



Caston Parish Council

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

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL 7th July 2014, at 7.30 P.M CASTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. D Blincow, Mrs. K. Farmbrough,
PCSO Tonya Winsley.

Also present: - Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland).

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr. P. Chapman, and Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. S. Hebborn (County), Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch).
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June 2014 were handed out to the public and Councillors as Draft. The minutes will not be signed off as there was some doubt as to whether there were enough councillors to constitute a quorum. The clerk is to check this.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - None
- 3.A The Chairman welcomed PCSO Tonya Winsley who gave her report on Policing in the village and Watton. She said that she is the Safer Schools Officer for Watton and has been working hard to help to reduce crimes and anti social behaviour in Watton. She is keen on getting involved and has already attended Caston Friday morning coffee sessions to meet local residents and tell about her work. She said that there is going to be a crackdown on speeding motorists, drivers not wearing seat belts and drivers using mobile phones whilst driving. The crime rate is low and she generally urged residents to lock all sheds and garages and check oil tanks regularly, as darker nights approach. Safer Neighbourhood Meetings are held at Watton Fire Station for interested parties. The next meeting is September 24th at 2pm.
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 the decision from Breckland.
 - B. ENF/120/14/PAR. Former Peggs transport depot, Caston. Breach of condition. Awaiting the decision from Breckland.
 - C. 3PL/2014/0100/F. The White House, The Street, Caston. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 8 new dwellings. Refused permission from Breckland Council.
 - D. 3PL/2014/0405/F. Lamlow, The Street, Caston. Erection of 2 storey side extension and demolition of outbuilding. Awaiting the decision from Breckland.
 - E. 3PL/2014/0608/F. Northacre Farm Pool, Caston. Change of use of office & store room to one bedroom caretakers flat. P.C. comments just returned to Breckland, waiting the decision from Breckland.
5. Finance:-
 - A. Payment to RGM for May & June grass cuts. In budget. Item moved to next Agenda and RGM to be informed about this.
 - A. The Clerks wages for June 2014. In budget. Item moved to next Agenda.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. To consider co-opting for the vacancy of Councillor on Caston Parish Council. This item to be moved to the next Agenda when more councillors are present.
 - B. Speed control on Stow Bedon Road. PCSO Tonya was told about the speeding motorists on the Stow Bedon Rd. Residents are to be asked for their ideas for helping to stop speeding along this road. Should the 30mph sign be moved further towards Folgate?
 - C. Update on information from last month. The councillors discussed the new notice board for the village green. Different types and styles of notice boards are to be considered as a solid oak one would require maintenance and is quite costly. Maintenance free boards are preferable.
 - D. Any urgent information for PC to consider. Item from the councillor's folder - A donation to Green Spaces society to be moved to the next Agenda.

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 - Local Plan, CPRE info, NALC conference, flag purchase info etc.
Letters: -
- The electoral role is being updated and all villagers are asked to check, add or sign up to the new scheme. Information will be sent to each house over the next 6 weeks. An advert will also be on television.
- 8 Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. In Mr. Bearne's report it stated that the team had 8 sessions last month. 657 vehicles were recorded, 24 of which were speeders and 17 travelling at over 35mph. We are now asked to record the numbers of vehicles travelling at 35 and 36 mph in order to provide evidence of the need of attendance by the Police camera car. The flashing sign will be in the village for two weeks. To volunteer for the Speedwatch team contact 01953 48396.
- 9 Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne monthly report. Caston did not appear in the crime stat this month. If you are going away please tell a neighbour or friend or contact Homewatch on 01953 483961 keep watch on your property.
- 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 1st September 2014 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 7th July 2014

- 12 County Councillor Mr. Hebborn sent his apologies.
- 13 District Councillor Mr. John Rogers said that the lack of space at that the Watton Surgery has caused a lot of concern and there is a meeting going on tonight about this. 1500 people were asked to move to other surgeries due to the lack of doctors at Watton. Some people in Caston and North Acre have been affected by this and now need to travel further to visit the doctor. Norfolk is currently in need of 52 more G.P's.
Mr. Rogers has been appointed as the Mayor of Watton and attends 8 to 10 functions per month. He is available to answer any questions from public and councillors at any time. His contact details are on the PC website, and on the village hall notice board.
- 14 Participation & questions from the public: - None.