



Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN:- Mr. David Blincow VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mrs. Kay Farmbrough

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018

LITTLE ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

Councillor's present:- David Blincow, Kay Farmbrough, Frank Brown, Brian Brooker, Peter Chapman, Jackie Porter, Rob Lond-Caulk

Also present:- Members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 February 2018, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Brooker and seconded by Cllr Chapman. All voted in favour.

The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

3. **Participation and questions from the public, session 1:** None.
4. **Guest Speakers:** None.
5. **Caston Speed Watch Report by Co-ordinator Colin Bearne – Contact 01953 483961**

"Because of the inclement weather there have been only 2 sessions since the last council meeting. 192 vehicles were observed and we were able to record 11 of these as speeding. Because of the works being carried out on the village hall our efforts have been concentrated on the Attleborough Road at Coronation Terrace.

We are pleased to say that we may have gained 2 more recruits

Please join us if you are concerned about speeding in the village. It takes only 1-2 hours of your time every alternate week. We are still critically short of volunteers."

6. **Caston Neighbourhood Watch Report by Co-ordinator Colin Bearne – Contact 01953 483961**

"Happily there is again nothing to record this month.

Please remember that very cold weather makes heating oil a much sought after prize for thieves. Take appropriate action to preserve yours.

For Neighbourhood Watch ring 483961. For reporting suspicious activity and seeking advice use 101".

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

7. **Declarations of Interest:**- Cllr Lond-Caulk, item 8A and 8E. Cllr Farmbrough, item 8B.
Dispensations from Council Members: - None

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8. **Planning Applications:-**

- A. **3PL/2015/1080/F** – The Barn, Dukes Lane. Cllr Lond-Caulk reiterated that the removal of the barn will be completed by the end of September.
- B. **3PL/2017/1267/0** – Land adjacent to Caston Primary School – erection of five dwellings and car park for Caston Primary School. Undecided. (Deferred). Cllr Blincow advised that this matter has been deferred following the recent Planning Committee meeting. The Council had sent a complaint to the Leader of Breckland Council, which had been acknowledged, regarding the procedure and the way business was conducted at this meeting.
- C. **3PL/2017/1045/0 (Appeal Reference APP/F2605/W/17/3186309)** – Land adjacent Old Rectory Cottage, Attleborough Road, NR17 1DL – residential development (two dwellings). This matter remains undecided.
- D. **3PL/2018/0080/VAR** – Former White House, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD – Removal of Condition 4 on pp 3PL/2016/0519/VAR (contamination). Permission has been granted.
- E. **3PL/2017/1125/F** – Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD - Conversion of garage to one and a half storey cottage. Appealed. (26 March). This matter was deferred to the end of the meeting.
- F. **3PL/2018/0027/F** – Development of Cattle Roundhouse, Thompson Road, Griston, IP25 6PX – erection of 1 no organic free range egg laying unit with connected packing area.

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow public participation.

A discussion took place regarding this planning application. Concerns were raised regarding the size of the proposed chicken shed, increased heavy vehicle traffic, obnoxious odours, airborne diseases and proximity to the school and residential dwellings.

A member of the public raised concerns that the shed could easily be adapted to a broiler chicken shed and suggested that a condition should be imposed to prevent this happening in the future.

It was acknowledged that whilst this planning application falls in the Parish of Griston, the impact is more significant on the Parish of Caston.

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A further discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter raising the concerns of the Council and public for approval by Council to be submitted to Breckland Planning.

9. Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure:-

- A. To approve the salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of February 2018 in the sum of £211.77.
- B. To approve the salary payment for additional hours worked during the financial year 2017/18 to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, in the sum of £302.81.
- C. To approve the expenses for the period November 2017 to February 2018 to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, in the sum of £76.41.

Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brooker, all voted in favour.

To approve and report the additional following expenditure:-

- D. Caston Village Hall Hire for October and November 2017 in the sum of £15.00. Proposed by Cllr Brooker and seconded by Cllr Chapman. All voted in favour.

