

CAISTER-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

4th September 2023

A meeting of the **PARISH COUNCIL** was duly convened and held at the Council Hall at 1830 hrs.

Present: Cllr. K Wood (in the chair)
Cllrs. R Coe, B Davis, J Fearnley, S Griffiths, P Hammond, J Hemsworth,
J Jarzembki and C Kirk
Parish Clerk E Dyble

9 Parishioner present

A Planning Consultant Katy Russell Smith on behalf of Lidl stated that a representative from Lidl contacted her a while ago and informed that the present store is no longer fit for purpose. It's not large enough and it's got a limited number of car parking spaces. Lidl are very keen to remain serving the residents of Caister but ultimately, they want to provide their latest model, so she attended and gave a presentation on the proposed new Lidl Store off Caister Bypass.

The present store is one of the first-generation stores and what Lidl are doing now is reviewing their portfolio and some of their stores which they are looking to close are no longer viable to continue operating, Caister is one of them that doesn't meet with their latest format.

After a long search, they identified the site, which is adjacent to Yarmouth Stadium. They appreciate it's out of the Centre, but it has a presence and they will be able to deliver their new format store, it would be around 2187m² whereas the present store is about 1500m². It would be a significant increase in the size of the store. They'll be able to provide 124 parking spaces which they feel they would need to meet the customer's base. Whereas there are just over 80 car parking spaces at the present store.

They see it as when Lidl comes into a new location, or a relocation, it's about a £10 million investment, so they don't take it lightly. The store itself would be able to provide more employment for the local area, also relocating the existing staff. Approximately 80 % of their staff are generally found within the very immediate area of the store, and they're very proud of that fact, they would be very keen to continue to work with the local community.

The site next to Yarmouth Stadium provides an opportunity to also deliver two drive throughs which haven't been identified yet but they are nationally known brands. We have been spending some time drawing up this site proposal which you'll be able to see from Caister bypass and from the roundabout. A new access point would be created from that roundabout and that would provide access to the three plots.

It's intended that the land at the rear would be used as the overflow car parking for the stadium. The idea is that land would be used for less than 28 days a year so wouldn't specifically need planning permission.

I'm very much here to listen to people's views, to take on board what your thoughts are and answer any questions.

Several questions and concerns were raised mainly to do with the exit and entrance onto the Stadium Roundabout, Drive Thru's, Bridle Path and cars parking on verges etc. when the Yarmouth Stadium is in use.

These questions would be taken back and solutions/answers revealed at a later stage.

Flegg Community Land Trust

Representatives of the above Trust attended the meeting and informed Council what they do regarding Community Affordable Housing:

- Work closely with local communities and parish councils to find the best solution to meet identified housing needs
- Ensure that homes are occupied by people who have a local connection or contribute to the sustainability and inclusivity of the village and rural area
- Ensure that affordable homes always remain affordable
- Build sensitively designed, high quality homes which contribute to the beauty of an area
- Build high environmental standards which help residents and communities reduce their carbon impact and be more sustainable and resilient
- Provide locally sensitive, high-quality services to residents & communities.

Affordable Homes can be provided for rent at discounted levels below general market, or sale at discounted levels below general market. They are often both owned and managed by the CL T, with rented having the CL T as active landlord or sale on 125-year lease having the CL T as landlord to ensure any sales, initial or future, to local connection and need. These criteria are strictly governed by restriction on the title and planning permission.

New Affordable Home provision can be funded by grant, borrowing or cross-subsidy from any limited amount of market homes necessary to make for a viable scheme.

55 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from:

Parish Cllrs. D Godbolt, P Sleet, C Thompson, R Wilkinson and S Wilkinson

Borough Cllrs. M Bird – another meeting

G Boyd – another meeting

B Lawn – another meeting

P Carpenter – another meeting

56 Declaration of Interest

None

57 Parishioners Forum

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS – SEPTEMBER 2023

Malcolm Bird – Borough Councillor – South Caister Ward

Cllr. Lawn and I have been busy for the last month in dealing we issues of:

- i) Land Grabbing on Eastern Ave
- ii) Highways in clearing side hedges that they are responsible for
- iii) Golf balls from the Caister Club
- iv) Road signs which are not being enforced
- v) Flooding and drainage concerns
- vi) Infestation of rats from disused Bungalow
- vii) Knot weed concerns
- viii) Cutting of trees without permission

- ix) Work is ongoing with 28 Braddock Road; all faults have been noted for urgent repair. New management has taken on the work
- x) Spoke to Enforcement Officer regarding rubbish at Police Station

Penny Carpenter – Borough Councillor – North Caister Ward

- i) Investigating who on Villarome cut down between 6 and 8 Oak trees along Caister by-pass
- ii) Department of Education providing a New Special Needs school in Great Yarmouth for 170 children
- iii) Highways Engineer visited Tubby's Butchers, Williams Garage and The Gate re flooding issues, the plan is to put down CCTV Cameras in near future

: **Noted**

58 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th August 2023 were proposed by Cllr P Hammond, seconded by Cllr R Coe, agreed by all members present and signed by the Chair.

