

Cadeby Parish Council Meeting Friday 15th March 2013 at 7pm

Present: Councillor Winterbottom (Chair) Councillor Smith
Councillor Morgan County Councillor Ivan Ould
Claire Evans (Clerk)
Members of the public: Mr and Mrs M Kenefeck

Apologies: Councillor Lane Councillor Freeman
PC Mike Chapman

Prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting, County Councillor Ivan Ould, gave his report.

The local Member of Parliament attended the Bosworth Community Forum on 14th March. Flooding at Sheepy, Shenton and Witherley was discussed. With effect from 2010, responsibility for flood prevention was given to Leicestershire County Council (LCC). Drainage from Stoke Golding and Dadlington to Shenton should be improved with the Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension, but communities are yet to be convinced that promises made in the past will materialise/solve the problem. In addition, Peckleton, Dadlington, Sutton Cheney, Shenton and Witherley communities are concerned about the impact the Barwell Sustainable Urban Extension will have on traffic volumes and cut-through.

The proposed erection of 7800, 2m high solar panels with security fence on ground adjacent to the recreation ground at Stoke Golding was discussed. There had been 15 letters of support for the scheme and 61 against. Councillor Ould submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Planning Department at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (H&BBC) where it was found 165 letters of objection were on file. Councillor Ould explained how voting and consultation on this matter had taken place, and H&BBC have reopened the planning application for public comment.

There is a new Shire Community Building Grant available (conditions – capital expenditure of £100,000 per annum and revenue expenditure of £24,000 per annum). This could be used potentially for any match funding. (Post meeting – Clerk to inform Diana Morgan, Cadeby Church Support Group.)

The Green Compost Site developer at Witherley, has asked for further talks with Witherley Parish Council.

Works are expected to begin in the Autumn at MIRA (report from the A5 Strategy Group Meeting).

Councillor Winterbottom asked Councillor Ould for advice on whom to approach regarding HGV vehicle damage to grass verges when doing u-turns at entrance to Brascote Lane. Leicestershire Highways would not repair verge if the road was curbed and suggestion made that posts may need to be put in. Additional grass verge damage highlighted in the dip and along verges at Rugby Club. Councillor Smith believed when additional parking was approved for the Rugby Club, it was agreed parking was to be marked out enabling more cars to come on site. Councillor Ould suggested the Parish Council invite Julie Tonks, Highways Inspector from LCC for a site visit.

Agreed: Clerk to contact Julie Tonks

Councillor Smith asked Councillor Ould for advice on the increasing rubbish problem at the Rugby Club. Councillor Smith had written to the Club's Secretary highlighting the problem and this resulted in an initial clean-up. Things seem to have regressed again. Councillor Ould agreed to speak discretely to the Club's Secretary.

Councillor Smith raised the demise of some village road markings. Councillor Ould again recommended Julie Tonks from LCC Highways review.

Councillor Ould was thanked for his contribution and the official Parish Council Meeting commenced.

Apologies

Received from Councillor Lane and Councillor Freeman

Minutes from 11th January 2013 meeting

Approved and signed off as a true and accurate record.

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

Public invited to participate

Financial Report

Business Manager Account £3632.10.

Cheques as detailed on the agenda (£48.40 clerk's salary and £26.60 PAYE) were signed off including £12 for Church Hall Hire March meeting.

Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2013/4 is £6.98 per elector. In 2012/3 just over £100 was spent on Section 137 expenditure including contributions to the Cadeby Jubilee Street Party and Christmas Party, £50 of which funded from the £50 Christmas donation from HBBC and not from precept.

Clerk updated council on all charitable requests held for consideration at financial year end. These included :

Leicestershire Citizens Advice Bureau
West Leicestershire Community First Responder Group
Leicestershire and Rutland Crimestoppers
Red Cross wheelchair appeal

Councillor Smith suggested the Parish Council have a declared policy on what local charity they would support over a possible 3 year period. This would enable the charities to plan ahead financially.

Agreed: Charities chosen should have direct relevance to Cadeby residents. Councillor Morgan proposed and it was seconded by Councillor Smith that £50 be donated to West Leicestershire First Responder Group and Leicestershire Citizens Advice Bureau. Charity requests partly funded by additional £50 found and not included in the draft budget (£50 VAT reclaim.)

