

Minutes of the meeting of Carbrooke Parish Council held on 6 August 2018 in Carbrooke Church

Present: Cllrs P Sampher (Chair), A Coppen, S Dekeyzer, J Nind, M Wormald.
Cllr T Hewett (Breckland Council) Cllr J Rogers (Breckland Council)
In attendance N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Twenty members of the public.

The meeting began with a period of Public Participation. With regard to the Dawe Estates planning application, it was noted that there was little difference between this application and that refused by Breckland Council and to which the Parish Council had objected. Concerns were expressed about drainage problems and the risk of flooding, as well as the traffic hazard at the entrance/exit to the property. It was questioned what would happen in terms of the Listed Building if the application does not proceed. The Parish Council will write to Breckland Council regarding this. Cllr Nind noted that the Parish Council is still waiting to hear from Breckland Council regarding the significant developments in the parish which may have been recorded as being in Watton when in fact these are in Carbrooke. This could lead to the false impression that no significant development has taken place in Carbrooke when in fact it has.

1. Apologies

Cllr Borret, who was on holiday and Cllr Matthew, who was unwell.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Sampher, Nind and Wormald in any matters relating to Blenheim Grange. Cllr Coppen in any matters relating to Millennium Green. Cllr Sampher in item 7 (Watton Fireworks display donation) as he sits on the committee.

3. Minutes

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2018 as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that Mattishall Parish Council has not purchased a property for rent and therefore cannot help the Parish Council.

5. Planning

a. Breckland Council decisions:-

Mr T Coppen, The Crown House, Meadow Lane
Erection of one bungalow

3PL/2018/0190/F
Approved

b. Applications considered:-

Dawe Estates Ltd, Manor Farm, Willow Corner 3PL/2018/0815/F
Restoration of Grade II listed farmhouse, construction of eight new dwellings with associated parking and turning areas together with landscaping and upgraded access

Dawe Estates Ltd, Manor Farm, Willow Corner 3PL/2018/0815/LB
Listed Building Consent
Restoration of Grade II listed farmhouse, construction of eight new dwellings with associated parking and turning areas together with landscaping and upgraded access

The Parish Council objected to the above applications for the following reasons:-

- The Council does not believe there is anything substantially different in this application to that which was refused by Breckland Council and to which the Parish Council previously objected.
- The Council is concerned that the proposed development would add an unsustainable burden on the existing infrastructure in terms of flooding and drainage.
- The Council is concerned that the access and exit to the proposed development is at a road location that is considered to be particularly hazardous.
- The Council is concerned by the increased traffic that would result from the proposed development in this rural location.

The Council will consult Breckland Council as to what happens regarding the listed building if the application does not proceed.

6. Finance

a. The following payments were made in accordance with the budget:-

Direct Debit, Veolia waste collection at Blenheim Grange, £33.36
Chq 101287 Wickstead Leisure Ltd, mini goals for Blenheim Grange play area, £3,709.32
101288 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12
101289 Carbrooke PCC, use of church for July and August meetings, £26
101290 Norfolk Parish Training & Support, new councillor course, £38.40

Payment from Blenheim Grange Maintenance Fund:-

000009 TOP Garden Services, empty dog bins at Blenheim Grange, £93.60

c. Payments received:-

Unity Trust Bank, interest on account, £42.43
Barclays Bank, interest on account, £0.67

7. Watton Fireworks Display

A request was made for a donation to Watton Fireworks Display. It was unanimously RESOLVED to make a donation of £100.

8. Parish Partnership Scheme Proposals

The Council considered if there were any proposals for the Parish Partnership Scheme in 2019. It was unanimously RESOLVED to obtain costs for a central traffic island on Norwich Road opposite the bus shelter that was erected under the previous Parish Partnership Scheme.

The Council will write to the school for support in lowering the speed limit to 20mph outside the school.

9. Information Board

The Council considered a request from the Heritage Group to site an Information Board at Blenheim Grange. It was unanimously RESOLVED to wait until the Community Centre has been built and to install the Information Board there.

10. Open Space Land at Stirling Road

The Council had received a response from the residents regarding the land at Stirling Road. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the changes were an improvement and the Council will write to thank the residents.

11. Spoil Heaps

The Council had received a request from Westmere Homes to move the remaining spoil heaps at Blenheim Grange. It was noted that the consortium has taken responsibility for these.

12. Representatives' Reports

Cllr Dekeyzer noted that the works to the Village Hall will start early September. Cllr Coppen was asked to move the Bottle Bank from the front of the hall. Whilst the works progress, coffee mornings will be held in the church.

The Council unanimously RESOLVED to make a donation of £50 towards the re-opening party at the hall on 9 November. The Council will be planting a tree in honour of Robert Buscall the same day and it is hoped to tie the two events.

Cllr Dekeyzer noted that the school was pleased with the results of the summer fete and that it has also received an award of £2,000 for new library books.

Cllr Wormall noted on behalf of the Blenheim Grange Residents Association the continuing problems with litter. The Council will continue to press Breckland Council for support and the Police for help with the problems caused by drinking and litter.

Cllr Coppen noted on behalf of the Millennium Green Trust that it will be moving the Bottle Bank outside the Village Hall. He noted that the Council had refused a request for part of the grant given for the Green's insurance to be used to repair the fence. He said that this was in the original grant application. It was noted that the decision had been taken at the July meeting not to allow the remaining part of the grant monies to be used to repair the fence.

13. Correspondence

Requests for funding were made from the Wayland Partnership and Kickstart.

14. Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Purchase of a house for rent.

Speed limits in the parish.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Monday 10 September at 7pm in the Community Cabin, Blenheim Grange.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.