



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 2nd September 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. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland),
Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - PCSO Tonya Winsley, Mr. S. Hebborn (County).
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 1st July 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 after corrections.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - None
Item 5.D: - Mr. D Blincow, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner, Mr. J. Chapman (Trustee only).
4. Planning:- The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2013/0519/F The Mill House, The Street - 2 Storey extension to the rear of the property & refurbishment of existing property. Permission from Breckland on 06.08.13
 - B. 3PL/2013/0586/F Northacre Farm Pool - Change of use of office and store to one bedroom caretakers flat. Refusal from Breckland on 01.08.13
 - C. 3DC/2013/0089/DOC Caston hall barns. Discharge of conditions on 3TL/2010/0063. Complete on 02.09.13
 - D. 3PL/2013/0613/F Willow Barn, Northacre. New detached garage and log store. Permission from Breckland on 22.08.13.
 - E. 3PL/2013/0567/CU Land adjacent Mere House, Stow Bedon. Change of use from agricultural to recreation. Permission from Breckland on 22.08.13
5. Finance:-
 - A. Payment to RGM for grass cutting in July. In budget at £192.00. Proposed by Peter Hall seconded by Kay Farmbrough. The August grass cutting price is to be checked a collection was not made. Item for next agenda.
 - B. Payment to the PC internal auditor Roger Canwell of £57.00. In budget. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough seconded by David Blincow.

The following represent the Charities which Caston PC has agreed and budgeted to support for the year 2013/14. It was proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Chapman that the following payments could be made as stated below: -

 - C. Donation to British Legion. In budget at £20.00.
 - D. Donation to Caston Village Hall committee for hall insurance. In budget at £485.00.
 - E. Donation to Watton Citizens Advice. In budget at £100.00
 - F. Donation to Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind. In budget at £50.00.
 - G. Donation to Wayland Partnership. In budget at £100.00.
 - H. Donation to Wayland First Responders (public volunteers). In budget at £100.00
 - I. Donation to Norfolk Accident & Rescue (Dr. & paramedics volunteers). In budget at £100.00.
 - J. Mazars form to re-sign. A small correction was needed in the accounts for Mazars to proceed. The Clerk had also been advised by Mazars, that the PC need to " earmark" PC savings to specific funds. It was Resolved to " earmark" £8,000.00 to future improvements and expansion to the Village Hall facilities and to " earmark" £5,000.00 for future equipment for recreation items for the village use. It was agreed to re-sign the corrected accounts and to return them with the letter stating the " earmarked" funds to Mazars.
 - K. The Clerks contract for 2013/14. Item for next Agenda.
 - L. Speeding notices from Colin Bearne. Mr. Bearne has 15 "Slow Down" sticky notices for wheelie bins left. They are £1.10 each available from him until the end of 2013. The PC will re-assess whether they need to purchase them from him or if he can get a refund for them.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Coronation Terrace Green. The tree surgeon has been re-contacted but has not replied to request to visit. New contractor to be found. The Awards 4 All funding application has been sent in. It was noted

that parishioners have been complaining that cars have been parking on the Village Green recently. This is damaging the grass and may make the mowing difficult. The Clerk has been asked to send all the residents of The Village Green area a copy of the Parking notice sent to residents at Coronation Terrace earlier this year along with the PC Village Green use Policy. A poster is also to be added to the notice board for non residents to see. A request is to be made for the fences, erected for the maintenance of a drain on The Village Green, to be removed by the owners as soon as possible.

- B. Fuel Allotment Trustees. It was agreed that from now on Neil Hall will take over from Peter Hall as a Trustee of the Fuel Allotment Charity.

7. Correspondence from: -

- A. Sue Ash - request for a water butt next to the village hall for watering the plants. Advised to contact the Village Hall Committee.
- B. Draft strategic Plan info from Breckland - comments are now welcome. Info to Councillors folder.
- C. Several parishioners request information about noise control. Clerk was advised by Breckland Council to see info on their website.
- D. Phone request from non Caston resident about pig farm smell near Blenheim Grange. Clerk advised them to contact Carbrooke Parish Clerk, Breckland Council or ward Councillor.
- E. Letter from Mr. Horner requesting information about the cost of replacing the Remembrance Book and Stand and insurance considerations. It was noted that the book had been scanned for recording the information held within it. Clerk to find information.

Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

8. Caston Speed watch team: - Mr. Bearne reported that there were 8 sessions since the last PC meeting. 31/978 vehicles were recorded as speeding in the village, one at 46mph!
A NEW SPEED WATCH CO-ORDINATOR is needed Now. Colin will tell you how to do it on 483961.

9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: - No reported crimes in Caston in the last 2 months. But ensure you heating oil and sheds are secure as nights get darker and oil thefts continue to be a problem. He also reported that strangers had been seen photographing properties in the village. If you see anything suspicious telephone the Police on 101.

10. Items for the next agenda: - As above plus next records Office tour dates please.

The next meeting will be Monday 7th October in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 2.09.2013

Report from District & County Councillor John Rogers: -

A new leader of Breckland District Council is to be chosen on 4th September 2013 after the resignation of William Nunn. Some children who live just within the 3mile limit have lost their bus passes due to the new cycle route. This is not lit in winter and may prove a problem for those used to catching the bus. The traffic lights in Watton are being re-sequenced. This is late due to lack of components but will be finished by the end of September. Currently there are 54 councillors on Breckland Council. They would like to reduce them to 50 due to the changes in the Boundaries of the Wards and associated population count. This does not affect Parish Boundaries. So templar Ward will join Wayland Ward in 2015.

Participation & questions from the public: -

Discussion about parking during car boots at The Barns and the noise from a speaker during the car boot event.