THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2006 IN CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

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Present Mr J Chapman chairman.

Mr P Hall Vice chairman.

Mrs E Kittell. Mr D Blincow. Mrs J Horner. Mr P Chapman.

Also present: Mr A Bunn, Mr & Mrs Brooker, Mr Bearne, Mr Valentine and Mr J Rogers.

- To accept apologies: **It was resolved** to accept apologies from Mrs K Farmbrough who was on holiday, her holiday had been arranged to accommodate the parish council meeting but due to unforeseen circumstances the holiday had to be rearranged.
- 2 **It was resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May be signed as a correct record.
- 3 Councilors to declare interest in any agenda item: None.
- 4 Matters to report:
 - a) Website: Mr Brooker handed out copies of the website pages, all councilors were very impressed with the presentation, and thanked Mr Brooker who told the council he had enjoyed doing it.

Mr Brooker asked the council if they would approve of the details of the village hall being put on the site, cost of hiring, details of the groups that currently use the hall, and for the groups to give details of their activities, he would also like to prompt local businesses.

It was also suggested that Mrs Bearne give an update on the progress of the village appraisal,

and that the army activities be put on. The council gave full approval.

Father Bob will also be making a contribution. The school will in time also contribute but were too busy at the moment.

- b) Highways: The clerk read a letter from Norfolk County Council, they apologised for the fact that the siding out works had not been carried out, but confirmed that it was programmed, and the work would be carried out shortly.
- c)Norfolk Constabulary: The clerk read a letter from PC Benton, confirming he had all of parish council meeting dates in his diary and if he could not attend he would send a report to the clerk prior to the meeting.
- d) RG Maintenance: The clerk had spoken to Mr Karl Bennett from RG Maintenance, who agreed the village green had been left in a mess after the April cut and had arranged for this to be rectified, Mr Hall & Mrs Horner confirmed this had been done.
- e) First Time Sewage: Mr Chapman reported that the consultant had informed him that there was to be one pumping station not three, and this would be located behind the council houses at Coronation Terrace. Mr Chapman also gave a brief outline of where the system may be installed. The clerk will contact Anglian Water to ensure that full consultation will take place with all parishioners and the final plans of the installation will be available. The consultant also indicated that the work may start earlier than originally planned, possibly the end of 2006.

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Matters to report/Cont:

- e) The clerk was also asked to contact BT,EDF to the effect that whilst the village was being disrupted with the installation of the sewage system, this would be an appropriate time to take their cables underground.
- g) Mrs S Pepperell none attendance at parish council meetings: The clerk had spoken to Mrs Pepperell, her none attendance had been due to the fact that she had been working on Monday evenings, but should there have been anything to report she would have done so through the clerk, as from July she will no longer be working and will be able to attend meetings.
- f) The Meadows front hedge: The clerk confirmed that planning had stipulated that the hedge could not be removed without application to The Planning Department, and should the hedge be removed or die due to the building works it would have to be replaced.
- 5 Finance:
 - a) **It was resolved** that a cheque for RG Maintenance be be drawn £70.50 April cuts x 2. b) NCAPTC hand book for Norfolk parish & town councils: **It was resolved** that 8 copies at £3.75 be ordered.
- defra: Getting to grips with the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005: **It was resolved** a copy of this was not required.
- 7 Correspondence:
 - Chairman read: Thank you from Caston PCC for parish councils contribution to the upkeep of the church yard, Army training activities (these will be put onto the website and put in the Waylander, the Street Scene Conference no one will attend.
- 8 Wayland Partnership: Nothing to report.
- 9 Home Watch: Mr Bearne reported that there had been thefts from vehicles, and urged everyone not to leave valuables in their cars and ensure they lock vehicles when unattended.
- Village Appraisal: Mrs Bearne had sent a copy of the budget (attached to minutes) and the application to Breckland Council for a Community Appraisal Grant, the chairman signed the application. The parish council sent their thanks Mrs Bearne.
- Matters for future disscussion: Mrs Horner was concerned about the notice board outside the village hall which had many old and faded notices, it was agreed that these could be removed.

Public participation: Mr Rogers reported that Norfolk County Council Highways were pleased that the foot path outside the school was being well used, and Highways noticed there was no yellow hatching outside the school and they would be looking into this.

He also believed that negotiations with the farmers who owned the land either side of the Griston Cross Road had now started.

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