

Geldeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall on 8th September 2010

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

T Morton (Chair), E Peters, R. Edmunds, M Fenwick, A Norman

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mrs J Somani, Ms M Rose, Mr N

Minutes taken by Lucy Seary

WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr J Tuttle, Mrs B Ashfield

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

3. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE GOODS SHED, STATION ROAD

Ms J Somani is the owner of the Goods Shed in Station Road. Ms Somani presented photographs and literature regarding the history of the Goods Shed and informed the Council of her wish to gain residential planning permission for the property. SNC has deemed the building unsuitable for business use due to the size and location, and the future of the building could either be for residential use, or demolished. Mrs Somani asked the Council to consider supporting her request for its use as a residential building as it has great historical benefit to the village. The Council were invited to look around the property if they wished. SNC have advised Mrs Somani that they would be happy for a planning application to be made, however the Environment Agency will not allow residential development in a flood area. Any planning application would need to go in front of the planning committee for consideration where Mrs Somani will put forward her argument for consideration of residential use. The Council will consider further when the plans have been completed.

4. CRIME

3 crimes were reported to police in August. 1 theft and 2 reports of violence against a person.

ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

5. Target 1: The Environment – wildlife & footpaths

5.1 Layden Lane

The lane is still overgrown and a fallen tree is blocking the lane. NCC have previously advised the Council that the blockage is the responsibility of the land owner. LS to contact Mr Cook, Leet Hill Farm.

5.2 River bank

The river bank has not been cut this year, probably due to the closed footpaths. LS to contact Colin Hart.

LS confirmed the date for the PC walk around with BESL.

Target 2: Improving Parish Amenities

5.3 Composting

MF confirmed with the PC the agreements made for the composting group. The aim of the group is to offer compost to organisations and gain funding through the composting credits scheme. The group was set up as part of the PC and remains so. The credits have been paid to the PC for use within the parish, however the group expressed a wish to be consulted as to what the money was spent on, with the hope that the funds are spent to benefit as many people in the village as possible.

The trailer has been purchased, via grant funding, for village / community use and is insured through the PC insurance policy.

5.4 Playground

LS confirmed the inspection report has been received and given to JT to read and circulate. The report highlighted minor concerns that need attention.

Target 3: Road Safety

5.5 Road safety

LS confirmed a letter had been sent to Anglian buses but no response received as yet.

Target 4: Planning Documents

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

June 2010 / July 2010

LS handed out a written list of all correspondence received during the months of Aug and Sept.

7. NEW ISSUES

The Local Development Framework paperwork has arrived. Councillors viewed the map and identified that it proposed the same areas of land previously discussed some years ago. A thorough response had been given before by EP and JC and it was thought a similar response may be required this time. LS suggested a small group of Councillors get together to write a suitable response. AN suggested the map be put on the notice board for the villagers to view and for the Councillors to take note of their views at the next meeting.

8. PARISH 10

Ms Rose asked why the hay bale had been placed in front of the gates to the sports field, and was very glad it has been removed. LS confirmed it was placed there as a deterrent following information that it was a possible site for illegal travellers.

9. FINANCE

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

10. PLANNING

Kells Acre – additional white fence proposed around the communal green area.

11. AOB

Meeting Frequency

Councillors discussed the possibility of changing the number of meetings held by the PC each year. The council agreed that the present number of meetings worked well and that there was not a need to change.

12. MINUTES OF JULY 2010

Minutes proposed by MF, seconded AN. All agreed.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting Wednesday 13th October 2010 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 8.40pm