

# Geldeston Parish Council

## **Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

### COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

R. Edmunds, E. Peters, A Norman and M Fenwick

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mr M Peters and Mr S Rolt

Minutes taken by Lucy Seary

## **WELCOME**

Council Chairlady welcomed all in attendance

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

B Ashfield, J Tuttle and T Morton

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None

### **3. CRIME REPORT**

EP had attended the SNAP meeting for the area and highlighted the issue of underage drinking in the village to the police.

### **5. ACTION PLAN PROGRESS**

#### **Target 1: The Environment – wildlife & footpaths**

##### 5.1 Footpaths

MF confirmed that the footpaths in the village are generally in good shape. The PC discussed the current plans to change Leydon Lane into a Byway.

##### 5.2 Saw Pit tree

Mr D Weir would like to donate a winter flowering cherry tree to replace the plum tree that had to be felled. All agreed.

##### 5.3 Composting

MF queried whether a grant has been received to replace the cost of stolen items last year.

LS to follow up.

Composting group will be meeting in July to discuss whether they should run as a separate group to that of the PC.

#### **Target 2: Improving Parish Amenities**

##### 5.4 Bottle Bank

A quote of £100 has been received from Mr Rolt to undertake fencing and planting work to screen the bottle bank area. Mr Rolt left the room while the quote was discussed. The PC all

left the building to discuss in situ the location of the new proposed fencing. All agreed on the work and the quote.

### 5.5 Village Hall

The VH has received a bill for the new windows of £4600 (inc VAT) which was passed to the PC for payment.

### 5.6 Playground

A new bin is required for the playground. The PC were shown a few possible types. LS to investigate further.

## **Target 4: Plan Documents**

### 5.7 Flood Alleviation

AN declared an interest as a local land owner affected by the BESL flood defence project. AN asked if the PC could contact BESL to ensure the PC is kept informed of proceedings and how it will affect the village footpaths.

LS to contact BESL.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **May 2009 / June 2009**

The clerk read out correspondence:

- Letter from SNC re. Applying for the bottle bank grant which has been completed and returned.
- Insurance policy from Community First (Zurich policy)

## **7. NEW ISSUES**

### 7.1 Playing Field Parking re Locks Inn

The PC has received a request from the Locks Inn asking to use the field on Station Road as a car park for events held at the pub. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the PC insurance policy would cover this for public liability. The PC discussed the request and it was agreed that EP would contact Mr C Smith to gain further information. It was also agreed that it would be discussed further at the next meeting when more councillors should be in attendance.

## **8. PARISH 10**

### 8.1 Village Fete

The Village Fete is on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Mr Oxley will be running a charity plant stall and would welcome donations.

## **9. FINANCE**

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

Expenditure to be agreed:

1. Clerk salary
2. Clerks expenses

3. Insurance premium
4. Clerks training day

Proposed RE. Seconded MF.

## **10. PLANNING**

The PC discussed the current plans for wind turbines at Ringsfield. The PC was undecided on the subject with some Councillors for and some against the proposals.

## **11. AOB**

### 11.1 Saffron site meeting

A site visit with Saffron Housing Trust and the PC is being held on 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm – meet outside the Village Hall.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Next meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 9pm.