

Geldeston Parish Council

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

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mr M Peters, Mr T Game (SNC), Dr J Oxley, Mr B Norman, Mr T Tomkinson (NCC), Ms M Rose, Mr J Langran

Minutes taken by Lucy Seary

WELCOME

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Mr Morton re. Poplar trees (correspondence)

3. CRIME

Three crimes reported via Police report. The village hall window was also broken and flower pots overturned outside the pub. Mr Langran advised the Council that an old iron railway sign has been removed, which he believes was stolen and Mr Norman reported finding a bicycle outside his house.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING, JAN 2010:

Minutes of the meeting of the 10th March 2010 agreed. Proposed by MF, seconded TM. All agreed.

ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

5. Target 1: The Environment – wildlife & footpaths

5.1 Village Green Group

Mr Norman advised the Council that the village green group have met with villagers to discuss ideas. They are currently thinking about costings and possible layouts, and will be meeting with Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Mr Norman asked the Council if it would be possible to hold a village event on the field on the 18th July. The Council agreed in principle. Mr Norman has attended a course called 'how green is your village' and suggested a tree nursery could be started on the field, where villagers donate local trees to be grown on and replanted. He also suggested a trial veg plot to check that the soil is suitable to grow.

JT advised that he did not cut the hedge in the sports field (March minutes) and it is now too late in the season. He suggested a hedge laying demonstration could be part of the event day.

5.2 Playground

EP asked LS to arrange an inspection. JT was unsure if it would pass the inspection but it was considered to be a sensible next step (following the previous vandalism) to be aware of what work now needs to be done.

5.3 Dog Bin

RE asked if the dog bin could be placed. EP agreed to sort out before the next meeting.

5.4 Village signs

LS has contacted NCC and SNC about the missing signs and has received confirmation that they are being looked at. Some signs have been changed and the Council were advised that the 30mph sign by the Clumps has fallen down. LS to advise NCC.

5.5 Roads

Pot holes have appeared along Station Road by the cross roads which need repairing. Also the Anglian Bus that drives through the village drives particularly fast. LS to contact Anglian Buses.

Target 4: Planning Documents

None

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mar 2010 / April 2010

NCC Re. Standards and Ethics committee – asking for the PC to vote for a candidate

SNC poster for the notice board re. Safe In South Norfolk

Poplar tree – from Ms Palmer

Planning application for Hannays (SNC)

7. NEW ISSUES

The Council received a letter regarding the Poplar Trees along the Gillingham / Geldeston Boarder. The letter highlighted concerns regarding the work done to the trees and requested that the Council ask the land owner to fell and replace the trees. Mr Morton (land owner) addressed the points raised in the letter and advised the Council that the trees were cut back to make them more manageable with a hedge cutter. The Poplar tree is a fast growing tree and it is expected that re-growth will show before the end of the season and the trees can then be managed as a standard hedge. As Mr Morton did not fell the trees he did not believe a felling licence was required. JT had heard comments from other villagers about the mess and uneven cutting of the trees. TM confirmed that, once the area had been cleared, that they would all be cut to an even level. The Council were reassured by Mr Mortons response and did not find it necessary to ask him to fell and replace the trees. LS to respond to Ms Palmer.

8. PARISH 10

Brian Norman – the last cinema showing of the season is Julie & Juliet showing on 28th April.

Tony Game (SNC) still working with NCC on the Brown Signs. Will advise the Council when he has further information.

Mr Langran – A footpath sign has fallen at the bottom of Layden Lane. Asked if a survey could be completed to ensure the footpaths are all signposted correctly. MF advised that one was completed 2 years ago and new signs put up that were required. EP asked Mr Langran to do the survey, which he agreed.

A large black Labrador has been seen running around the village with a red collar. Ms Rose believes it is Tyson, belonging to Mr Smith from the Locks Inn. EP agreed to ring Mr Smith.

9. FINANCE

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

10. PLANNING

Hannays, Farthing Green – 2010/0470 – No comments

11. AOB

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 12th at 7pm in the village hall.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting Wednesday 12th May 2010 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.45pm