

# CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 in Castor village hall, 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: John Taylor (Chair), Richard Anker, William Baxter, Brain Goode, John Howard, Jayne Mann and Andy Martin plus the clerk, PCC<sup>1</sup> Councillors Diane Lamb and John Holdich,

ACTION / NOTES

#### 10/194. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Tracey Blackmore was on holiday and Cllr John Howard was held up at work. Apologies accepted.

#### 10/195. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2010 AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.

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

#### 10/196. RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

*Declarations  
of interest*

#### 10/197. REQUESTS FOR REARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA ORDER

None

#### 10/198. PLANNING

- a) Clay Lane. There was a meeting arranged between the Parish Council and Stamford Homes to discuss the traffic management scheme for 20<sup>th</sup> April. A discussion ensued regarding the Horse Chestnut tree on Clay Lane, but it was acknowledged that the fate of the tree lay in the hands of the owners of the land in which it is sited
- b) 10/00118/OUT – Land to the rear of 12 Church Hill Castor, 4 bedroom 2 storey dwelling. It was agreed not to make any objections
- c) Peterborough City Council Peterborough Local Development Framework, Site Allocations, Preferred Options.. After some discussion, it was agreed that the council would submit a comment regarding the planning permission for site H087 as the document stated scope for 42 dwellings, but the permission is for 25. The comment would also be made that the Council fully supports the sites put forward in the preferred options document and is in agreement that no other sites near Ailsworth and Castor should be considered.

#### 10/199. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- a) Resolved to approve the following payments:

Date	Cheque	Description	Payee	Net	VAT	Gross £
30 Mar 10	s/o	Salary	S Rodger	398.83	0	398.83
7 April 10	000747	Roof at village hall	J S Roofing	2925.00	511.87	3436.87
7 April 10	000748	Landscaping recharges	Peterborough City Cl	282.85	49.50	332.35
			TOTAL	3606.68	0	£4,168.05

Chairman's Initials

- b) The accounts were presented at the meeting and there were no queries arising.
- c) The matter of the asset register was revisited and a lengthy discussion ensued. It was explained that assets should be valued at replacement / insurance value and land at a nominal £1. The clerk undertook to resend the explanatory document sent the previous week again. It was resolved to approve the annual accounts for audit at 31st March 2010 and resolved to approve accounting statements, (part 1 of the audit return) and resolved to approve the annual governance statement, (part 2 of the audit return)

**10/200.MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**

- a) Cross Keys / overhanging vegetation at Benams Close – Ongoing and in hand
- b) Archivist – In hand
- c) Grazing land request – Resolved, he would be applicant is renting from a farmer
- d) HCA signage – Updated information had been received and HCA is looking to reduce the number of signs after enforcement action by PCC<sup>1</sup>
- e) Speeding – Feedback was being received via the website and automatically going to the police
- f) Stile at FerryField – PCC<sup>1</sup> has retracted its concerns about the stile because it is not on the Nene Way

**10/201.ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS**

The chairman gave a short update on the Woodlands Sports complex, which indicated that things might progress in a positive direction as far as the village was concerned. The chairman also noted that it was with much regret that he had received the resignation from the Council of Councillor Brian Goode.

The clerk advise that she would be away for the next week, but still contactable by mobile and email.

**10/202.ELECTIONS AND PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION.** The clerk had organised the distribution of nomination papers and had hand 5 to PCC<sup>1</sup> and 2 had been delivered by councillors. To date no information had been received indicating any problem with the papers so it was presumed that no additional nominations had been received and the election would therefore be uncontested. It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be on 19<sup>th</sup> May and that the annual parish meeting and the annual meeting of the parish council would take place on the same evening.

**10/203.NEW MODEL STANDING ORDERS** It had previously been agreed that the aim would be to adopt these at the annual/first meeting of the new council and this was an opportunity to raise any topics, but there were none forthcoming.

**10/204.TRAINING** The clerk requested that the WWYC<sup>2</sup> training documentation could be updated and was advised that this had already been agreed.

**10/205.CORRESPONDENCE, TO INCLUDE:**

- i. Planning permissions
- ii. The launch of the new Call Connect plus service
- iii. CPRE 'Fieldwork' publication

**10/206.FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / AOB TO BE CARRIED FORWARD**

The chairman thanked Cllr Brian Goode for his years of service to the Parish Council and invited the Parish Councillors and clerk to a gathering in honour of Cllr Goode and his wife.

A short discussion took place regarding the unsightly track marks in the verge by the A47 slip

road – the chairman undertook to speak with a local farmer

The southern side of Loves Hil / Peterborough Road was mentioned – PCC was supposed to have cleared back the foliage in the autumn but road signs were becoming obscured again – Clerk to deal with

**The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

<b>APPROVED BY CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Signature of Chairman of approving meeting:</b>		<b>Date: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010</b>

<sup>1</sup> PCC – Peterborough City Council

<sup>2</sup> WWYC = Working with your Council – for clerks and councillors

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