

# CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Castor School, 7.56pm following the annual parish meeting and the annual meeting of the parish council

Present: Councillors: Andy Martin (Chair), Richard Anker, William Baxter, Tracey Blackmore, John Howard, and Andy Smith plus the clerk, and 2 members of the public

Before the start of the meeting, a discussion ensued regarding the clearance of the old A47 road to Gunwade Ferry after it had been occupied. The meeting felt that pressure should be put on the city council to proactively instigate preventative measures to stop caravans and the like entering the area, rather than keep clearing up after their eviction and departure. Pressure would be maintained on the city councillors and the neighbourhood management team and possibly an FOI request made to find out clean up costs. Cllr Blackmore reported to the meeting on the meeting that she had had with Stamford Homes regarding traffic management, with Cllr Richard Anker, Cllr John Taylor and the clerk present.

**ACTION / NOTES**

#### 10/207. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Jayne Mann was on holiday. Apologies accepted.

#### 10/208. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2010 AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.

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

#### 10/209. RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

*Declarations  
of interest*

#### 10/210. REQUESTS FOR REARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA ORDER

None

#### 10/211. PLANNING

a) 10/00497/CTR 1 Clay Lane – Fell one Apple tree . No objections

b) Access over green to 10 Manor Farm Lane. Under minute 09/180, the council had, with the party concerned in attendance at that meeting, agreed to access over the green in order to gain access to the rear of 10 Manor Farm Close for the removal of garden rubble etc. In the meantime, it had been realised that the arrangement made then might not protect the green sufficiently. It was agreed that in order to grant an access licence, the contractor would have to agree paying surveyor's fees for the inspection of the area both before and after the work is carried out and that the shortest route would be used, removing one or more of the stone monoliths around the green.

#### 10/212. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Resolved to approve the following payments:

Cheque Date	Cheque	Description	Payee	Net	VAT	Gross £
30/4/10	s/o	Salary	S Rodger	398.83		398.83
19 May 10	000749	Clerk's expenses	S Rodger	13.10		13.10
			TOTAL	411.93	0	£ 411.93

Chairman's Initials

As the cheque book was packed up to leave with the auditor, it was not possible to sign the cheque

b) Nothing had been received.

**10/213.MATTERS ARISING from previous meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010**

- a) Cross Keys / The area manager had visited the house in question and the decision regarding fencing was with the senior management. This progress was brought about by the intervention of the new neighbourhood management tea,
- b) Loves Hill overhanging vegetation – this had been referred back to highways

**10/214.ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS**

The official resignation of Cllr John Taylor was acknowledged. Thanks for his outstanding contribution to the Parish Council had been made earlier in the evening at the Annual Parish Meeting. The allotments were mentioned – there is a short waiting list.

**10/215.ELECTIONS AND PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION.** The clerk explained that access to legal advice should be made in the first instance via CPALC<sup>1</sup> who would if necessary seek further clarification from central NALC<sup>2</sup>. If the case arose for a need for legal work, in some cases, next tier local authorities are willing to act and are a useful resource as they have the advantage of understanding local council legal matters and are competitively prices

**10/216.LIGHTING – CHURCH WALK** A request had been received regarding additional lighting in Church Walk. The council is concerned over this matter and will bring to the attention of the authority responsible for street lighting in the village (the parish council is not responsible for lighting). It was generally felt to be the case that the access road is an unadopted road and that the village is fortunate to have a light under such circumstances and that PCC would not be in a position to assist.

**10/217.CORRESPONDENCE, TO INCLUDE:**

- i. CPALC membership services leaflets

**10/218.FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / AOB TO BE CARRIED FORWARD**

There are now two vacancies on the council which need to be filled.

Other future items – training, quality status, plaque on chairmans' bench, Tweentown – ratification of instructions to sort out stop cock.

**The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.57pm**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2010**

<b>APPROVED BY CASTOR PARISH COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Signature of Chairman of approving meeting:</b>		<b>Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010</b>

1 CPALC = Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils

2 NALC = National Association of Local Councils