



Caston Parish Council

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

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL 3rd March 2014, at 7.30 P.M CASTON VILLAGE HALL

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.
Also present: - Mr. S. Hebborn (County), Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland).

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch), PCSO Tonya Winsley.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 3rd February 2014 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 any corrections were made and shown in red ink to item 5.B..
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - None
4. Planning:- The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2013/0835/F. New plot next to Red Lion, Caston. Minor Material amendments to plans 3PL/2010/0108/F. Vary window sizes, clad east elevation, increase ridge height, solar panels to garage. Awaiting decision.
 - B. 3PL/2013/1134/F. Caston Village Hall. Front and rear extensions, rebuild lean-to wing, and car park extension. Permission from Breckland on 07.02.14.
 - C. 3PL/2013/1205/F. Willow Barn, Northacre. New detached double garage and log store. Permission from Breckland on 04.02.14.
 - D. 3PL/2014/0053/F. Hall farm barns, Caston. Minor material amendment to 3PL/2010/0063 - changes to approved plans in relation to use of redundant buildings (3 x residential units Condition 2). Awaiting decision from Breckland.
5. Finance:-
 - A. Payment to Mr. Bearne for speed watch posters £8.80. In budget under Misc. Next agenda waiting for invoice.
 - B. Clerks wages and expenses December to February. In budget. It was agreed that this could be paid. The Clerk asked if the wages could be paid monthly to keep in line with HMRC guidelines. This was agreed but to be checked to see how other small parishes operate. Proposed by Mr. J. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. J. Horner.
 - C. EXTRA A quote from RGM for cutting the grass on The Green and Coronation terrace for 2014 was considered. The Clerk is to ask about the frequency of the collection of the grass on both areas. The quote was accepted but would be reconsidered if prices were to rise. Proposed by Mrs K. Farmbrough and seconded by Mr. P. Chapman.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Update on Precept/grant from Breckland Council. Breckland Council letter (26.02.14) was read out by The Chairman. This stated that they had reconsidered the "Council Tax Support Scheme" given to parishes and would be paying them this year. Caston will be getting an extra sum of £282.06 on top of the Precept. This is because Breckland Council is now in an "improved financial position" and able to pay this.
 - B. Any urgent information for PC to consider. It was noted that fibre optic Broadband is now in place in Caston.
7. Correspondence from: -

Breckland Council, Police, NCC and others, including local events etc. to be read out and public information notices to be posted to the village notice boards and web sites.
Items sent to The Councillors' Folder - to be circulated for information only.
Mr. Bradshaw is to be thanked for his excellent hedge tidying along the path near Flaxmoor House. This now makes passage easier for all the path users.
8. Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. There were 4 sessions last month. 342 vehicles were recorded and 6 were speeding. The flashing sign will be in the village for 2 weeks next month. We are now asked to record vehicles going at 35, 36 and above MPH in order to provide evidence for a Police camera.
9. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne monthly report. As Spring is here, please take care of

possessions which live outside. Thefts from gardens are frequent. If you are going away in the future please tell a neighbour or friend or contact Homewatch on 01953 483961.

- 10 Matters for future discussion to be noted. Items mentioned above plus traffic speed in the village.
- 11 The next meeting date is agreed as Monday 7th April 2014 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 3rd March 2014

- 12 County Councillor Mr. Hebborn to report.
- 13 The Chairman welcomed Mr. Hebborn. He gave an interesting report about his new job as Councillor at NCC. He spoke about NCC Budget and how UKIP successfully amended the budget to include: 1. £250,000 Coastal defence fund, 2. £127000 increase in the NCC contribution to the Norfolk Carers Alliance which supports a wide range of social care see (www.norfolkcarersinfo.org.uk/en). 3. £123000 reduction in cuts to trading standards. It was felt that such a reduction would put the public at risk. Other items he told us about included the Committee Steering Group, the incinerator plan at King's Lynn the new managing director of NCC. Also resurfacing work to happen at Carbrooke in the summer. A copy of the Mr. Hebborn notes can be seen on the notice board at The Village Hall.
District Councillor Mr. John Rogers to report. Mr. Rogers explained about the Local Government boundary changes for Breckland. Caston, currently in Templar Ward, will be moved into Wayland Ward. There is an Older Peoples Forum in Dereham during March and gardeners are being asked to become Master Gardeners with a scheme to help promote gardeners to share their food growing knowledge to help others grow their own.
- 14 Participation & questions from the public: - None.