark to the Council ) about the PC purchasing two acres of land to extend the playing field. Cllr Prabucki had walked this area with Mr Clark to get a feel for the area and location. The initial asking price suggested by Mr Clark was £100k. Cllrs were asked about their initial thoughts on this and all agreed that the opportunity to buy the land was welcome although the price was rather high. However, when compared with the cost of supply and installation of play equipment it was possibly not too surprising that this amount was being asked. Cllr Allen advised that there was still no news on Mr Martin's land- an area of about three acres and all agreed it is a preferential location to Mr Clark's. Cllr Allen advised that because of all the delay in administering Mr Martin's estate it would be appropriate for the PC to write to the executors of Mr Martin's estate expressing an interest in purchasing the land. The clerk will do this. In the meantime the clerk will investigate any grant funding which may be available and also the current costs of borrowing money should the opportunity to proceed arise.

7. **COMMON LAND- FUTURE USE**

Clerk advised she had requested comments re this land via the March parish newsletter which had only just been issued. Should this be left to become a wild area with limited maintenance or should it remain as an open area for public use? Is it right to encourage people to use an area with an awkward access on the River Bridge? After discussion it was agreed that for the time being the area would be maintained as at present (ie grass cut) until any comments had been received from the public re. its usage. The picnic benches

will be removed as they are not in the best place for sun and are currently covered in moss.

8. **CEMETERY- POLICY FOR REFUNDS**

Cllr Frayne advised that a refund of £400 (2 x £200) had been made for two consecutive plots as the gentleman had agreed to reserve the third plot which is adjacent to an existing one.

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) It was agreed to approve payment of:
- i) £350.00- I Boby- tree maintenance
  - ii) £249.50- LALC- Annual subscription and Local Council Review
  - iii) £80.00- J Tollafield- Digging trench to expose tree roots- bus shelter
  - iv) £21.14- C Clarke- cartridge,files and paper
  - v) £300.00- Fred Eite- professional services re. bus shelter
- b) Budget Review  
Total Expenditure to date totalled £17375- this includes a sum of £442 for the cemetery. This will be updated for the next meeting.

10 **PLANNING MATTERS AND RESULTS**

**Applications**

S10/0174/FULL/PC1- Change of use to public house to residential- The Woolpack- the PC regretted the closure of this pub but understood that it was no longer a viable business. The pub is owned by the applicant and she could not be expected to carry on in business. No objections.

**Results**

S09/2002/HSH- Ground floor extension & additional first floor accommodation- 138 Main Street-**approved conditionally 24 February**

S09/0954/FULL- Conversion of former shop to two dwellings- adj. Fairfield House, Main Street- **approved conditionally 25 February**

S09/0944/OUT- Residential development with all matters reserved- Fairfield House, Main Street- **approved conditionally 25 February**

11 **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Various footpath/highway issues had been raised with Mark Heaton during the parish walkabout and these will be confirmed in writing by Mr Heaton. In addition to these it was noted that pot holes on Osterfen Lane needed attention. Clerk will advise Mr Heaton.

12 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Circulars**

- a) LCC- Grit bin provision- noted
- b) NSPCC- becoming a campaign partner - filed
- c) SKDC- Standards training- Colsterworth village hall Tues 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm- advised to Councillors

13 **CLOSING COMMENTS**

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

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