

## **CLAYPOLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

**Present: Councillors: T Allen, R Clarke, S Frayne, 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 Clarke was invited to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Oakham who was on holiday. And from Cllr Bignell who had work commitments.

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

None declared.

### **4. NOTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 1/03/2010**

The notes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Allen, seconded Cllr Frayne.

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

- 5.1 New equipment at play area- see item 6a below.
- 5.2 Provision of bus shelter- Planning permission is not required. In the absence of Cllr Oakham this item will be deferred until the next meeting. An additional quotation had been received by the clerk for the construction of the bus shelter.
- 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- Members of the FC have reduced the height of the net to 4m. It is understood that this will be taken down at the end of the season and therefore planning permission will not be required. Clerk will check with FC that it will be removed.
- 5.5 Dogfouling- the dog warden is now back in his role and has been to Claypole as a resident had complained about the state of Osterfen Lane.
- 5.6 Fencing at River Bridge- this will be replaced by Ian Warner.
- 5.7 Parish walkabout- see Highway Matters.
- 5.8 Trees from LCC- these had been planted by Kings and there are about 15 remaining.

- 5.9 Entrance gate at playing field- access is difficult for wheelchair and pushchair users so quotes are being obtained for modification and levelling of the tarmac area.
- 5.10 Floodlights at hard play area- the clerk has been switching these on and off for village groups for which she is paid by the council. The electricity usage has not been paid for (meter is in the school hall) and this needs to be determined before next year when the users may have to be charged an hourly rate.
- 5.11 Sale of part of cemetery- the clerk had been asked whether the covenant on the cemetery (which states it must be used as a cemetery) could be removed if the PC agreed to sell part of the cemetery to a resident on Church Meadow. All agreed that the PC do not want to sell this land as it will be required eventually and a considerable amount of hard work had gone into its purchase. Additionally obtaining a change of use to domestic garden could prove difficult for the resident.
- 5.12 Litter pick- April 18th- a number of residents had arranged this for the village and it is hoped this will become an annual event possibly in March.
- 5.13 Footpath from church to cemetery- the clerk will write to Revd. Parr re. his thoughts about the footpath and also inform him about the parking near Church Meadow bend (usually during weddings) which can be very dangerous.

## 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 advised that LCC do not need a formal lease over the playing field, they already have a right of way over the car park area but not a formal right of parking. A formal Deed of Grant needs to be drawn up. The letter also states that LCC could contribute £1500 to resurfacing and relining the car park at the school. It was felt that currently the car park did not require resurfacing although marking out parking places would be useful. Any agreement for LCC to use the car park which Mrs Kelly is drawing up would need to include a clause that when the car park needs resurfacing a contribution of 50% is required.  
Four holes (for goal posts) in playing fields- The goal posts are being taken down after matches leaving four deep holes in the ground which are a safety hazard. Attempts to cover these had been made by the club but the covers are either vandalised or stolen. The clerk will write to the club stating that these must be covered (bolted down) or the posts left in as the area is an open space for the public.
- 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. Clerk will chase up
- d) Extension of playing fields-Clerk had written to the executors of Mr Martin's estate and was awaiting reply. Loans are obtainable by PCs

(PWLB) or any other body although any loan made to a council needs approval via LALC. Clerk had also looked at grant funding. The Football Foundation and Sport England do not give grants towards land purchase. If the PC is successful in obtaining the grant for the play equipment then a subsequent application to LCC could not be made until March 2011. The Big Lottery has a Reaching Communities Fund and the clerk had requested details and an application form. In the meantime the clerk will write to Mr Clark confirming that the PC is interested but public consultation is required before the PC can commit to this expenditure. Prior to this meeting reps. from the playgroup and village hall had advised about a meeting to take place with LCC about funding opportunities for their projects. It was agreed that the PC will also attend this- date to be arranged.

7. **COMMON LAND- FUTURE USE**

Clerk advised she had received comments from residents that the common land was being used by residents and queried why the seats were being removed. Cllr Revill advised that the seats were concreted into the ground and should remain. It was agreed that for this year the ground would not be maintained regularly by Kings but rather four of the trees from LCC would be planted on the common land. People are still using the other side of the bank for recreation and while this is welcomed it was generally felt that the common land is not in a particularly ideal location for encouraging people to use it when it is on such a sharp bend. Any comments from the public in the future will be noted and acted on.

8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) It was agreed to pay the following:
  - i) £116.33- 123 Connect for web hosting
  - ii) £85.00- Anthony Rudge & Associates- bus shelter foundation
  - iii) £393.08- C Clarke- salary and expenses Jan- Mar includes broadband of £66.58 to 21 May
  - iv) £1638.00- SKDC- street lighting
- b) Budget Review
  - Total Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March totalled £22512 (Including £2284 VAT to be reclaimed) The end of year total balance is £50909.
- c) Review of maintenance contracts-
  - Cemetery grounds and hedge maintenance- G W King
  - Village hall grass- G W King
  - Common Land- agreed not to maintain this year. G W King to plant trees.
  - Village sign area- G W King
  - Playing field and play area- Veolia
- d) Insurance renewal- the PC is into the second year of its long term agreement(total 3 years) with Came & Co Ltd- premium £370.00
- e) Internal Auditor for 2009/10 accounts- it was agreed that Mrs G Padley should be the internal auditor.

9 **PLANNING MATTERS AND RESULTS**

**Applications**

S10/0502/HSH/PC1- Single storey rear extensions The Old Barn & Lofts Cottage, Cleveland Farm- No objections- this had been considered inbetween meetings ( comments required by 29<sup>th</sup> March )

10 **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Mark Heaton had confirmed highway issues from the walk about. Clerk will advise of two further issues- Osterfen Lane and the footpath adjacent to no 31 Barnby Lane requires extending. Mrs Milner is still endeavouring to get Broadfen lane improved. The PC has written on numerous occasions. Mr heaton had also supplied a list of street lights in the village and who was responsible for each.

11 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letters/ emails**

a) Common Land – see 7

**Circulars**

a) Community Lincs- Best Kept Villages- noted

b) LCC- Changes to LCC mobile library services - noted

c) LCC- Integrated Local Working in Lincolnshire- invitation to focus groups- noted

d) EMDA News Spring edition- to be circulated

e) LCC- New Funding to Improve Access to Key Services in your area- noted and retained for possible future use

f) Victim Support- request for fundin- declined

g) Community Lincs- Play area safety training- 9<sup>th</sup> June- noted

h) LALC News- March- to be circulated

i) LCR- Spring – to be circulated

13 **CLOSING COMMENTS**

The Chairman thanked Cllrs for attendance. The next meeting will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> due to the bank holiday on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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

