



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 13th May 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, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. J. Horner.
Also present: - Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland Council), Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch).

The Chairman asked for nominations for a new chairman of the Parish Council. Five of the six councillors, (Mrs K. Farmbrough absent) nominated Mr. J. Chapman as Chairman. It was RESOLVED that Mr. J. Chapman be elected as Parish Council Chairman for 2013/14. The new chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office, also signed by the clerk. It was noted that this would mean Mr. J. Chapman will have been Chairman of the Parish Council for over 20 years.

The Chairman asked for nominations for a new Vice Chairman. Mr. David Blincow and Mr. Peter Chapman nominated Mr. P. Hall. It was RESOLVED that Mr. P. Hall should continue as Parish Council Vice Chairman for 2013/14. The new Vice Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office; it was also signed by the clerk.

The Chairman opened the new meeting.

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mrs. K. Farmbrough, PCSO Tonya Winsley.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 8th April 2013 were handed out to the public and councillors as Draft. After a correction on Item 3. (~~Mrs. K. Farmbrough~~) It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the chairman, as a true and correct record.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - None
4. Planning Decisions: -
 - 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. Permission from Breckland Council on 08.04.13
 - B. 3PL/2013/0188/F Dees Cottage Northgate, Two storey side extension, single storey ext. to back porch & replace flat roof with pitch. Permission from Breckland Council on 25.04.13
 - 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 & to amend the design of Plot 1. Awaiting a decision from Breckland Council.
5. Finance - To report and approve the following expenditure:-

To adopt the 2012/13 accounts of the Parish Council. Item to be moved to the next Agenda to allow time for the external auditing.

To approve the following expenditure: -

 - A. Payment to Mr. C. Bearne for Speeder gun batteries. £10. In budget under Misc.items. It was agreed that this item is no longer needed at this time and no payment is to be made.
 - B. Payment to RGM for grass cutting in March and April. For three cuts & collection including VAT = £180.00. Proposed Mrs. J. Horner and seconded by Mr. D. Blincow. As Mr. R. Summers is no longer able offer a mowing service the Clerk is to request a new contract for April 2013 to Nov 2013 from RGM.
 - C. Parish Council Insurance. £635.06. In budget. It was noted that 2012/13 was £649.01 so this was a little lower than last time. Proposed by Mr. P. Hall and seconded by Mr. D. Blincow.
 - D. The Clerks contract for 2013/14. Item to be moved to the next agenda after circulation of information to councillors.
6. Matters to Report: -
 - A. Coronation Terrace Green - report on PC policy for use of land. All councillors had received a copy of the proposed policy for consideration and discussion. After a small correction on the map and an item about kite flying was removed it was RESOLVED to adopt the policy. It was agreed that every property on Coronation Terrace and the three properties on the corner, which use the main road entrance to Coronation Terrace should receive a letter and full copy of the Policy. These should also be added to the web site for all Parishioners.
 - B. Sewage smell. At the last meeting a bad sewage smell was reported near The White House. This was immediately reported to Anglian water who took action to investigate and to clear the effluent which had leaked from the pumping station into the field behind The White House. They took great care to clear the field and check the watercourse nearby. The pumping station was mended so this should not occur again.
 - C. Roads, pot holes and pavements work. Pavement surfaces along The Street have been redressed to smooth out the cracks and breakages. The road surface outside "Wardle's" The Street has also been redressed. The large pot hole near the school has been reported as not work completed. The surface water drainage during

rain, along The Street and Northacre, has to be reported again as there has been no action taken by the authorities here despite numerous reports over the last few years.

- D. Planters and grass contracts. Mr. Summers is to be sent a contract to confirm the requested maintenance and planting of the planters for April 2013 to March 2014.
 - E. The Book of Remembrance stand. The Clerk had checked the PC archives and a grant from Awards for All was received to cover the costs of the Remembrance Book and its stand in 2005. The Clerk is to write to the Church at Caston to ask them to confirm that it is entrusted to The Church of The Holy Cross for the future.
 - F. Road surface along Griston Rd near Sengana. Item to be moved to the next agenda.
 - G. Fly-posting in the village. A number of "Book fest" and "Circus" signs have appeared on the village on BT posts etc. It was agreed that this looks untidy. This is actually illegal so it was requested that the Clerk add the relevant information to the PC website so that clubs, events organisers and others know where they can be placed.
 - H. Tiles on the bus shelter. Mrs. J. Horner reported that several tiles on the Village Green bus shelter had started to crumble and needed replacing. Mr. P. Hall offered to do this as he has a few spare tiles. The councillors also wished to thank Mr. R Horner and Mrs. J. Horner for painting and renovating this bus shelter.
7. Correspondence from:-
Breckland Council, police, NCC and others, including local events etc. Items sent to The Councillors' folder is to be circulated for information only.
Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.
After the result of the recent County Council elections the Chairman thanked Mr. J. Rogers for representing Caston at County level. He has been a councillor at Norfolk County Council for the last 16 years. Instead of both being at both a County Councillor and a District Councillor he will now represent Caston at only Breckland Council.
The new Norfolk County Councillor for this area, Mr. Stan Hebburn, is to be invited to attend the future Caston Parish Council meetings.
8. Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. There have been 5 sessions since the last PC meeting. 20 speeders out of 615 vehicles were recorded. The percentage of speeders is lower but their speed is higher. The flashing sign is on loan for another 2 weeks. At least 2 more volunteers are needed to help with the scheme. We would also like to also appeal for a new speed watch co-ordinator. This would involve putting up and taking down signs and attending sessions. Please contact me on 01953 483961 if you would like to help. We also have a few "Slow down in our village" sticky signs left at £1.10 each. The PC agreed that if Mr. Bearne could not get a refund on the stickers he still has in stock these would be purchased by the PC for sale to residents to residents.
9. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne monthly report. We have a new Home Watch sign in the village and others have been cleaned. Although there have been several serious crimes in the village this year it is not as bad as elsewhere. Please look out for unusual and suspicious activity in your area and report it either direct to the Police on 101, or 999 if it is in progress, or to me on 01953 483961.
10. Matters For Future Discussion: - Rain Collection In Northacre And Dukes Lane corner. Ditch in Northacre full of effluent. - To be immediately reported to Breckland Council Environmental Health Dept. Pumping station noise along Northacre keeping residents awake request fencing or repairs if needed from Anglian Water.
11. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.
The next meeting date Monday 3rd June 2013 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 13th May 2013

12. Report from District Councillor Mr. John Rogers: -

Mr. Rogers has already updated with the latest information the PC during his end of year report.

13. Participation & questions from the public: -

Request for pathway sweeping from outside The Old Curatage to the Village Green.

PCSO Tonya suggested that the PC can ask the Griston prison to help with manpower for village jobs like hedge planting and other work. This is to be discussed at another meeting.

The Church of the Holy Cross Lottery will no longer be drawn at the end of the PC meeting. This will now be done at the Friday morning Drop In at the village Hall when more people are available to participate in the event. Father Bob Nicholls, via the Clerk, thanked Mr. Alan Bunn and Mrs. Jane Horner for their help in drawing past the lottery numbers.