Although too late to add to the agenda, Clerk presented a letter from Cadeby Church Supporters Group requesting a contribution towards the church roof repair appeal following a grant offer from English Heritage and Heritage Lottery Fund. There is a shortfall of £50,000 for which an appeal has been started.

Agreed: To be discussed at the May 2013 AGM.

Cadeby Church Hall update

Councillor Winterbottom gave a resume. The Diocese through the Consistory Court have formally applied to change the covenant which currently says the Church Hall can only be used as a parish room or church hall. Councillor Winterbottom explained that in his opinion the Consistory Court's remit is for churches and churchyards and not vicarages or other properties. He believes this should be dealt with by the Land Tribunal. This was highlighted by council in their letter to the Diocese.

Agreed: Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Council's (LRALC) solicitor offered advice following an initial email from the Clerk. Further details to be sent.

Amendment to Standing Orders

Initially an amendment to the Standing Order that allowed for only one quotation to be required on work to be undertaken of £100 or less, was tabled.

Agreed: £500 was agreed as a more appropriate figure. If work to be undertaken is over £500, three quotations are to be obtained unless the work is of such a specialist nature this proves impractical.

Village Hall Project and Parish Community Initiative Fund

Councillor Smith confirmed both grants have been completed and sent for approval. The Village Hall Project for 50% of the £350 noticeboard costs will be agreed upon later in March.

The Parish Community Initiative Fund has been completed for the other 50% of the noticeboard costs, plus a contribution towards the possible increase in the Clerk's workload with the developing Church renovation project, and the shortfall in Phase 1 of church building work. Phase 1 of the church renovations will be £21,000 with £16,500 being awarded leaving a shortfall of £4,500. This shortfall has been applied for under the Parish Community Initiative Fund.

Cash for your community grant from Leicestershire County Council

Agreed: Grant not to be considered currently

Community Governance Review Approval

Final recommendations from H&BBC are that the boundary line will be amended to include all properties on The Park following consultations with residents.

Councillor Winterbottom has been invited to the Market Bosworth Stakeholder Meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan does not include the properties on The Park which will at a later date become part of Market Bosworth (see above.)

Boundary Wall – Alan Davies, Planning Consultant from H&BBC

Agreed: Councillors do not support any plan to remove the boundary wall, Rectory Lane despite its poor state and would recommend renovation. Clerk to send letter of objection to Alan Davies on the grounds that H&BBC / owner would not be able to remove the wall without Conservation Area consent. If the wall was not retained, the village would lose an important and significant heritage feature. The old wall (and now new wall constructed by Mr and Mrs Stanworth of The Grange to mirror the old wall opposite) frames the village entrance.

The clerk read out part of the email from Alan Davies "I've consulted with the Authorities Conservation Officer, who has stated that he would prefer to see the wall retained as it is an important heritage feature in the village."

Concerns also expressed by council that any changes to the wall and entry would make development on the field easier. It is alleged drainage may have already been put in for future use.

Letter of objection to be copied to Nadine and James Stanworth and Councillor Winterbottom asked that a copy be posted on the village noticeboard.

Snow Warden Scheme

Agreed: Clerk to contact LCC for further information

Rubbish along Cadeby Lane and Rugby Club

See Councillor Ould's report

Grass verge damage in village by HGV lorries

See Councillor Ould's report

Repainting of road surface signage

See Councillor Ould's report

Planning Applications since last Parish Council Meeting

13/000024/TPOCA Removal of two Holly trees at Spring Cottage, Main St. No objections received.

The following was not on the agenda but Ian Smith asked for council to agree in principle support for a street party in Wood Lane, first weekend in July. This event would be run by the village as a church roof fundraiser. Ian Smith would need to apply with support from Cadeby Parish Council, for a road closure notice from H&BBC. Agreement in principle given but to be formally approved at May 2013 AGM.

Report from Claire Evans – Cadeby Church Fete on Saturday 3rd August courtesy of Simon and Jill Warner. LOROS acknowledgement on the noticeboard following successful raffle at the Christmas party.