

## **CLAYPOLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

**Present: Councillors: T Allen, S Frayne, R Oakham, R Prabucki (chairman), D Revill, C Sharp, J Taylor and the Clerk. District Cllr Kerr and one member of the public attended.**

### **1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING COMMENTS**

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

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

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Bignell and Clarke. These were accepted.

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

Cllr Prabucki declared a personal interest in planning application S11/0080/RM/PC1 as his property is near to the site being developed. Cllr Allen declared a prejudicial interest in planning application S10/1804/FULL and left the meeting before this item was discussed..

### **4. NOTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 10/01/11.**

The notes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Frayne, seconded Cllr Allen.

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

- 5.1 Provision of bus shelter- The shelter had been installed and favourable comments had been received. Additional remedial work was required before the invoice will be paid in full. Cllr Oakham will liaise with Jamie Tollafield and the clerk. Cllr Prabucki, with the agreement of all Cllrs enquired whether Mrs Milner should be asked to formally open the shelter. Everybody agreed that this would be a nice gesture.
- 5.2 Entrance gate at playing field- clerk will chase up quotation from I Warner and also request quote from Jamie Tollafield.
- 5.3 Floodlights at hard play area- still under investigation.
- 5.4 Play equipment – Publicity for the new piece of equipment would now be arranged for the spring. The clerk advised that a boy had cut his head on the gate at the play area as it had swung back at him one very windy day. The clerk was not sure if this was the single or the double gate but has now padlocked the double maintenance gate. Arrangements will need to be made during the grass cutting season to allow access to the area.

- 5.5 Report to Standards Committee- nothing to report.
- 5.6 Community Cleaner Grants- the clerk had registered an interest with SKDC. The first payment of £94.88 had been received. It was agreed to advertise the post in the newsletter- this is for two hours per week at the minimum wage. If there were no applicants for the post the money will be returned.
- 5.7 Old primary school- The clerk had received a reply from Mr Gosling about the future use of the school buildings and the original conveyance. His letter states that the original conveyance (1867) does not restrict the use of any building subsequently erected on the land. A copy of this letter will be sent to Mrs Kelly for her perusal.
- 5.8 Dog Fouling- the clerk had received a petition from residents about the state of the footpaths. It contained numerous signatures. The clerk had contacted the dog warden about posters and the provision of dog litter bins. SKDC do not provide bins so the cost would have to be met by the Parish Council. The clerk is investigating costs for information. The warden visits Claypole at least once a week but so far has been unable to catch the culprit. He is going to visit the school (contact has been made) and a poster competition about dog fouling is to be held. Cllr Frayne has posters from The Keep Britain Tidy Website which may be of use. A resident has also offered his talents either to produce another leaflet or to put a hard hitting article in the newsletter/web-site as an added deterrent.
- 5.9 Newark Hospital- after the presentation from Francis Towndrow at the public forum last month letters have been sent requesting an independent review of the future of the hospital.

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

Cllr Revill is yet to speak with users of floodlit area regarding the new charge. The sign at the play area needs re attaching to fence- Cllr Revill will deal.

Mr. Martin's field- This field adjacent to the playing field is being advertised for sale with offers over £40,000. This field has always been of interest to the Council to extend the play and open area facilities in the village for the future. In fact the trustees of Mr Martin's will had been approached on a number of occasions by the Council to acquire this land. At the public forum held prior to this council meeting several residents had attended who own properties adjacent to this area of land. They do not want the land to be developed and were already aware of the Council's wish to acquire the land. The land is being advertised as 4.25 acres in size. The residents would like to purchase land adjoining their properties and hold it 'in common'. This land amounts to approx 1 acre which would therefore leave approx 3 acres for the Council. The suggestion of a joint bid regarding funds but in the name of the Parish Council had been made at the forum. A subsequent agreement would need to be drawn up between the Council and the residents should the land be acquired. The Council had been made aware that several bids had already been placed with the agent but were unaware of the deadline for any further bids. It was agreed that a meeting would be held with residents on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at the village hall 7.30pm to discuss this matter further.

7. **VILLAGE HALL**

The existing (domestic) boiler was repaired but soon blocked again with debris, so it had been replaced with a new commercial boiler. (Total cost of the boiler repair / replacement is £4312.)

Planning permission has been applied for the kitchen roof and the committee is to re-apply for a grant for the kitchen roof stating the joint funding from the PC

The Committee is also requesting funding of £70 towards the pensioners lunch as there had not been the level of donations as in the past. This will be an item on the next agenda .

The playgroup also enquired on the following as part of their grant application ( Community Spaces)

i. Grass cutting of play area – AGREED that this area would be included in the maintenance of the hall grounds by the PC.

ii. Rubbish disposal – The playgroup will purchase a bin and arrange with SKDC about emptying it.

iii Maintenance costs and replacement- The question was raised whether the PC would be willing to contribute. Equipment is guaranteed for 5 years. Parts of equipment can be purchased and replaced as necessary. Most expensive piece of equipment is Giggleswick climbing / slide station (£6000 for entire replacement- not anticipated within 20 years. The PC recognize the importance of safe equipment and will if possible support any costs but only if it is in a financial position to do so and it would represent value for money.

iv Safety checks (annual costs from equipment supplier £234). It was felt that the playgroup should arrange their own safety checks.

8. **CEMETERY**

It was AGREED to amend the terms and conditions regarding reservation of plots. Page 3 General (iv) will now read : When purchasing a plot an option will be given, at the time of interment, to reserve one more plot adjacent to the purchase plot- wherever possible. This will remain at the discretion of the Parish Council.

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) It was RESOLVED not to pay:

i) £65.00 LALC- Annual Training Scheme- training would be paid for as and when undertaken

It was RESOLVED to pay

ii) £7467.99- J Tollafeld Construction- bus shelter and base- but to keep £200 back until the remedial work has been carried out.

iii) £400- Claypole Warriors contribution towards mower/roller for use at sports ground.

11. **PLANNING MATTERS AND RESULTS**

S10/1804/FULL/PL/PC2 – Odd House Farm, Holme Lane- Retention of agricultural building and change of use to house livestock with additional livestock building and food storage- No further comments to be made from those made earlier.

S11/0080/RM/PJM/PC2 – Fairfield House Main Street- reserved matters following outline approval for 5 dwellings to the rear of Fairfield House- No Objections.

Results

S10/2757/FULL- Village Hall-change of use of land to community play area- approved conditionally 21 January 2011

S10/2392/HSH- 81 Main Street-two storey rear extension- approved conditionally 3 February 2011

12. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Shire Dyke Bridge- pot holes had occurred again. LCC and NCC will both be contacted about this-(county boundary).

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letters/emails**

Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association- request for financial support

Claypole LIVES- request for financial support

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership- developing village halls, green spaces for sporting, physical and cultural activities

**Due to time restraints these three items will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting**

**Circulars**

Training for groups during Feb and March- **circulated**

14. **CLOSING COMMENTS**

The Council's Health and Safety Policy still needs to be up dated. A model mission statement for the Council had been received from LALC and this will be adapted.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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