

# CASTLE DONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation Meeting held on 6 April 2017 at 7.30pm at the  
Parish Rooms, Hillside, Castle Donington

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Ambrose-Jones, M Barker-Lane, N Daykin, G Dalby, D Groom, R Nickless, G Roberts (in the chair), A Saffell, R Sizer, A Sowter and D Wintle.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Burton (personal) R Else (work) and C Hills (work).

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST :** None.

## **981/17 PLAYING FIELDS**

### a) Spital Park

- Users Group (football/rugby clubs) representative issues and comments other than matters covered on the agenda. Questions raised by CDFC:
- **Digging up of pitches** – all pitches seem to have been dug up by animals and this has been apparent more recently. I am not sure if it is dogs or foxes, but some of the holes are very deep and dangerous. **RESOLVED:** Parish Council to look at this again.
- **Dog walkers** – The Spittal seems to be the centre of the dog walking universe, especially at the weekend. To be fair most of the owners are fine although they continue to roam freely across all the pitches, but please let it be noted, that we still have a massive dog poo problem. The signs at each entrance seem to make no difference at all. I don't know what plans you have to tackle this but as with most of CD it's becoming worse and unfair for us and the kids. **RESOLVED:** Parish Council will ask NWLDC enforcement to come out and do a patrol, plus will look at putting up more signs highlighting the need to pick up and the risk of disease.
- **Soccer School** – During the wetter periods we have tried to move off of the rugby pitch to avoid upsetting the rugby club. However, the area we use between the rugby pitch and the football pitches also has some very uneven patches and holes on it. These are obviously not ideal and a little dangerous for the kids to run over. Is it possible for some levelling to be carried out through the summer months on the area? **RESOLVED:** Parish Council will to look at this in conjunction with contractor.
- **Storage Container area** – As you are aware, we have an issue with available places for secure storage. There is only so much that will fit into the container. We would like to propose that the PC consider helping us in security fencing the container area with double gates, so we can use an outdoor space to securely store goals and training equipment. It would certainly tidy up the area and remove the drug den / urinal that is frequently occurring behind the containers. Your thoughts on this would be appreciated? I am sure all users of the area would benefit. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council is going to have a look at a long-term solution for this area, potentially looking at purpose made building. In terms of the drug use; this issue as far as the Parish Council is concerned has disappeared in recent weeks, unless you have specific evidence to the contrary. The Police are aware and monitor, but they have not been made aware of any new issues.
- **Large Portable Goals** – we are in the process of wanting to purchase two large portable aluminium goals which we can move around the Spittal for training throughout the year. Without a secure area for storage (as above), we would like to padlock these together when not in use out of the way. Any objections? **RESOLVED:** Padlock these in the short term while we investigate the above storage. Please advise as to where they will be padlocked.
- **Gasny tournament** – There were a few points raised in an earlier email about, signs, cones, bins and rugby pitch usage. I assume rugby fixtures will have finished by 30<sup>th</sup> April, so we would like to be able to use the rugby pitch as an overflow parking area, subject to the weather being favourable. We will be using the training pitch as normal for this purpose, but with the addition of new equipment we will need some additional space. We are anticipating at least 60 teams. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council does not agree to your request to park on the Rugby pitch as it does not allow parking of any cars on the formal pitches; you can however, use the Community Hub car park off the Tanyard Road end of the field, otherwise it is suggested to try and encourage locals to walk and car share. In an earlier email a request was made to mark-out the rugby pitch which would not be an issue as the matches have finished.
- Car Park regrading work – Work is to commence w/c 24 April 2017.

