Cadeby Parish Council Meeting Thursday 10th April 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Winterbottom (Chair)

Councillor Winterpottom (Chair Councillor Lane

Councillor Smith

11 Members of the public

Councillor Morgan Claire Evans (Clerk)

Apologies

Councillor Tina Chastney, PC Mike Chapman, Councillor Ivan Ould, Councillor Freeman

Declarations of Interest

None

To receive and approve requests for dispensations on matters in which members have a disclosable pecuniary interest

None received

Public participation and review of the process

Following enquiries from a parishioner, Councillor Winterbottom explained members of the public are welcome to speak at anytime during the course of the meeting, but asked they make themselves known and direct all comments to him as the Chairman.

Minutes from 28th February 2014 meeting

Approved and signed off as a true and accurate record.

Financial Report

Business Manager Account £4768.59 Community Account £685.53

Cheques as detailed on the agenda were presented and approved.

£24 Cadeby Church Hall Hire

£112.45 Membership of Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (LRALC)

Clerk asked for a £60 invoice to Leicestershire County Council (LCC) for website support to be agreed. Invoice received after agenda posted.

Planning Applications

14/00245/TPOCA Removal of two Ash trees Carneddi, Wood Lane

Councillor Winterbottom explained that TPOCA notifications from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council H&BBC are not planning applications. If the owner of a tree(s) within a conservation area wishes to do works, they are required to notify H&BBC of their intention. H&BBC have a six-week period to consider.

The only way to protect a tree(s) from works, is for H&BBC to make them subject to a tree preservation order (TPO.)

Councillors and the public raised the following concerns:

- The trees are mature specimens clearly visible from Wood Lane, and the crowns are prominent with views across the Cadeby Conservation Area
- The removal of two mature trees would have a significant adverse impact on the appearance and character of the conservation area and on the amenity enjoyed by residents and visitors to Cadeby
- No arboricultural survey is submitted, and no other details that show that the trees are not healthy or pose an imminent danger
- The possibility the Ash trees may succumb in the future to Ash dieback disease is not a sufficient reason for their removal. The removal of the trees doesn't therefore appear to be warranted or required at this time
- The owners have expressed an intention to seek to develop the site. There is a genuine concern the removal of the trees is proposed now to facilitate this development
 - The Parish Council considers there is a real and imminent threat of the trees being removed.

Residents from Wood Lane sent a petition to H&BBC to object to the proposed felling. The petition included 40 names and 20 letters of objection. H&BBC Conservation Officer Barry Whirrity and Councillor Tina Chastney had been contacted.

Agreed: To prevent any precipitous action to remove the trees, Cadeby PC to write to H&BBC and request the trees are made subject of a Tree Preservation Order to afford the appropriate measure of protection. This will ensure the impact of the removal of the trees will receive the proper assessment prior to being undertaken.

12/00370/FUL FP McCann, Brascote Lane

Mr & Mrs Glover approached Council with concerns that a new production unit at FP McCann was being built. They asked if appropriate planning was in place. The above application appeared to apply but was in fact granted for storage of materials, not for a production unit. H&BBC were contacted and a breach in planning control letter was sent to FP McCann giving them 28 days to address the situation.

Mr and Mrs Mark Glover from Rock Cottage, Brascote Lane made the following comments during public participation:

- They believe FP McCann were developing the site without planning permission.
- They felt more units meant more production and envisaged a time when the FP McCann site would resemble an industrial estate.
- They said business activity on the site can start between 4.30am and 5.30am. No restriction on the hours of working has been applied to the site in any planning permission granted. This is a significant omission. Restrictions are required to protect those living within close vicinity or the community as a whole from disturbance and nuisance arising from activities on the site being undertaken at inappropriate times of the day.
- Currently the site operates 6 days a week being closed on Sunday

• Increased production at the site has led to a significant increase in the volume of traffic using Brascote Lane, in the size and type of vehicles accessing the site and in the number of HGV's passing close to dwellings, particularly in the early hours of the day giving rise to disturbance.

Mr and Mrs Glover considered the activities associated with the operation of Cadeby Quarry were acceptable, but felt since McCann's took over from Jacksons, the cumulative impact arising from the increase in the size of facility and the operational practices followed, had resulted in a significant adverse impact on the amenity they enjoyed at their property.

