



Caston Parish Council

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

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL 1st December 2014, at 7.30 P.M CASTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman,
Mr. D. Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. J. Horner.

Also present: - Mr. S. Hebborn (County) Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland). Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch
& Speed Watch). Members of the Parish of Caston.

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Kay Farmbrough, John Rogers, Stan Hebborn, & PCSO Tonya Winsley.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 3RD November 2014 were handed out to the public and Councillors as Draft. It was RESOLVED that the minutes 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. ENF/120/14/PAR. Former Peggs transport depot, Caston. Breach of condition. The Chairman read a letter from the Enforcement Officer Chris Curtis stating that "the owner has provided a comprehensive reply to the questions asked in the Planning Contravention Notice. I am currently seeking instructions from Breckland Council how to proceed".
 - B. 3PL/2014/0608/F. Northacre Farm Pool, Caston. Change of use of office & store room to one bedroom caretakers flat. No permission as yet from Breckland Council.
 - C. 3PL/2014/1002/F. The White House, The Street. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 8 new dwellings. No permission as yet from Breckland Council.
 - D. 3PL/2014/1088/O. Site adjacent to Home Farm, Northacre. Proposed residential development for 3 detached dwellings. Currently with the Parish Councillors for consideration. The PC had received letters from several residents stating that they do not agree with the plans as they propose to build in front of an existing house and close to the neighbours
 - E. 3PL/2014/ 1166/F Tractor shed. Stow Bedon. Near Caston boundary. Currently with the Parish Councillors for consideration. The height of the building was questioned.
5. Finance:-
 - A. Payment to RGM for October grass cuts. In budget. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Hall.
 - B. The Clerks wages for October 2014. In budget. To be added to the next Agenda as no invoice was available.
 - C. Payment to D&Y Nurseries for planters. Half year. In budget. Proposed by Peter Chapman and seconded by Peter Hall to pay fee. All the councillors agreed that the 6 month review of the new gardeners showed that the work of D & Y nurseries was considered to be of extremely high quality, providing an excellent selection of plants and professional maintenance of the pots and the surrounding grass. The Clerk is to send a letter of thanks with payment.
 - D. To consider the Parish Council Precept request for 2015/16. All areas of the budget were discussed and future costs considered. It was noted that as this is an election year, charges are payable for this service for the first time, so a small increase in the Precept is needed to help cover some of these charges. It was agreed that the Precept for 2015/16 to be raised to £7,500.00 from £7200.00 for 2014/15.
Extra items added as no meeting in January: -
 - E. Subscription to SLCC. In budget. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Hall.
 - F. Payment to Mr. Brooker for web site fees
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Notice board on The Green. All the councillors have seen the information on various companies who provide notice boards for Parish Councils. It was agreed: -
 1. To use a local company, Harry Stebbing Workshop, Great Hockham.
 2. The board is to replace the existing one on The Green and stand in the same place on posts provided by HSW.
 3. To choose a board large enough to suit 12 A4 sheets.

4. To have toughened glass and not polycarbonate glazing as they prefer glass.
 5. To not have any lettering on the board.
 6. The Clerk is to order as soon as possible so that the new one could be erected in Spring of 2015 by The Chairman and Vice Chairman.
 - B. Update on information from last month. The Clerk had been contacted by a resident along Griston road about the condition of the drainage ditches off the road. The Highways dept had been notified and all information forwarded to them. Speeding along Stow Bedon Rd continues. Councillors questioned why the village Cranworth can have 30mph roundels and Caston cannot. The Clerk to find out any reasons.
 - C. 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.
 8. Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report from Mr. Bearne.
There were 3 sessions since the last report. 347 vehicles were recorded and 7 speeders and 5 travelling at over 35mph. One was speeding at 47mph along Attleborough Rd next to Coronation Terrace. The position of the signs has been revised and this will be immediately obvious to drivers. This is to ensure the safety of the speed watch teams. The village has to seriously consider the use of more permanent signs to discourage speeding but this comes with high costs to the PC which would have to be passed on to the parishioners through the Precept. Mr Bearne has been working diligently to provide a speed watch service for the village for many years now. The Councillors would like to thank him for the great amount of time and effort he has spent in helping to tackle this problem. If you are concerned about speeding in the village please join the team and help us. 1 to 2 hours every alternate week is all that is needed. Tel 483 961.
 9. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne.
The Police are warning of thefts to sheds, garages and outbuildings. Please secure all your vehicles and machinery in them. Please check your external security lights and renew bulbs if needed. Plus check any time switches you may use for internal security. If you are going away please tell a neighbour or friend or contact Homewatch on 01953 483961 to keep watch on your property.
 10. Matters for future discussion to be noted. Items mentioned above.
 11. The next meeting date is agreed as Monday 2nd February 2015 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: -

Alison Skipper 1st December 2014

12. County Councillor Mr. Hebborn was absent due to a meeting elsewhere. He can be contacted by email: - stan.hebborn@norfolk.gov.uk
13. District Councillor Mr. John Rogers was absent due to a meeting at Watton. He can be contacted by email: - john.rogers@breckland.gov.uk.
14. Participation & questions from the public: - A parishioner asked about the position of the proposed houses in at Home Farm, Northacre - closeness to the neighbours, and if they would retain the existing hedge.