



Caston Parish Council

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

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL 14th May 2014, at 7.30 P.M CASTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr. D Blincow, Mr A. Bunn, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. J. Horner.
Also present: - Mr. S. Hebborn (County), Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland), Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch).

The Chairman asked for nominations for a new Chairman of the Parish Council. Mrs. Jane Horner nominated and Mr. David Blincow seconded Mr. John Chapman as Chairman. It was RESOLVED that Mr. John Chapman be elected as Parish Council Chairman for 2014/15. The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office. It was also signed by the clerk. Mr. Chapman wished the councillors to know that as he had held this role of office for many years, he did not wish to be considered for this position on the PC when the term of office ended in May 2015.

The Chairman asked for nominations for a new Vice-Chairman. Mr. Alan Bunn proposed and Mr. Peter Chapman seconded, Mr. Peter Hall as Vice-Chairman. It was RESOLVED that Mr. Peter Hall should continue as Parish Council Vice-Chairman for 2014/15. The 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 7th April 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.
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 a decision from Breckland Council.
 - B. 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). Permission from Breckland Council on 17.04.14.
 - C. 3PL/2014/0291/F & 3PL/2014/0292/LB. Willow farm Northacre. Single storey side extension to detached garage. Permission from Breckland Council on 02.05.14.
 - D. 3PL/2014/0063/F. 6, Coronation Terrace. Pitched roof to existing single storey extension and external insulation & cladding to walls. Permission from Breckland Council on 17.04.14.
 - E. ENF/120/14/PAR. Former Peggs transport depot, Caston. Breach of condition. No more information to date, from Breckland Council, as to the clarification of the definition of "temporary building" which has been erected on this site.
 - F. 3PL/2014/0100/F. The White House, The Street, Caston. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 8 new dwellings. Mr. Daines-Smith is at the PC meeting tonight to explain the plans. The plans are currently being considered by the Parish Councillors.
 - G. 3PL/2014/0405/F. Lamlow, The Street, Caston. Erection of 2 storey side extension and demolition of outbuilding. These plans are currently being considered by the Parish Councillors.The meeting was adjourned at 8.10pm for guest and public participation to discuss The White House plans 3PL/2014/0100/F.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Daines-Smith, the agent, who explained the proposed plans for the development of The White House. Members of the public expressed their concerns about

- The style and the number of proposed dwellings on the site. This has doubled since the last planning application for the site.
- The proximity to the village school entrances. The dangers of fast moving traffic in the vicinity and possibility of accidents.
- The loss of privacy for neighbouring properties.

- The Parishioners were annoyed by the lack of care of the structure of The White House.
- It was pointed out that the open access of the entrance to the new houses could encourage parking for the school unless there were gates to stop this.
- The roofs of the houses at the front of the site were considered to be too high. They were thought to look too much like “town houses” and their profile and dormer style roofs windows are too high for the end of the row of village residences.
- They were also concerned about the effect on the wildlife in the area.
- It was asked whether the houses were within the planning envelope.
- It was also noted that after the previous application went to appeal, the recommendation was for minimal development in the area and the character of the properties should reflect the landscape and village scene.

Mr. Daines-Smith answered as many questions as possible and said that the main consideration of the developer was the economics of development so that it is financially viable for the new owners, hence the number and type of houses now planned for the site. The structure of the White House is clay lump and he said that you could not get a mortgage on this type of property, and therefore it needed to be demolished. This was disputed by a parishioner. Mr Daines-Smith also said that the road complies with the Highways risk assessment for 8 properties and that the majority of the houses are inside the planning envelope and that the developer was trying to both enhance the village and keep the development within economic constraints.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Daines-Smith for answering the questions of the parishioners and councillors and asked him to consider their interests when reporting to the new owners.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.40pm

5. Finance:-

To adopt the 2012/13 accounts of the Parish Council. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Hall.

- Parish Council insurance policy due May 14. The broker has found a cheaper policy with the same terms as last year. The Remembrance Book and stand are now included in this policy for 2014/15. Payment of £430.18, in budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Peter Chapman. It was also agreed by all councillors, that the remains of the budget from the insurance policy should be allocated towards a new notice board for the Village Green. This is to be added to the £500 prize for best village scene which was previously agreed should be used for a permanent feature of the village.
- Payment to RGM for April grass cuts. In budget. Proposed by Jane Horner and seconded by Peter Chapman.
- The Clerks wages for April 2014. In budget. Proposed by John Chapman and seconded by Peter Hall.
- Payment to Mr. Canwell for 2013/14 auditing. In budget. Proposed by Jane Horner and seconded by Peter Chapman.
- Contract for plants in planters and possible payment (1/4) to Mr. Summers for April/May 2014. The yearly contract for planting the planters ran until 30th march 2014. A new contract for 2014/15 was discussed. The Parish Council had received a new quote from a local plant grower and seller. After discussion about the upkeep of the planters the new quote was accepted for 2014/15. This will start immediately and run until next year. An agreement is to be written up by the clerk and signed by the new provider. It was requested that the planters should be filled by 31st May, the date of the village fete. Payment dates for this work is to be discussed on the next Agenda.

6. Matters to report: - Clerk

- Update on information from last month. The pot hole in Stow Bedon Rd has been filled and the debris at Attleborough Rd is to be cleared by Anglian Water as it is the remains of an accident. The cleaning of road signs is apparently non urgent but the NCC Highways will do it when they can,
- Any urgent information for PC to consider. None.

7. Correspondence from: -

Breckland Council, Police, NCC and others, including local events etc. to be posted to the village notice boards and web sites.
Items sent to The Councillors' Folder - to be circulated for information only.

- Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. The team had 4 sessions last month. We recorded 442 vehicles 8 of which were speeding plus 18 vehicles driving at 35 & 36 mph. Be warned! The limit in Caston is 30mph. More volunteers are now needed for the Speedwatch team.
- Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne monthly report. The Police post notices on the

village web site and sometimes in The Waylander. If you are going away for a while 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 2nd June 2014 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: -

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12 County Councillor Mr. Hebborn to report. Please refer to the report for the year. Mr. Hebborn will
13 also like to see the plans for The White House and the information about Speed Watch traffic in The Street.

District Councillor Mr. John Rogers to report. Mr. Rogers is at the PC meetings to answer any of your questions. He mentioned that opposite Carbrooke School is a road which is used by cars visiting or dropping off at the school. This would be similar to one opposite Caston School and it is difficult to stop traffic from doing this. Any questions for next month please.

14 Participation & questions from the public: - None.