

**Minutes of the meeting of Caston parish council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 in Caston village hall at 7.30pm.**

Public participation: Councillor John Rogers informed the council that the capital funding for the improvements on the A1075 Griston cross roads was now available and the work would be carried out during this financial year and mobile speed cameras were already active in that area. And on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006 a new act governing light pollution would be implemented, carrying a penalty of £5000, full details on the administration were not known.

Present: Mr J Chapman chairman  
Mr P Hall vice chairman  
Mrs K Farmbrough  
Mrs E Kittell  
Mrs J Horner  
Mr P Chapman  
Mr D Blincow

Also present: Mr A Bunn, Mr & Mrs Brooker, councillor John Rogers.

**1 To accept Apologies for absence:** None. Mr Hall apologised for his absence from the last meeting, due to a unforeseen family matter.

**2 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006.** Mr P Chapman

asked if an amendment could be made to the minutes item 7 correspondence, to include his comments regarding the seven accidents that had occurred within two months along the Attleborough Road going towards Rocklands, all of which happened in good driving conditions, **it was resolved this amendment could be made.**

**3 Declaration of interest by councillors in agenda items:** Mrs Horner item 4 Finance a b d Mr J Chapman, Mrs K Farmbrough & Mr Blincow item 4 Finance b. All being members of the village hall committee and Mrs Horner is also a member of Caston PCC.

**4 Finance:**

**It was resolved the following cheques be drawn:**

- a) Caston PCC £320.00 contribution to churchyard upkeep.
- b) Caston village hall £33.00 rent for hiring village hall for parish council meetings.
- c) NCAPTC £98.32 subscription.
- d) **It was resolved to accept the quote from RG Maintenance** for village green grass cutting & collection at £30.00 per cut plus VAT.

**5 Planning:**

- a) Nina Lond-Caulk – Allcrest The Street - Erection 3 bed bungalow – **Enforcement appeal**
- b) Ideal Developments – Plot adj Red Lion Public House – **Approval of reserved matters**
- c) Mr D Flatt & Miss Fincham – Chelford House – Erection of double garage - **Objections raised.**

**Chairman:**

**Date:**

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**Planning:**

d) Mr C Lowe – Residential development Attleborough Road – A copy of a letter from Norfolk Rural Community Council to Mr Adrian Morely was read by the chairman stating that: a meeting between Breckland District Council and Norfolk Rural Community Council had been arranged for the first week in April and at this meeting discussion would take place as to the possibility of undertaking a Housing Needs Survey within Caston. It also stated that the parish council would be approached in order to gain their consent prior to undertaking any work within the parish, as the parish council would be a key partner within the process.

e) Mr & Mrs Maxwell – Alma House Northacre – Extensions & Alterations – **No Objections**

**6 Matters to report:**

- a) Highways – Nothing to report – clerk to follow up request for foot ways to be cleared of leaves and debris.
- b) Claiming foot paths after twenty years – information circulated in councilors folder
- c) Quality Status: Mr P Chapman concerns were that with the new legislation governing parish councils, in particular the code of conduct, has made it more difficult to encourage parishioners to become councilors, and the parish council was there to talk on village matters. It was asked what advantages would be gained, the advantage would be that the parish council would be confident that they were carrying out the business of the parish council correctly. It was agreed that the clerk would put quality status on the agenda for future meetings for discussion on issues the council need to address should they decide to proceed. The clerk confirmed she was working towards CILCA qualification.
- d) Free website for parish councils: Mr Blincow circulated information:  
The parish council needs to decide if they want a website, if they do then three options are available:
  - 1 A free website, no control on advertising.
  - 2 A paid website annual fee of £49.00 (£57.58 Inc VAT) no advertising.
  - 3 A sponsored website the annual fee will be the same but you can sell the advertising space.

Having a website would allow easy access to agendas and minutes and other parish issues. Councilors felt that if people had issues and were interested they would be at the meeting, there were concerns about it being another job for someone to keep the information up to date, the clerk was not prepared to take on this task.

It was agreed that this be reviewed at the next meeting giving councilors time to read the information they had been given and look at the website if they wished it was pointed out that it did not have to be a major task and could be as much or little as was wanted.

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**7 Correspondence:**

Councilors folder list attached to minutes.

Read by the chairman: A letter from Mrs Machorton advising the council that the Waylander was now self financing, the advertising revenue covered the cost of production, and the committee members worked on a voluntary basis. It would not be necessary to seek funding from the parish council. The clerk was asked to write and thank Mrs Machorton. An invitation to the parish council to enter a team for the Henderson Quiz to be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Caston village hall at 7.30pm. It was agreed the team would be: Mrs K Farmbrough, Mr P Hall, Mr P Chapman and Mr B Brooker.

**8 Wayland Partnership:**

Mr Clive Wittaker explained his project integrating the young people in the community with other generations. Funding was to be applied for a bid for £5000 was to be made to The Norfolk Rural Community Council. The aim was that the young people would gain life skills, and everyone involved would gain insight into how other generations live.

**9 Home Watch:** Nothing to report.

**10 Village Appraisal:** Nothing to report.

**11 Matters for future discussion:** It was agreed that the Agenda for the Annual Parish meeting be placed in the Waylander, the clerk distributed a copy to councilors.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm the next meeting will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Caston village hall, to commence after the Annual Parish meeting which will begin at 7.30pm.

**Chairman:**

**Date:**