59 Finance

The Finance Minutes from the meeting of 21st August 2023 were – **Received**
Consider recommendations from the meeting:-

Tenders for Cemetery Shed Doors

- a) It was **Resolved** to recommend Council waits for further tenders and forward to full Council meeting on 4th September 2023 : **Proposed by Cllr. P Hammond, seconded by Cllr. R Coe and agreed by all members present to wait for further quotes**
- b) **Valuation of Property**
It was **Resolved** to recommend Council waits for documentation from the Chartered Surveyor and submit to next Finance Committee meeting on 18th September 2023 : **Proposed by Cllr. J Jarzembski, seconded by Cllr. P Hammond and agreed by all members present to wait for Valuation documentation**
- c) **Bank Accounts**
It was **Resolved** to recommend Council accepts Cllrs. R Coe and K Wood, together with the Clerk as the Bank signatories : **Proposed by Cllr. P Hammond, seconded by Cllr. J Jarzembski and agreed by all members present to agreed Cllrs. K Wood and R Coe as bank signatories**
- d) **Assets of Community Value**
It was **Resolved** to recommend Council accepts the Applications for Assets of Community Value for both the present Lidl store and The Gate Public House : **Proposed by Cllr. P Hammond, seconded by Cllr. R Coe and agreed by all members present to forward both Applications to GYBC**
- e) **Festival 2023**
It was **Resolved** to recommend Council agrees if debts totalling £500 are not received by mid-September to name and shame in next edition of the Newsletter : **Proposed by Cllr. R Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr. J Jarzembski and agreed by all members present to name and shame accordingly**

60 Planning Matters

Applications for consideration 4th September 2023 from GYBC

Application ref	Applicant Address	Description
BA/2023/0327/ HOUSEH	Olmar Cottage Chapel Lane West Caister NR30 5TA	Construction of a part one/two storey rear extension. First floor side extension and a new hallway to the main dwelling. Minor modifications to the roof of the existing detached studio
Recommendation	No Objection	
06/23/0475/MM	Caister-on-Sea Holiday Park Ormesby Road Caister NR30 5NQ	Prior approval for a proposed installation of a 22.5m monopole supporting 6no. antenna, reach maximum height of 23.14m and ancillary development
Recommendation	No Objection	

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT SEPTEMBER 2023				
HALL ACCOUNT		NETT	VAT	GROSS
Salaries	Salaries to 31.08.23	1,035.19		1,035.19
E-On	Electricity - Direct Debit	64.30	3.22	67.52
British Gas	Gas - Direct Debit	36.33	1.81	38.14
Booker Ltd.	Cleaning Materials	134.92	26.98	161.90
B & Q	Steel Snap Hooks for Flagpole	10.83	<u>2.17</u>	13.00
D L Gunton	Window Cleaning 29.08.23	<u>20.00</u>		<u>20.00</u>
		£1,301.57	£34.18	£1,335.75
GENERAL ACCOUNT				
Salaries	Salaries to 31.08.23	2,641.48		2,641.48
	Expenses	26.00		26.00
	Tel. rental + calls August	25.00		25.00
British Telecom	Telephone/Broadband 738474	79.50	15.90	95.40
Fasthosts Internet Ltd.	Hosting Website etc. - 05.08.23-06.09.23	20.86	4.17	25.03
Caister In Bloom	Attending Floral Displays around Village	20.00		20.00
Microsoft	1 Yr. subscription Microsoft 365	66.66	13.33	79.99
Bowens Services	Install seats Norwich Rd. and High St.	350.00		350.00
Mens Shed	Grant towards purchase of wood for new Shed	1,000.00		1,000.00
East Surveyors Ltd	Cost Assessment for Insurance purposes	495.00	<u>99.00</u>	594.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE Contributions	<u>636.19</u>		<u>636.19</u>
		£5,360.69	£132.40	£5,493.09
	Grand Total	£6,662.26	£166.58	£6,828.84
INCOME				
Interest		£325.07		
Cemetery Re-charge		£555.66		
Lettings		£514.65		
Festival Pitch Hire		£192.50		
Advert Newsletter		£120.00		
Festival Program		£400.00		

