



Caston Parish Council

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

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL 2nd February 2015, at 7.30 P.M CASTON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman,
Mr. D. Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner.

Also present: - Mr. S. Hebborn (County) Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland).
Members of the Parish of Caston.

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch).
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 3RD December 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: -
Item 4F. David Blincow, Kay Farmbrough
- 3.A. The Chairman welcomed PCSO Tonya Winsley. Crime in Caston is low. But other villages have been targeted. Please keep your back and front doors locked at all times to stop opportunist thieves. Dial 999 for emergencies like crimes in progress this will get a patrol car and 101 for suspicious vehicles and happenings and to report other incidents. Priorities in Watton include street drinking, littering, ASB, cycling on the pavement. Also working with the housing association and the Churches and creating non-drinking zones in the town to help stop this problem. Communities may lose cover of the PCSO as funding has to be cut. The PC has received a letter about this - in councillor's folder. It is not sure whether this will affect Tonya. The PC thanked her for attending the village Friday drop in sessions at the Village Hall and for her work at the school.
4. Planning:- The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. ENF/120/14/PAR. Former Peggs transport depot, Caston. Waiting for further information from Breckland Council regarding possible retrospective planning application for temporary building.
 - B. 3PL/2014/0608/F. Northacre Farm Pool, Caston. Change of use of office & store room to one bedroom caretakers flat. Waiting for a decision from Breckland Council. Mr. Rogers said he supports this application.
 - C. 3PL/2014/1002/F. The White House, The Street. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 8 new dwellings. Waiting for decision from Breckland Council regarding planning. Meanwhile the Clerk was requested to enquire whether the land clearance which had taken place was within the rules of any previous decisions, and whether any disturbance had been caused to the Water vole population. The Enforcement Officer had been notified and after visiting the site, he stated that an Enforcement Notice was not applicable to this clearing of the land.
 - D. 3PL/2014/1088/O. Site adjacent to Home Farm, Northacre. Proposed residential development for 3 detached dwellings. Decision from Breckland Council - Refusal. Info to c/folder.
 - E. 3PL/2014/ 1166/F Tractor shed. Stow Bedon. Near Caston boundary. Permission from Breckland Council.
 - F. 3PL/2014/1330/F The Village Hall - MMA to 3PL/2013/1134/F in respect of enlarged rear store room. Waiting for a decision from Breckland Council.
 - G. 3PL/2014/1377/LB Willow Farm Northacre - Remove timber board door and infill aperture with brick wall and new window. Listed building. Waiting for a decision from Breckland Council
 - H. 3PL/2015/0075/LB Church Farm. - Replacement of existing windows to front elevation. Currently with Parish Councillors.
5. Finance:-
 - A. The new rules about financial transparency have been added to the Councillors folder for information.
 - B. The Clerks wages for November 2014 to January 2015. In budget. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough and seconded by Jane Horner.
 - C. The Clerks expenses for October to end of January. £41.14 In budget. Proposed by Jane Horner and seconded by Kay Farmbrough.

D. Payment to NPTP for election training for the Clerk in February. £30.00 in budget. Proposed by Jane Horner and seconded by David Blincow

6. Matters to report: - Clerk

A. Notice board on The Green. The decision - not have any lettering on the board was amended. After discussion, it was agreed that it will show that it is owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed to have "PARISH COUNCIL" carved at the top of the notice board. In budget.

B. Tree risk assessment - moved to the next agenda.

C. Elections- moved to the next agenda.

D. Discussion on defibrillator. It was asked if a defibrillator could be added to the Village Hall wall for the village to make use of. The Clerk explained that part funding is available for purchasing a defibrillator but there is a great demand for this. They cost up to £2000 including the special box for outdoor storage and battery. It was asked if it was not better to give this to Wayland First Responders for them to use. The Councillors requested that a demonstration be sought before considering the purchase of this equipment. Clerk to ask at Watton Doctors.

E. Update on information from last month. None

F. Any urgent information for PC to consider. None.

7. Correspondence from: - Caston village school have sent a letter explaining that they wish to become federated with Saham Toney village school to share the costs of the head teacher. They sought the opinion of the Parish council. Letter to be replied to after all councillors have read it. Other 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 6 sessions since the last report. One cancellation due to bad weather. 605 vehicles were recorded and 19 speeders and 12 travelling at over 35mph. Thanks to the dedication of the team we now have regular visits from the Police camera support officer which will hopefully help to concentrate drivers' attention. We have recruited one new member and are grateful to her for being so public spirited. 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 concerned at the continuing spate of theft of heating oil in the county. Rural domestic burglaries also prevalent. Please check your external security lights. 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 3rd March 2015 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 2nd February 2015

12 County Councillor Mr. Hebborn can be contacted by email: - stan.hebborn@norfolk.gov.uk
Mr. Hebborn would look into why Cranworth can have 30 mph roundels painted on the road and Stow Bedon Rd, Caston cannot. There is going to be a meeting of the Broadband team soon. He agreed that there was a need for the village school to have this facility. He also informed the public that he was up standing for election for Watton Town Council.

13 District Councillor Mr. John Rogers can be contacted by email: - john.rogers@breckland.gov.uk
Mr. Rogers explained that the owner of the old Peggs Depot site in Dukes lane can use the land for storing items but the building comes under the Enforcement rules and may need to have planning permission.

14 Participation & questions from the public: - A parishioner asked about if it would be possible to have a microphone for the councillors so that the public could hear better when the radiators were on.