

East Carlton Parish Council

Minutes

Action

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 19 March 2018 at the Cricket Club , East Carlton, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. John Underwood(chairman), Adrian Goodman, Nick Janzen, and Gary Chambers; Jane Chambers (taking minutes).

1. Apologies: P Taylor(clerk), Borough councilor Bob Rutt, Cllr Maureen Mc Alpine.

2. Declaration of interest for items on the agenda- G Chambers re item 11 Cricket Club grant application as Chairman of the Cricket Club committee.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting The minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2018 were approved.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes – BDO audit fee balance was still outstanding according to the statement received. To be checked with Peter Taylor by JU.

JU

Parish Clerk update. The chairman had been to visit the clerk who was still unwell.

Website It was agreed this would be progressed. John would arrange to meet at the clerk's house to access the necessary information from the parish council computer. He would also ascertain if an application had been made for a grant for the website.

JU

Gary offered to find out more information concerning the grant.

GC

5. Representational matters

Borough Councillor: Bob Rutt has suggested that the clerk for Middleton Justina Medwell could act in a temporary capacity for the Annual Meetings in May. It was agreed that Justina would be asked if she was available. It was agreed that she would be paid the appropriate hourly rate plus expenses.

JU

County Councillor:

The County councillor had been present at the Rural Area Forum which had been attended by JU and NJ. There was discussion of the proposed impact of the appointment of a government commission to manage the County Council following the recent financial failure of the County Council. The possible impact of the proposed Binary Authority and cuts to services particularly bus services was discussed.

The potholes on the B670 were to be reported on Street Doctor

JC

Constabulary matters:

The contact details of the new Neighbourhood Sergeant based in Desborough Robert Offord were circulated. JU has spoken to him and requested more frequent patrols in the park at night.

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert details were circulated.

6. Friends of the Park

The CCTV and lights at night were now both working.

The committee was unchanged after the AGM.

Work parties will now be project led and be held every workday from 10-2. The meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of every month.

NJ has a copy of the tree survey carried out for CBC last year with every significant tree numbered. Work is being done to make safe all diseased trees in the park. If anyone would like details of any specific tree they should contact him.

The Friends group is considering how to celebrate the end of WW1 possibly in conjunction with the Transport Gala.

#### 7. Public Time

Footpath beside the main road between Church Lane and the pedestrian gate to the Park is becoming narrower due to encroachment by grass. This is causing a safety hazard. Particularly for buggies and children. As it is unlikely the County Council will attend to this it was agreed that GC would try to arrange for volunteers to edge the path on the litter pick day or soon after. **GC**

Village Litterpick will be held as usual on 24 March at 2pm.

There had been a question raised about access to the ride by a new owner in the village. It was accepted that public access could not be restricted but agreed that the Parish Council would use some of the funds designated for fencing to purchase two 12' gates to be erected by volunteers at the western end of each ride. These could be locked if that was felt necessary using the same key that locks all the park padlocks. JU would liaise with CBC to propose that for security purposes gates were necessary. There would be no cost to CBC. **JU**

#### 9. Planning

The application for number 26 had been withdrawn after a number of objections. It was understood a revised application would be submitted.

In the absence of the clerk JU would contact CBC to arrange to be copied in on emails. **JU**

#### 10. Highways - Already mentioned.

#### 11. Representational matters

a. Website. It was agreed to aim for this to be running by the May annual meeting. GC would liaise with Adam Curtis the webpage designer to explain why he had not received all the information needed. GC had sent photographs to him to start the process.

b. Following applications received Grants were agreed of £250 each for the Cricket Club and St Peters Church for grounds maintenance.

c. Parish Clerk – Interim measures are discussed elsewhere in these minutes.

#### 12. Village maintenance

Fence opposite the even numbers of East Carlton Park. It was agreed that posts would be purchased. NJ would source a price for a number of 4'6" 1/2 round posts and a few round posts. He also proposed that it may be possible to buy these through the Friends of the Park to be reimbursed by the Parish Council. He would see if this was possible. **NJ**

Volunteers would do the work and GC offered to organize once the posts had been purchased. **GC**

### 13. Finance

Approval of payments:

- a. Cricket club for rent - It was agreed to approve payment of a cheque for £70 to cover the current meeting and six further meetings for the next financial year.
- b. Payment of Clerks salary for previous six months was approved.
- c. Newsletter JU would check with the Newsletter editor what was due for the publication of the newsletter. The outstanding payment was approved.
- d. Payments of Grants agreed of £250 each to Cricket Club and East Carlton PCC as above were approved.

Cllr Underwood would arrange these payments.

**JU**

Other costs which maybe due shortly were discussed:

Insurances

NALC and CPRE subscriptions. JU would check with the clerk.

**JU**

### 14. Correspondence received:

Rural Housing needs survey was circulated

### 16. Date of next meeting

May 21 2018 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

The minute taker was thanked by the chairman.