

Geldeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2009 At 7.30pm in the Village Hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: E Peters, T Morton, B Ashcroft, M Fenwick, J Tuttle, R Edmunds and A Norman

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: Mr M Peters, M J Oxley, Mr & Mrs Gascoigne, Mr R Whitwell, Mr S Rolt, Mr T Game, Mr J Crowfoot.

Minutes taken by L Seary

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Crime Report:**

The Council were advised that the school bus, which collects children from the village, is seen regularly speeding in the village. LS to investigate the company responsible and inform them.

AN advised the council that someone was found walking down their lane. The person was asked to leave but people are reminded to be aware of unknown people wondering around.

4. **Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 10th June 2009** Proposed by; AN,
Seconded by: JT. All agreed.

5. **Action Plan Progress**

Target 1: The Environment; wildlife & footpaths

- 5.1. Footpaths RE informed the Council that the footpaths have been cut well however the part by the Three Rivers is again badly littered and has maybe been used as a toilet.
Contact Colin Hart – Broads Auth Ranger
- 5.2. Composting. Not as much is being composted as in previous years so a note will be placed in the village mag.
- 5.3. Tree Wardens Mr & Mrs Gascoigne have decided to resign as tree wardens. EP expressed thanks for their hard work.
Advert to go in village mag (Tidings) for new tree warden.

Target 2: Improving Parish Amenities

5.4. Memorial Hall

Windows are complete and the roof on the kitchen area will be completed

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in the future. The committee is currently looking for further grants. All agreed the windows look great.

5.5. Playground

JT reported that it is being well used and he has received positive comments since it has been updated. There have been several visits from the police about underage drinking and antisocial behaviour. A bin is still required. LS provided general cost for suitable bins. LS to purchase a bin for the playground. Proposed EP, seconded BA. Agreed.

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Target 3: Plan Documents

5.9 Flood Management.

LS contacted BESL re Geldeston flood alleviation project. The consultation paperwork will be available within the next few weeks. Neil Smith has offered to attend the Sept meeting. All agreed this would be helpful.

Confirm meeting with Neil Smith

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6. Correspondence

- SNC –planning rejection for 4 property development
- NALC – confirmation of the upcoming AGM
- NCC – leaflet about managing money for residents
- NCC – change of phone numbers.

7. New Issues:

Parking request from Locks Inn.

Locks Inn has requested the use of the sports field in Station Road for parking on specific dates. EP had been to see Mr Smith to discuss the request. EP has also contacted the local residents to the sports field to gain their opinion.

Concerns raised were:

Late night traffic, noise, people camping and / or staying over in the field, rubbish, party continuing in the field after the event has finished.

Benefits:

Cars off the road, supporting village pub.

The PC discussed the issue at length and invited comments from those in attendance at the meeting and read correspondence from villagers. The PC considered allowing the request, allowing a trial of the use of the field, (to include a number of restrictions / rules), or to decline the request.

The PC voted on whether, in principle, to allow the use of the field on 1 occasion at the end of August.

3 votes for, 3 votes against, 1 abstain. Not agreed. EP agreed to discuss further with Mr Smith to suggest alternatives.

8. Parish 10

- 8.1 Mr Oxley reminded the PC about the village fete on Saturday 11th July. Donations of plants, produce or gardening related items welcome.
- 8.2 Mr Crowfoot informed the PC that the flood defence in Station Road has been plugged but the valves are not fully working. Concern was raised as to who is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the valves. It was hoped this would be covered by the flood project from BESL.

9. Finance

The clerk sought approval for new items of expenditure and provided the council with information on the current status of the bank accounts.

Proposed JT, seconded BA. Agreed.

12. Any other business -

Tony Game advised the Council:

Wherry pub has been voted for in the pub of the year competition.

Gypsy & Travellers sites are not yet confirmed. Transitional sites are being considered and they are looking at small enclosed lay-bys.

SNC income has decreased by £1.8m due mainly to the low price of recycling and a reduction in planning applications. They are reducing costs by a freeze on staffing levels.

Meetings:

Next meeting: 9th September 2009 @ 7.30 pm.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm