

Minutes of the meeting of Carbrooke Parish Council held on 11 January 2016 at Blenheim Grange Community Cabin

Present Cllrs D Muller (Chair), D Fishlock, J Nind, P Sampher, N Webster, M Wormald.
Cllr J Rogers (Breckland Council), Cllr C Bowes (Norfolk County Council).
In attendance N Hartley (Parish Clerk). One member of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr E Buscall, who was working.

2. To receive declarations of interests

Cllrs Nind, Sampher and Wormald in any matters relating to Blenheim Grange. Cllr Muller in any matters relating to Millennium Green and the village website. Cllr Fishlock in any matters relating to Maid Marian.

3. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2015

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Public Participation

With regard to the recent flooding, the clerk was asked to find out which landowners are responsible for the maintenance/clearing of the ditches in the village and what the responsibilities of Anglian Water regarding the sewers/drains. The clerk was also asked to find out more about an Emergency Plan for the village.

6. Finance

a. Current balances

Current Account £20,236.31 Business Tracker Account £63,962.93

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with the budget

Chq 101025 N Hartley, clerk's salary to December 2015, £404.08
101026 Scooper Dooper Services Ltd, dog waste collection, £351
Direct Debit Veolia, waste collection, £30.48

Signed.....date.....

7. Internal Control Officer's Report

The Internal Control Officer confirmed that all relevant checks have been carried out.

8. Village Hall

It was agreed to lay down gravel in the car park due to the number of potholes and the increased use of the car park. It was agreed to buy four new signs, two warning users of the presence of children and dogs, two stating that cars are parked at the owners' own risk. It was agreed to purchase a gate to be erected at the entrance to the car park, the cost of which will be divided between the Parish Council and the Village Hall. Also to purchase combination locks. It was also agreed to put in the next New Penny News that the Village Hall is not a public car park and to ask the school to advise parents of the same.

The increase in traffic outside the school was discussed. It was noted that some cars are parking on the double yellow lines and restricted zones. It was agreed to ask the PCSO or a traffic warden to visit and monitor. In view of the increased traffic, it was asked if another traffic survey could be carried out. Cllr Bowes agreed to find out.

9. Grants

With regard to the maintenance of the Open Spaces, as Mr Lake may not be cutting the grass in the churchyard, the Council agreed to accept his offer to cut the grass at Blenheim Grange and Beech Tree Park with a 1.5% discount for a two year contract and the grass at the front of the Village Hall to be cut without charge.

It was agreed to ringfence any monies available for grants in the financial year to 31 March 2016 and to invite grants of up to £1,000.

10. Village Reports

Blenheim Grange. It was noted that Taylor Wimpey is meeting again shortly to try to resolve its internal disagreements. It was noted that there has been antisocial behaviour outside Unique Spice. The clerk was asked to contact the Police regarding this.

Millennium Green. Recent fundraising has raised £172. The restoration of the maze continues and the apple orchard is to be pruned. A Charity Auction will be held in the Village Hall on 12 February. It was noted that there is still flytipping on the Green.

Carbrooke Primary School. It was agreed to invite the head teacher to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Pre School. It was noted that the Assistant Supervisor has resigned and that a replacement is to be appointed.

The clerk was asked to obtain more details about a Defibrillator for the village.

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11. Correspondence

None.

12. Planning

a. Application considered

Miss J Frere, Littleton Stud Farm, Caudle Springs

Three bedroom bungalow with disabled facilities and demolition of unsuitable buildings

No objection

b. Breckland Council decisions

Mr D Watts, Dove Barn, Summer Lane,

Two new dwellings

Refused

Mr & Mrs T Welsh, Meadow View, Watton Green

Replacement dwelling

Refused

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

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