**The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in Casterton Church Hall at 7.55pm on Wednesday 17th.May 2023**

 **In Attendance:**

Councillors Alasdair Ryder (AR) in the Chair, Jo Milne (JM), Steve Barker (SB) and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present were County Councillors David Wilby (DW) and Kevin Corby, together with 14 members of the public.

**23.018 Apologies for Absence:**

 Councillors Steve Rowell and Paul Douglass.

**23.019 Declarations of Interest**

 None

**23.020 Minutes of Meeting held on 19th. April 2023**

 Accepted as a true record, proposed SB,seconded JM, all in favour.

**23.021 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the agenda**

 None

**23.022** **Police Matters**

 No report in absence of police representative.

**23.03 Financial Update**

 1. Current Position: The Clerk had circulated an up-to-date account showing the current position, which shows little change from the end-of-year position. No expenditure so far this year, income totalling £7,979.17 comprising this year’s precept, £6215 and the first tranche of CIL in respect of the Bowls Green site, amounting to £1,764.17. Balance £21,597.06 comprising CIL Reserve £7386.85, Election Reserve £750.00, Play Area Reserve £2,500.00 and General Reserve £10,960.21.

 Since this account, a cheque from GCPCC for £79.07, the proceeds of the collection at John Sylvester’s funeral, together with £110 in cash collected for John in The Crown. These funds will be put towards the new noticeboard.

 2. Banking Arrangements: The Clerk has now submitted the application to Unity Trust Bank, who have requested identity details for Jo Milnes, and also specimen signatures for JM, SB & AR, together with a cheque for £500 as an initial deposit.

 3.Cheque authorisations:

 1. £40.00 to Information Commissioner – Data protection sub

 2. £80.00 to Plough Environmental – Grass cutting April

 3. £500 to GCPC at Unity Trust Bank – initial deposit

Approval proposed AR, seconded JM, all in favour.

**23.024 Planning**

 a. College Close: A further submission has been posted from the Developers which again insists that the Rutland housing quota is not up to requirements, and that therefore “tilted balance” comes into play. They also suggest that Highways had little objection to the development. Their assessment of likely extra journeys is not based on traffic surveys, and are unrealistic, and their assertion that the local community have been consulted is not so. They suggest that there had been no objection to the design of the development clearly is not the case – the objections on the Planning website is testament to this.

 Comments regarding this document are required by 7th. June.

 The Clerk read out an email from Paul Douglass, which suggested we should contacting RCC concerning the housing supply issue, seek clarification from Highways on their position regarding the development, conduct further traffic surveys ourselves to challenge their traffic flows and waiting times.

 It was agreed that the Chairman would address the planning committee on behalf of GCPC when it eventually discusses the application. A residents’ meeting has been arranged for Monday 5th. June (7.00pm at The Crown) when their representative will be nominated and their final submission formulated.

b. Barkers: SB reported that the developer for the second phase will be submitting a new application for 4 townhouses on the corner property and the old garage will be submitted soon.

 b. Bowls Green Proposals: Contractors were now on site and progressing well

 c. Rutland Local Plan: DW reported that the process was ongoing, but was being hampered by council elections.

 d. Mallard Pass Solar Farm: KC reported on a recent meeting of the Action Group held in Essendine, where RCC stated they were applying for an extension to the final date for the Key Impact Statement, to allow for it to be voted on following the elections.

 Paul Douglass attended the meeting on our behalf, and had re-iterated GCPC’s traffic concerns and worries concerning the damage to children’s health from construction traffic passing through the village. RCC had indicated that their next involvement would be the Statement of Common Ground, following which the Inspectorate would be able to oncentrate on those areas where there was disagreement.

 e. Quarry Farm/North Stamford/ A1 link: Nothing further to report.

**21.025 Highways**

1. HTWG: The Chairman suggested that with a new application on the Barkers site now imminent, we should use our response to the application to highlight further the ongoing problems at the crossroads.
2. SIDs: The Clerk had contacted Steve Rudkin to arrange replacement fuse, but had yet to hear from him. He will chase.

**23.026 Replacement Noticeboards**

 SB is obtaining a quote for replacement of both noticeboards from his carpenter.

**23.027 Any Other Business**

 None

**23.028 Date of Next Meetings:**

 Wednesday 12th. July 2023 at the Church Hall 7.00pm

**23.029 Public Questions**

 1. Village Plan: AR confirmed in response to a query from the floor that the PC would be formulating their approach to a revised plan this year. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

 2. Fly-tipping: David Clarke reported fly-tipping along the footpath between College Close and High Crescent. This would be reported through FixMyStreet.

 3. Footpath to Cemetery: has become overgrown and in need of clearance. Report to FixMyStreet.

 There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm