

Geldeston Parish Council

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

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

R. Edmunds, B. Ashfield, E. Peters, A Norman, M. Fenwick and J Tuttle

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mr M Peters, Mr T Tomkinson (NCC), Mr J Crowfoot, Mr B Norman

Minutes taken by Lucy Seary

WELCOME

Council Chairlady welcomed all in attendance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mr T Morton

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Mrs B Ashfield: BESL C25a (land owner)

Mrs A Norman: BESL C25a (land owner)

3. CRIME

A break in was reported in the EDP in Station Road, Geldeston. AN asked if there was still a crime alert system where villagers are informed if there are crimes happening in your area. LS informed the Council that we are emailed the statistics for the area each month but was not aware of a crime alert system. LS to discuss with PC Rose.

4. MINUTES OF MEETING, NOV 2009:

Minutes amended to include 'Mr Cracknell passed on information about a village orchard he has visited' under point 7. Approval of amended minutes proposed by MF. Seconded by JT.

Minutes were approved.

5. ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

Target 1: The Environment – wildlife & footpaths

5.1 Footpaths

The water main in Leyden Lane is still a problem.

LS to follow up. Anglian water Ref ; 34826906

5.2 Trees

Mr Crowfoot (tree warden) advised the PC that he has been looking at the trees in the village and checking those with a TPO. A few Sycamores will be taken down and a few Ash from the river bank.

RE expressed concerns that following trees being removed along the footpath towards Gillingham, it has been left very bare and open. The trees should grow back as the roots have not been removed.

Target 2: Improving Parish Amenities

5.3 Village Signs

Mr Smith from the Locks Inn has asked if a Geldeston sign could be put up along the river to encourage boats to come along to Geldeston.

LS to make enquires with the Broads Authority.

5.4 Sports field

The PC agreed that a small committee / working group should be set up to take forward the ideas for the various possible uses for the playing field. Two councillors would meet to agree a remit / guidelines of the project. Villagers will be invited to the next meeting to put forward ideas and hopefully agree to join the committee. LS to include a piece in Tidings.

Target 4: Planning Documents

5.5 Flood Alleviation Project (C25a)

LS informed the PC that we had been left off the recipient list for the BESL planning application, and after phoning them regarding this, had only just received the information. Additionally the information had been received with different dates with which to respond. LS to confirm with Andy Scales (Broads Auth) that we would respond within 21 days.

BA enquired about the meeting held with BESL in Nov. EP outlined the meeting and LS confirmed the minutes from the meeting were on the notice board and have been emailed to councillors. There are still concerns regarding the long term maintenance of the existing footpath. BA advised the council that the plans are not totally accurate. When she had met with BESL about the Boathouse the plans didn't show the telegraph pole which would be right in the middle of the bank.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Dec 2009 / Jan 2010

The clerk read out correspondence.

1. Anglian water re. VAT rates
2. SNAP meeting posters
3. Norfolk Police – inviting input re budget options
4. Saffron housing – email re footpaths
5. SNC re BT adopt a phone scheme (email)

7. NEW ISSUES

AN asked if additional copies of the minutes and agenda could be made for the public attending the meetings, and could there be a small inclusion in Tidings each month from GPC. LS confirmed the minutes are available in the pub and on the notice board before the meeting and a piece is sent for inclusion in Tidings, however there was confusion regarding the Dec / Jan copy where LS thought there was a Jan edition rather than a Dec edition. LS to confirm in the next Tidings where the minutes are available.

8. PARISH 10

8.1 Kells Acre

JT advised the PC that recent problems in the Kells Acre area have settled down.

8.2 Gritting

RE asked about the route of the gritting lorry and whether Stockton Hill could be included as it is part of the emergency route in to the village. RE commended the good job done by the gritters this year.

8.3 Playing field / projector

LS asked the PC if they would be interested in a presentation from Brian Norman about the website, using the new projection equipment. Also Jolyon Oxley has put forward ideas for the playing field and Mr Norman has suggested he puts a presentation together with Mr Oxley of his ideas for the next meeting. All agreed a presentation on the sports field ideas for the Feb meeting and presentation on the web site for the March meeting.

8.4 Bus shelter

Mr Peters has fixed the bus shelter light and will work out how much the electricity cost will be so that we can pay the pub. The light fitting is in poor repair and will need replacing at some point.

9. FINANCE

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

Proposed RE. Seconded BA.

10. PLANNING

BESL planning app previously discussed. (see point 5.5)

11. AOB

11.1 Composting Group

MF advised the PC that a cheque for the composting group has gone missing which she is chasing up. The composting group will be opening their own bank account as part of the grant requirements for the new trailer. MF asked if LS could contact our insurance company to check if the composting group will still be covered by our insurance policy if they have their own account and constitution, though still be a sub committee of the PC. LS to follow up.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting Wednesday 10th February 2010 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 9.20pm.