

Geldeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall on 14th July 2010

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

J Tuttle (Chair), E Peters, R. Edmunds, T Morton, A Norman

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mr M Peters, Mr T Game (SNC)

Minutes taken by Lucy Seary

WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs M Fenwick, Mrs B Ashfield

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

3. CRIME

No crime was reported to the police last month in Geldeston. The police watch scheme has sent a notice to remind people not to leave valuables on display, particularly during the hot weather when windows may be left open.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 16TH JUNE 2010

Proposed RE, Seconded TM. All agreed.

ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

5. Target 1: The Environment – wildlife & footpaths

5.1 Glow worm & archaeological walks

AN advised the council the glow worm walks, by the ecologist from BESL, were very successful and well attended by villagers. In addition the archaeological walk around the posts found during the river bank work was very positive. AN asked if an information board / interpretation board could be provided to for tourists / visitors to know what was found. LS to follow up.

5.2 Layden Lane

LS contacted Anglian water regarding the leak and was told it would be investigated within 5 days. LS to follow up and see what has been done.

LS contacted NCC regarding the blocked area of Layden Lane and was told the clearance was the responsibility of the land owners as it is from their hedges. They would, however, check to see if they could clear it during their next verge cutting.

Target 2: Improving Parish Amenities

5.3 Village fete

LS read an email from Mr Oxley asking for all plant contributions to the fete to be dropped off at his house before Saturday morning, or at the fete.

5.4 GREEN

A reminder that the GREEN picnic is planned for Sunday 18th July.

5.5 Sports field

A bale has been placed in front of the sports field gates to aid security of the site. JT to arrange removal of bale for the fete & picnic weekend and then ask for it to be put back. LS to thank the farmer for assisting the council in this way.

Target 3: Road Safety

5.6 Sign post

LS read an email from NCC confirming they have ordered signs to be placed at the end of Stockton Road and in Kirby Cane to advise lorries not to take the Geldeston route to get to the grain store.

5.7 Geldeston Hill

RE asked if the PC could request a sign for the top of Geldeston Hill to advise drivers that children play in that area. LS to ask NCC.

5.8 Buses

AN asked if there had been a response to our previous complaint about the speed of buses through the village. AN had again witnessed excessive speeds of the buses in the village. LS confirmed she had written again but has had no reply. LS to follow up.

Target 4: Planning Documents

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

June 2010 / July 2010

LS read correspondence from Broads Auth advising prior approval was not required for the erection of a steel framed agricultural building at Willow farm, Ellingham.

7. NEW ISSUES

None.

8. PARISH 10

TG (SNC) advised the council that information has been sent out regarding funding / grants for sports fields and village halls. LS confirmed these had been forwarded by email to Mr Norman and Mr Cracknell.

Paperwork as part of the Joint Core Strategy is due to be sent out at some point in August which will form part of the public consultation on parcels of land that have been put forward for development.

9. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the proposed expenditure and the current status of the bank accounts. Proposed TM, seconded AN. All agreed.

TM questioned the amount of money held for the composting group. The council discussed the 'ownership' and purpose of the money and wish to discuss it further at the next meeting.

10. PLANNING

Dunburgh Farm - Retrospective planning permission has been made for the area of the farm used for pickles & chutneys. LS has not yet received the paperwork but it is available on the internet. No concerns raised. LS to forward the web link to the plans for councillors to view.

11. AOB

Meeting Frequency

EP informed the council of her suggestions regarding the frequency of the PC meetings. EP suggested 7 meetings per year would be adequate. The PC discussed the possibility of changing the numbers of meetings and raised concerns regarding planning applications and informing the public of the dates of the meetings. LS to email councillors with EPs suggestions for consideration. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting Wednesday 8th September 2010 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 8.35pm