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- E. Little Ellingham Village Hall Hire for December 2017, January, February and March 2018 in the sum of £64.00. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Porter. All voted in favour.
- F. Purchase of wooden canes to support the hedging at Coronation Terrace, (previously approved at the meeting held on 4 September 2017, Agenda item 3) in the sum of £6.00, payable to Jane Horner. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Porter. All voted in favour.

10. **Matters to Report:-**

A. **Update on original Village Cross repairs.**

The Clerk advised that she had received confirmation that some funding had been approved by Historic England but was awaiting the formal offer letter to confirm the sum approved. The Council is now required to put the work out to tender and the Clerk will arrange this. Historic England have also confirmed that their records show that the area around the village cross has significant interest as it is believed that there are burial sites in the immediate area surrounding the cross and has asked the Council whether they have any records in this regard. The Clerk advised that she was not aware of any such records. Cllr Chapman advised that he had some recollection of skeletons being found on the site some 60 plus years ago but had no further information. Cllr Blineow would make some general enquiries in this regard. **Item for next Agenda.**

B. **Financial Balances.**

The Clerk reported the current account balances. **Item for next Agenda.**

C. **Update on telephone boxes.**

Phil Wells advised that some cleaning/washing had taken place and would continue as the weather improves. **Item for next Agenda.**

D. **Matters for the Rangers/update from Claire Bowes.**

The Clerk advised that she had not received any further update from Cllr Bowes. **Item for next Agenda.**

E. **Update from Claire Bowes re 20mph flashing signs outside the school.**

The Clerk advised that she had not received any further update from Cllr Bowes. The Clerk to chase. **Item for next Agenda.**

F. **Update on Village Hall refurbishment project/kitchen order.**

The refurbishment is progressing well. The new kitchen is being delivered on Thursday 8 March. An open day coffee morning has been arranged for Saturday 31 March 2018.

G. **Update re letter to Police & Crime Commissioner.**

The Clerk confirmed that no response had been received to our letters. The Clerk advised that the Police & Crime Commissioner was holding a Q&A evening on 7 March 2018 at Queens Hall, Watton from 6-8pm.

H. **Flooding issues/tree debris/damage to verges.**

It was noted that there is lots of tree debris on the green at Coronation Terrace which has been brought down in the recent storm and that vehicles had been parking on the green which has become very muddy. The Clerk to instruct RG Maintenance Services Limited to clear tree debris. **Item for next Agenda.**

A discussion took place and it was agreed that we should remind parishioners that a Riparian ownership exists in relation to streams which run alongside any property. A notice would be prepared for the village website/Waylander/Facebook.

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I. **Village signs.**

It was noted that two no stopping signs had been installed in the vicinity of the school/School View development. The signs are not secure and it is unclear whether they are official signs. The matter has been reported to Highways who are investigating.

J. **Complaint letter to Leader of the Council in respect of Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 February 2018 re 3PL/2017/1267/0 – Land adjacent to Caston Primary School – erection of five dwellings and car park for Caston Primary School.**

As reported at 8b above, a formal letter of complaint has been sent to the Leader of Breckland Council following the procedure and conduct of business at the recent meeting of the Planning Committee on 12 February 2018. The letter has been acknowledged and a response is awaited.

11. **Correspondence from:-**

Any correspondence and associated information added to the Councillors' Folder for circulation. Public Information notices posted to the village noticeboards and websites.

12. **To agree the next meeting date Monday 9 April 2018 at Caston Village Hall.**

The Chairman will close the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

13. Participation and questions from the public – session 2. None.

Cllr Lond-Caulk left the meeting at 8.25pm

8E. **3PL/2017/1125/F** – Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD - Conversion of garage to one and a half storey cottage. Appealed. (26 March). A discussion took place regarding this Appeal and it was agreed that nothing had changed in relation to the views of the Council and the Clerk will draft a response to the Planning Inspectorate for Council approval.

14. Matters for future discussion to be noted.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

*Joanne Blackman
Parish Clerk
7 March 2018*

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