- b) Moira Dale
  - Users Group (football/cricket clubs) representative issues and comments other than matter covered on the agenda. Cricket question.
  - We have had issues with moles encroaching from the field behind Moira Dale and this can produce an uneven surface which can result in injuries from people turning their ankles in the ruts.  
**RESOLVED:** Groundsman will look at this as part of his normal duties.
- c) Stonehill playing fields
  - Entrance path re-grading works and removal of trees. Work to start week commencing 24 April 2017. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.
- d) Bosworth Road playing fields
  - Update from site inspection including report on NWLDC ditch and car park. Playing fields generally looking good. A little general litter: Lengthsman to clear. NWLDC has an amount of litter including concrete post blocks dumped in it obstructing the flow of the water from the Radford Meadows overflow pipe. NLWDC are looking in to the issue; Community Liaison officer monitoring the issue. Shields Crescent car park: lighting still not working as agreed. Graffiti wall looking a mess – can this be cleared and renewed in conjunction with Castle Donington College. NLWDC are looking in to the issue; Community Liaison officer monitoring the issue. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.

### 982/17 OPEN SPACE/PLAY AREAS

- a) Land north of Park Lane – Update on Section 106 payments. £47,500 received following the transfer of the open spaces; this includes the play equipment contribution, but does not include the play equipment maintenance contribution. NWLDC has been requested to invoice accordingly. NWLDC has advised the Parish Council that it has invoiced Bloor Homes for the recreation and leisure contribution to the value of £114,000. Payment awaited. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.
- b) Merchantman Mews – The play area is closed following on from complaint about the site and some damage to the play surfacing. Post installation independent inspection has been arranged to ensure compliance to the relevant standards and that any snagging issues are corrected. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.
- c) Footpath walks – Donington Park/East Midlands Distribution Centre. Donington Park walk to be revisited once new owners of the site have settled in. EMDC representative now seems amiable to have an around the site walk. Cllr Sowter to continue to progress the idea. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.
- d) Common land – Clerk and Chairman met with the owner of the Priest House hotel recently. A new sign and information board has been made and will be installed week commencing 10 April 2017. Also, the demarcation of the Common Land area can be made with the stones from the old Castle retrieved from a property on Apiary Gate. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information. **RESOLVED:** Parish Council groundsman to arrange to take a number of stones down to the owner of the Priest House for them to install.
- e) Bentley Road – Centenary Fields Programme – Ordnance surveys maps on order. Enquiry made as to the plaque size so that the Parish Council can now work with a stonemason to create a memorial artwork from the old castle stones obtained from a property on Apiary Gate. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information
- f) Towles Pastures/Shields Crescent strip overgrown land between both estates. Most of this land has been transferred from NWLDC to the property owners. The Parish Council previously asked for this land to be transferred to allow it to be kept clear and tidy. NWLDC Community Liaison office chasing the matter again. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.

### 983/17 ALLOTMENTS

- a) Update from site inspection: 176 plots in total, 1 vacant, 14 letters to be sent re unkempt plot and 7 letters re overgrown ditch behind plots. A number of issues were raised including the allotment holders use of old carpets to stop weed growth and the amount of rubbish that gets left on plots when vacated, and the possible introduction of a deposit fee for new tenants. Notice board has seen better days too! Rental letters to be sent next week. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.
- b) Security event in conjunction with Beat Team to be held on 6 May 2017 12 noon – 2pm. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.

#### **984/17 LAND TO THE REAR OF MOIRA DALE**

- a) This land has been sold by the Airport to Roxhill Developments who are in turn looking to sell-on. The Clerk has had a telephone conversation with Roxhill Developments and been advised that the land is to be sold with an agricultural covenant attached. No sale particulars are available yet, but Roxhill are aware the Parish Council is interested and will forward this information in due course. **RESOLVED:** To receive the information.

#### **985/17 LAND NORTH OF PARK LANE – SECTION 106**

To consider projects utilising this funding; to instigate consultation with the young people; set up meetings with partner agencies and play companies etc. One suggestion was discussed in that the Parish Council should look to purchase or compulsory purchase the land off Trent Lane to expand Spital Park playing fields.

**RESOLVED:** To instigate conversations with the land owner off Trent Lane. Clerk and Chairman to arrange meeting.

Meeting closed 8.35pm.