

CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 2nd December 2009 in Castor village hall, 8pm

Present: Councillors: John Taylor (Chair), Richard Anker, William Baxter, Tracey Blackmore, Brain Goode, John Howard, Jayne Mann, Andy Martin, Andy Smith, plus the clerk and two members of the public

**ACTION /
NOTES**

09/130. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None – all councillors present

09/131. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH AND 16TH NOVEMBER 2009 AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.

RESOLVED to adopt the minutes and the chairman initialled and signed the minutes

09/132. RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none

09/133. REQUESTS FOR REARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA ORDER

Some councillors had to leave the meeting prior to the end so the meeting was rearranged to accommodate this

09/134. PLANNING

A meeting had been arranged between Stamford Homes, the prospective purchaser of the development plot on Clay Lane, their PR agency, Remarkable, 3 councillors and the clerk.

09/135. SPEEDING AND SPEEDWATCH

There had been no response to the invitation to volunteer as speedwatch monitors. At the neighbourhood policing meeting which Cllr Richard Anker had attended, the matter of speeding in villages had been discussed in some detail. The police are fully supportive of the villages which start a speedwatch initiative. PC McCullum is aiming to take action in Castor and some ways of trying to alleviate the problem with persistent offenders was discussed by way of community action. It was agreed that the clerk would publicise the request by the police and highways safety to report specific incidences of speeding violations

09/136. PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING Cllr Jayne Mann reported on her attendance at this meeting

09/137. VILLAGE HALL Cllr Tracey Blackmore updated the meeting on the village hall trusteeship. Some documents had been found in the archives currently held by St Kyneburga Church which suggested that the trusteeship had been passed to the charity commission. A lawyer was looking at the papers and would advise in due course

09/138. PAYMENT

1. **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments

Date	Cheque	Description	Payee	Nett	VAT	Gross £
	S/O	Salary	S Rodger	398.83	0	398.83
2 Dec 09	000730	Office expenses	S Rodger	30.61	0	30.61
2 Dec 09	000731	Reimbursement of cash paid for Xmas tree plus hire of lighting	T Blackmore	200.00	0	200.00

Chairman's Initials

2 Dec 09	000732	Farmers Cross plaque	P'oro' Engraving & City signs	273.00	40.95	313.95
2 Dec 09	000734	CPRE membership	CPRE	29.00	0	29.00
2 Dec 09	000735	Society of Local Council Clerks SLCC membership (£59)	SLCC	59.00	0	59.00
2 Dec 09	000736	submission of 3 CiLCA modules	SLCC	50.00	0	50.00
2 Dec 09	000737	Fittings for allotment pipes	A Smith	16.50	0	16.50
2 Dec 09	000739	Balance of grant money for farmers cross project	W M Baxter	125.00	0	125.00
2 Dec 09	000740	Intense CiLCA training	Northants CALC	25.00	0	25.00
	733 + 738	Cancelled cheques	TOTAL	1206.94	40.95	£1,247.89

- b) **Accounts to date** - were circulated in advance of the meeting
- c) **2010/11 Budget** – The revised draft proposal for the 2010/11 budget and precept had been circulated in advance of the meeting and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the budget, a copy of which is appended to these minutes AND **RESOLVED** to set the total precept at £11,321.00

09/139. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2009 NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE

ON THE AGENDA:

- Cross Keys** – The clerk had followed up on her letter to the housing association, but there had been no response. A follow up approach is necessary by the clerk
- Decommissioned BT phone box** – Peterborough City Council had written advising that they have instructed BT not to remove any phone boxes

Clerk

09/140. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS: The reports had been dealt with earlier in the meeting due to the rearrangement of matters

09/141. QUALITY STATUS It was agreed that this remained something the Council would strive to attain, but currently with only one elected member and the clerk to complete her CiLCA modules, it was still a little way off. In the meantime, the necessary preparations would proceed.

09/142. ARCHIVIST. One person had been approached, but had declined the opportunity. Efforts would continue to try to identify a way of archiving village records

Cllrs Tracey Blackmore and Jayne Mann left the meeting at this point

09/143. PLAY AREA REPAIR The clerk was instructed to chase up the department at the city council

09/144. HCA SIGNS: There had been no response from the letters sent to HCA¹. PCC² had been very supportive in its endeavours to reach a solution with the Parish Council and HCA¹

Clerk

09/145. Future agenda items: Village hall, Neighbourhood Council, Quality Status, speeding, Cross Keys, Archivist, Play area repairs, HCA signs

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6TH JANUARY 2010

APPROVED BY CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL		
Signature of Chairman of approving meeting:		Date: 6th January 2010

¹ HCA – Homes and Communities Agency

² PCC – Peterborough City Council