Accounts proposed by Cllr. J Fernley, seconded by Cllr. R Coe, agreed by all members present

Accounts prepared and signed by RFO - E Dyble

Invoices checked by - Cllr. J Fearnley

Accounts signed by - Cllr. K Wood and R Coe

62 Correspondence

a) **Flooding Tan Lane** - correspondence received from the NCC Highways Engineer informing that he appreciates the concerns from businesses and residents, however, in conjunction with the local Member and Borough Councillor, Highways are continuously working in trying to resolve the Issue.

The surface water drainage system from Tan Lane/High Street is believed to follow the route of an historic private open watercourse which is now part-culverted (piped). Flows via this route are directed into an un-named Board-maintained watercourse ('main drain') adjacent to Grasmere Caravan Park. To complicate matters, there are many facets to consider/conclude accordingly, some of which are with 3rd party Solicitors. These range from private riparian ditch/water courses being filled in, potentially a privately owned part of the drainage system with private connections, Environmental aspects regarding a water course, original local Planning Authority agreements, Internal Drainage Board (IDB) and Anglian Water Authority.

Extensive cleansing/jetting has been carried out through our contractor with no reported Issues and part of the ditch has now been enforced/opened. The outfall is obviously taking a large volume of surface water from the High Street, Tan Lane and the surrounding side roads. Reduced pipe sizes throughout, gradient and the systems pushing surface water to the same point will have some limitations during continuous heavy rainfall. A CCTV Camera Survey of the system has been Instructed and will commence shortly.

Local Highway Officers were out again on site this week and discussions were had with the business owners. Once he has further Information, he will update Council, and discuss a possible meeting : **Resolved Council notes this**

b) **Bruno Peek** – informing the Parishes within the Borough of Great Yarmouth & D Day 80 – 6th June 2024 and attaching the current Guide to Taking Part in D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, outlining the various events being organised throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories, and on the site of the British Normandy Memorial overlooking Gold Beach, Normandy, France, one of the five e Beaches landed on by over 150,000 British and Allied Troops on 6th 1944, in Commemoration and Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of this campaign next year. The Guide, message from Prime Minister Rishi Sunak encouraging local communities to take part, logo for the use of participating Councils and the Certificate of Grateful Recognition being given to those involved, can also be viewed and downloaded from the D-Day 80 website - www.d-day80beacons.co.uk.

With the above in mind, we would like to encourage the involvement of **Caister Parish Council** in the lighting of a Beacon at a location of their choice at 9.15pm on 6th June next year, as their communities 'tribute' to the many, many thousands that paid the ultimate sacrifice when helping secure the freedom we all enjoy today. The flames from the Beacons represents the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war.

We do hope therefore, that your Parish Council will take part in this event, especially as there will be many from your Parish that would have either been involved in D-Day eighty years ago next year, along with WWII as a whole.

If you decide to take part, please be kind enough to confirm the various aspects of the event you will be taking part in, on the 6th of June next year : **Resolved Council organise an event in the village**

