

Geldeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall on 13th October 2010

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr J Tuttle (Chair), E Peters, R. Edmunds, M Fenwick, A Norman, B Ashfield

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mr Purland, Mr and Mrs Harrison, Mr Norman, Mr Rolt, Mr Crowfoot and Mr Peters

Minutes taken by Lucy Seary

WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr T Morton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

BA: re. Dunburgh Farm

3. CRIME

1 crime reported to Police during September. RE advised the Council she had reported a stolen bicycle which was returned later the same day. JT had seen someone trying to gain entry to a house in Kells Acre.

4. MINUTES OF 8TH SEPTEMBER

Minutes proposed EP, seconded AN. All agreed.

5. UPDATE ON THE GREEN PROJECT

Mr Norman updated the PC on the information gained for the GREEN project and asked the PC for agreement to take the project forward. Mr Norman detailed the different options with regard to gaining planning permission for the site, which depend on whether the composting group move location to be part of the GREEN project on the Station Road site.

Mr Oxley had written to the Poors Trust (land owner) and asked if they are supportive of the proposed changes. The Trust (of which 3 trustees are also on the PC) requested that any money raised from the use of the land (ie. Allotments) should be used for the upkeep and enhancement of the land.

Mr Norman advised the PC that the current population of rabbits on the field would need to be managed before the land could be used effectively. The adjacent land owner has expressed concerns regarding the current rabbit issue and the destruction on the land and crops. The PC agreed to consider options to manage the problem at the next meeting after Mr Norman and JT have met to discuss options and get quotes. The Council agreed that, as long as the rabbit population can be managed, and grants can be found to fund it, then the project should go forward.

ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

6. Target 1: The Environment – wildlife & footpaths

6.1Footpaths

The footpaths at the end of Kells Way, by the bungalows are in a very bad condition because of the tree roots damaging the path and the lighting is very poor. LS to follow up with Saffron. Mr Crowfoot informed the PC he has a map of the tree work due to be done in the area and suggested the work should be covered within this plan.

6.2 BESL walk

AN apologised for not attending the walk with BESL.

Target 2: Improving Parish Amenities

6.3Village Hall

The village hall committee are missing a ledger with historical financial details regarding the hall. The PC were asked to contact Mr Gates to ask for the ledger as it is believed he has it. EP agreed to ask Mr Gates in person.

6.4 Playground

LS informed the PC that NCC had said that no sign would be placed on Geldeston Hill alerting drivers that children are playing. A sign would only be placed if the entrance to the play area was on the hill.

Target 3: Road Safety

6.5 Road safety

LS informed the PC that she had phoned Anglian Buses to complain that we had not had a response to our previous correspondence and that the buses are driving too fast.

Drainage – the drains are blocked by Fir Tree farm and by the village Hall. LS to contact Highways.

Target 4: Planning Documents

None

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Oct 2010

LS read out and listed the correspondence.

8. NEW ISSUES

The PC received an email from neighbours of Dunburgh Farm. LS read the email to the PC. The PC discussed the concerns raised in the email and asked Mr and Mrs Harrison about the septic tank issue. The PC was happy that the issues raised in the email were under the observations on the Environment Agency and that Natural England were monitoring the conditions of the SSSI. LS to respond.

9. PARISH 10

Mr Rolt expressed concerns regarding the footpath (Dunburgh end) which is already flooded. LS to follow up with BESL.

Mr Crowfoot asked if the PC had received further comment regarding the valves. LS confirmed that we had previously received an email from BESL confirming whose responsibility it is, but could not recollect the exact content of the email. LS to find a copy of the email.

Mr Norman advised the PC of the films which will be shown in the village hall. Posters will be displayed around the village. Carol singing will be held in the village on 20th Dec.

RE raised a concern about a car that parks at the top of Big Row blocking the pavement. AN will put a note on the window.

9. FINANCE

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

10. PLANNING

Kells Acre – planning application approved.

RE commented that she does not seem to receive the planning applications that are circulated amongst councillors. The councillors agreed that sometimes the paperwork does not get circulated quickly enough. LS emails all councillors with the planning reference information before the paperwork is circulated to give all a chance to see the planning app incase the paperwork does not arrive. EP suggested a planning committee of 3 people. It was agreed that the planning paperwork is given to RE first.

LDF – will need to be included on the agenda for next month. LS to put the map on the noticeboard.

11. AOB

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting Wednesday 10th November 2011 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 9pm