Councillor Winterbottom advised Mr & Mrs Glover to write to H&BBC with their concerns and request a noise impact assessment and transport assessment be required to clarify the impact of the proposed works and the cumulative impact of the enlarged production facility. These documents can be required to be submitted with planning applications dependent on the size and type of the proposed development. The documents submitted with the application should published on the H&BBC website. This had already been actioned and Mr Glover felt it was his word against FP McCann's. Councillor Winterbottom suggested they gather as much evidence as they could and submit this to H&BBC, eg historical Google Earth aerial photography would show how the site has been developed over the years. Mr Glover wondered whether land adjacent to FP McCann was being sold to them which no doubt would result in increased business activity on the site. The application site plan should identify the extent of any land that adjoins the application site that is within the applicant's ownership. This would confirm whether any land has been acquired by FP McCann. Alternatively a search of Land Registry records should reveal recent land transactions.

Mr and Mrs Glover also asked if the Parish Council could investigate highway and verge condition (including the widening of the road by continual lorry use) on Brascote Lane. Clerk said following the 28th February Parish Council meeting, she had asked LCC Highways to look at and repair the potholes on Brascote Lane. LCC said the adopted public highway extended up to Freshfields bungalow, beyond this the route was a public right of way across private land and therefore outside their remit. Councillor Winterbottom commented the LCC had a responsibility for public rights of way and a duty to ensure the surface provided to a public right of way was appropriately maintained.

Councillor Winterbottom stated FP McCann should commence action to resolve the unauthorised development within 28 day period allowed by H&BBC. The Parish Council will be notified of any planning application submitted.

Agreed: Clerk to contact H&BBC regarding FP McCann's unauthorised development and what action is being taken. The Glovers concerns should be recorded and forwarded to H&BBC.

Withdrawn applications:

14/00100/FUL Erection of a new dwelling at Cadeby Hall (Mr and Mrs S Warner), and 2013/1001/04/HCON Change of use of an agricultural building to joinery workshop (retrospective) and erection of a log cabin at Bijou Stables, Brascote Lane.

Agreed: Clerk to seek clarification regarding what action H&BBC propose to take to resolve the unauthorised change of use

Newbold Verdon Solar Farm

Clerk displayed a booklet produced by PUSH Energy for councillors and members of the public to view. No formal application has been made. Councillor Winterbottom spoke about access routes and how PUSH Energy state "traffic will use existing access routes, vehicles will initially include HGVs but the post-construction maintenance team will only use 4x4s, small vans or cars." It was assumed access to the site would be from the Bosworth Road (just past Bull in the Oak) going towards Newbold Verdon on the first right hand bend.

Agreed: The Parish Council should be notified of any planning application submitted. Council to monitor.

Review and agree Cadeby Parish Council's Risk Assessment Document

Clerk emailed all councillors for review in readiness for the financial year-end and annual return sign-off, a copy of Cadeby Parish Council's new Risk Assessment Document.

Agreed: Approved

Assets of Community Value - Cadeby Church Hall

Agreed: defer to next meeting

Letter from Mr & Mrs Neil Straughan regarding A447

Mr & Mrs Straughan wrote to LCC Highways regarding dangerous overtaking on the A447 at the Brascote Lane/Rectory Lane junctions. In their opinion this has increased since the introduction of the 50mph speed limit. They felt a possible solution could be the introduction of a double solid white line and keep left bollards on Ashby Road adjacent to Rectory Lane/Brascote Lane. LCC Highways had responded and whilst they appreciated the Straughan's concerns, visibility on the A447 was good and they felt the junctions were adequately signed.

Agreed: Council noted Mr & Mrs Straughan's letter but agreed no further action at present due to good visibility, width of carriageway and the reduction in speed limit to 50mph.

Awards for All Funding – APP for visitors to Cadeby

Agreed: defer to next meeting

Revised Clerk's Job Description

Due to increase in Clerk's salary by £250 to £1750 per annum, Job Description was amended

Agreed: Chairman and Clerk re-signed.

Donation Request - Royal Leicestershire and Royal Anglian Regiments

Request for donation towards development of a memorial for regiments within the National Arboretum, to mark the outbreak of the First World War.

Agreed: £50 donation.

Any other business

Mrs Kenefeck commented that not all minutes appeared to be on the parish website. Clerk confirmed that a complete set should be available online, all except the draft minutes from February 2014 which were now approved.

Agreed: Clerk to check Parish Council website and update if necessary. In future a draft copy of minutes will be published online once these have been confirmed for accuracy. The final version will be published following formal approval by Councillors at the following Parish Council Meeting.