



Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: - Mr. J. Chapman VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mr. P. Hall

MEETING OF THE CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2013 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr A. Bunn, Mr. D Blincow, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner, Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)

Also present: - none

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. P. Chapman, Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch) & PCSO Tonya Winsley.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 5th March 2013
The minutes were handed out to the public and Councillors as Draft. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Mr. P. Hall, and seconded by Mr. D Blincow.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - None
Items 8.B, 8.C. & 9.C. Mrs. J. Horner. Item 8.D. Mr. D. Blincow, Mrs K. Farmbrough.
4. & 5. Resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended to LGA s100 to exclude the Public and the Press from the meeting of the Parish Council. In accordance with item 33. of Caston Parish Council Standing Orders.
It was resolved to close the meeting to the public to debate and formulate a policy for the use of Coronation Terrace Green, Caston.
After discussing the following topics: - Insurance, tree survey and maintenance, vehicles and parking, hedge and a low fence on frontage, ownership of play equipment, street trading, public notices, and boundary, and services on the land it was agreed that The Clerk and Mr. D. Blincow should formulate a policy document which includes all the items discussed and noted which would then be considered by all the Parish Councillors at the next meeting. After approval it would then be added to the pc website and copies sent to the villagers.
6. **It was Resolved to include the public and press for the remainder of the meeting. From approx. 8.00pm onwards**
7. Planning:- The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2013/0163/LB The Cottage, The Green, Demolish part external wall 21st C toilet/shower. Erect wall & alter roof to make room smaller & wider access to rear. Under consideration by Breckland.
 - B. 3PL/2013/0188/F Dees Cottage Northgate, Two storey side extension, single storey ext. to back porch & replace flat roof with pitch. Currently being considered by the Parish Council.
 - C. 3PL/2013/0255/F Allcrest, The Street, Variation of condition no. 2 on pp 3PL/2007/1420/F - number of new houses reduced to 3 & amend the design Plot 1. Currently being considered by the Parish Council.
8. Finance. It was proposed that the following payments should be made: -
 - A. Payment of £111.72 to Norfolk Assoc. Of local Councils for subscription 2013/14. In budget. Proposed by Mrs. J. Horner and seconded by Mr. D. Blincow.
 - B. Payment to Myhills, Watton - items to paint the bus shelter on The Green. In budget. Proposed by Mr. D. Blincow and seconded by Mrs. K. Farmbrough.
 - C. Donation to Holy Cross church Caston for churchyard maintenance. £425.00 in budget. Proposed by Mr. D. Blincow and seconded by Mr. J. Chapman.
 - D. Payment of £50.00 to Caston Village Hall Committee for hire of hall for PC meetings 2013/14. In Budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Hall and seconded by Mr. A. Bunn.
 - E. Payment to PC clerk for wages and expenses February and March 2013. In budget. Proposed by Mrs. K. Farmbrough and seconded by Mr. D. Blincow.
 - F. Payment to RGM for grass cutting in March 2013. In budget. Moved to the next agenda.
9. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Data protection info. The Clerk updated the PC about the need to be registered. It was agreed to pay for this as requested by the Govt.

- B. Coronation Terrace Green - report on PC policy for use of land. Next agenda.
- C. To agree on the contract for grass cutting on The Green and Coronation Terrace Green 2013/14. It was agreed to offer the contract to Rob Summers. If he was unable to do the work then RGM will be contracted for 2013/14.
- D. To agree on the contract for filling and maintenance of the Planters 2013/14. It was agreed to offer the contract Rob Summers for the 2013/14 season as he is able to supply plants and water when needed.
- E. Community Rangers visits. A list was given to the Clerk for future work.
- F. Wayland Partnership meeting. The Clerk sent apologies for not attending the meeting in March.
- G. Prize money use ideas update. Only two ideas from villagers had been suggested. It was agreed to use this money for a hedge only if no money was forthcoming from a grant. It was decided that play equipment needs a more generous space and the items are and insurance are too costly. Other suggestions for using the £500 prize for a lasting object for the village are still welcomed.

10. Correspondence from:-
County Council elections in May, Breckland Council news, police SNAP meeting dates, SLCC updates, and other items, including local events etc. have been sent to The Councillors' folder which is to be circulated for information only. Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web.
11. Speed Watch: - There were 3 sessions last month. The flashing sign is on loan for 2 weeks. Poor light during February stopped its extensive use. We need at least 2 more volunteers to keep the rota going. Please give your time if you can. Stickers for wheelie bins have an impact if used once a week rather than all the time. These are available from Colin 483961 for £1.10 each. See website for more info.
12. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported that there had been a burglary in the village during March. A valuable precaution is to act as good neighbours and to keep an eye on properties where residents are temporarily absent. Call 999 if a robbery is in progress and 111 non urgent matters.
13. Items for the next agenda: - as above.

The next meeting will be Monday 13th May in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 8th April 2013

Report from District & County Councillor John Rogers: -
NCC is now responsible for Public Health in the county. He supported the funding of the Watton CAB and the Watton Christian Community Centre. Two causes which will get a portion of the £2 million funding available. Over 100 people turned up to the opening of the new cycle path.

Participation & questions from the public: -
Sewage smell is very bad near the village school thought to be coming from behind The White House field. Mr. Chapman is to investigate and Anglian Water contacted if needed.
Road surface outside Wardles, The Street and the footpath surfaces are breaking up and need attention. The Clerk is to contact NCC highways. Also Anglian Water need to repair the broken stop cock cover outside Chase Farm. They were originally notified last November. A large pot hole has appeared near the school phone box and a kerb stone needs relocating in The Street. The Clerk is to contact the relevant authorities before the next meeting.