



# Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN:- Mr. David Blincow      VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mrs. Jaki Porter

MINUTES OF  
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CASTON  
**MONDAY 13 MAY 2019**  
CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

Councillor's present:- David Blincow, Kay Farmbrough, Brian Brooker, Frank Brown, Peter Chapman, Jaki Porter

Also present:- District Councillor Phil Cowen, 15 Members of the Public

1. Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor Claire Bowes.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Caston held on Monday 14 May 2018 could be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. All voted in favour.
3. Chairman's Report from Mr David Blincow – please see attached.
4. County Councillor's report from County Councillor Claire Bowes was read to the meeting – please see attached.
5. District Councillor's report from District Councillor Phil Cowen – please see attached.

DC Phil Cowen reiterated that the Council is in a good financial position with a balanced budget for the next five years and does not foresee any significant issues.

The Local Plan should be returned from the Inspector sometime in the Summer and it is likely to be adopted in September 2019.

6. **Financial Reports**

The Clerk reported the current financial position to the Council.

7. **Neighbourhood Watch report from co-ordinator Colin Bearne**

Co-ordinator, Colin Bearne, confirmed that no crime had been reported in the last 12 months. Considered that Caston has been very lucky in this regard and we must continue to be vigilant.

8. **Speedwatch report from co-ordinator Colin Bearne**

Co-ordinator, Colin Bearne, advised that they continue to have a presence on the street. This year in the region of 250 letters have been sent to speeding drivers from the Police. The team have struggled at times to fill the sessions, there are currently 10 volunteers but more are required.

CB advised that he has been a volunteer for 15 years and co-ordinator for the last 12 and would now like to step down. No existing members of the team wish to take over as co-ordinator and the team cannot operate without one. Any co-ordinator needs to be an active member of the team. CB intends to step down in the middle of June and without a co-ordinator there will be no Speedwatch team in Caston. It is vital that a new co-ordinator is found as soon as possible. An advert will be placed on Facebook and/or Waylander to attempt to secure one.

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9. **Financial Statements of Caston Village Hall Charitable Trust for the year ended and as at 31 March 2019**

Cllr Brown provided a short update and confirmed the reports will be made available on the Village Hall website in due course.

**The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.**

10. A member of the public advised that rats have been seen in the village.

A member of the public advised that parking on The Street continues to be a problem on a Wednesday and Friday evening. Kevin Pell has notified the Chairman that he continues to monitor the situation and they are no longer meeting on Wednesdays.

It was reported that several white lines throughout the village have virtually disappeared including some on dangerous junctions. It was also reported that contractors had been in the village this week repainting some of the lines.

The condition of the road outside Delmar Cottage continues to cause problems during rainfall. The drain has subsided. The County Council had promised to carry out these repairs in 2016 but insufficient funds were available. The matter will be raised again.

Some of the streams are becoming blocked along The Street, specifically outside the new houses opposite the school. Cllr Farmbrough and the Clerk will inspect and report. It was noted that letters to all households subject to riparian ownership had been written to recently reminding them of the importance of keeping the waterway clear.

**The Chairman re-opened the Council Meeting.**

11. Council agreed the date for the next Annual Meeting of the Parish as **Monday 11 May 2020.**

Meeting closed at 8.18pm

Joanne Blackman  
Parish Clerk  
17 May 2019

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED: .....