- c) **Holidaymaker** – enquiring if the steps that lead from the haven holiday park to the beach belong to the parish council?
 The reason they are enquiring is they currently own a caravan in the park and her husband is a double leg amputee but unfortunately there is no beach access for him.
 There are loads of disabled people plus young families with buggy's who have the same problem.
 It would be nice if there could be some sort of ramp with a board walk (like other resorts) for everyone to access and feel that they could enjoy the beach as every other able bodied person can. Perhaps if this is a possibility the parish council could approach Haven for a contribution?
 Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you in due course - **Resolved Holidaymaker be informed that steps are the responsibility of Haven Holiday Camp**
- d) **Parishioner**– enquiring if it would be possible to clarify the parking for coast watch at Second Avenue.?
 At 1.15pm they witnessed one of the coast watch volunteers being verbally aggressive to a lady and her disabled friend who had parked near the hut. He shouted at her from his car that the spaces at the end are allocated exclusively for coast watch and that she needed to move. She couldn't actually move due to where he was stopped. My husband and I asked him to back up so the lady could move over to make room for his car. He refused.
 Would it be possible to put signs up if these spaces are allocated to coast watch?
 This would avoid this type of misunderstanding. The coast watch man was so unnecessarily rude to the lady and made it very hard for her to move her car over. The couple of volunteers who left the hut after the parking had been resolved were very polite and stopped to check if the two ladies were ok : **Resolved Council informs Parishioner that Coast Watch has now closed in Caister**
- e) **Vacancy** – for a Caretaker has arisen due to the present Caretaker resigning due to ill health : **Resolved Council advertises vacancy accordingly**
- f) **ENTUA** – forwarding a copy of their Newsletter No.59 – September 2023 for information : **Noted**
- g) **Parishioner** - informing that once again this week a number of vehicles have been parking for numerous nights at the bottom of Braddock Road.
 One is a coach that has been converted and has been there for the last 3 nights and has been blocking the access to the beach. When asked by an elderly gentleman to move his coach away from the pathway he was told that the council had given him permission to park there.
 This is becoming a real issue it is difficult especially for less mobile people to access the beach and again human excrement is in the dunes area.
 Please could you send cleaners to the area and provide more bins and put more signage up about keeping the access to the beach clear.
 I believe if this issue is allowed to continue it will not be long before people are staying there permanently.
 It was proposed by Cllr. P Hammond, seconded by Cllr. J Jarzembki to request Great Yarmouth Borough Council to install 6' 6" height barriers on the land : **Resolved**

proposal be referred to Great Yarmouth Borough Council and Environmental Health Dept. accordingly

- h) **Caister Mens Shed** - thanking Council for the grant of £1,000 to help towards them obtaining a Workshop where projects can be worked on and constructed indoors
: **Noted**

The Following have been circulated

- a) **Norfolk Community Foundation** – Funding & Support News August
Newsflash – Coming to the Royal Norfolk Show
Photo Competition
- b) **Rural Services Network** - forwarding copies of their:-
Rural Bulletin - 8th, 15th, 22nd and 30th August
- c) **NORFOLK AIC** - Newsletters 8th and 26th June 2023
Funding for Neighbourhood Watch in Norfolk
Weekly Updates 9th and 21st August and 1st September 2023
Unlocking Community Engagement 13th September at 7pm

: **Noted**

63 CEMETERY DOORS

Clerk reported that two tenders had been received for renewing the surround and doors on the Cemetery Shed. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. R Coe, seconded by Cllr. P Hammond and agreed by all members present to defer acceptance and refer back to Finance Committee : **Resolved matter be referred back to Finance Committee**

64 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Two nomination forms had been completed one for the Lidl Store and one for The Gate Public House in Caister. It was proposed by Cllr. P Sleet, seconded by Cllr. R Coe and agreed by all members present to forward nominations to GYBC : **Resolved completed nominations be forwarded to GYBC**

65 ROAD CLOSURE

Clerk reported that contact had been made with NCC Highways who informed that there was no charge for road closure applications on Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023. It was proposed by Cllr. R Coe, seconded by Cllr. R Wilkinson and agreed by all members present to forward application for the road to be closed from 1055-1105 hrs. at the War memorial junction on 12th November 2023 : **Resolved completed application to be forwarded to NCC Highways**

66 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED IN AUGUST

Cllr. P Sleet – attended the Playing Field Management Committee AGM held on 16th August 2023 : **Noted**

67 CLLR. J JARZEMBSKI

- i) Requested whether RWE will take responsibility for clearing our beach and assure us any debris washed up from the Wind Turbine fire is not toxic. Cllr. K Wood informed that a Scroby Sands Wind Farm operations team has brought in specialist salvage company AMBIPAR Response to search for any debris that may have come ashore following the fire. The public has been asked to contact 0800 240 4518 if they believe they have seen debris on the beach, reporting the location as accurately as possible, and the team will attend as soon as possible to remove it : **resolved Council notes this**
- ii) Build-up of waste materials outside the police station and apart from being an eyesore the environmental issues. i.e., vermin : **resolved matter be referred to GYBC**

68 CLLR. K WOOD

i) Social Media Update August

We reach 167,560 people, engagement with 262,62, new followers 16 now 4,280

Top posts

England Ladies post 30,000

School Lane nettles 12,800

Caister Kicks 20,269

Flowers 20,000

Great place to be 14,000

: **Noted**

69 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Cllr. K Wood – Christmas Lights, refer to Finance Committee on 18th September 2023

70 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Finance meeting Monday 18th September 2023

Parish Council meeting Monday 2nd October 2023 @ 1900 hrs.

71 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 2030 hrs.

Chair:

Date