



# Caston Parish Council

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

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019**

CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

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

Also present:- 14 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7 January 2019, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown. All voted in favour.
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**  
Nothing to report this month.
6. **Caston Neighbourhood Watch Report by Co-ordinator Colin Bearne – Contact 01953 483961**  
Nothing to report this month.
7. **Declarations of Interest:-** None  
**Dispensations** from Council Members: - None
8. **Planning Applications:-**
  1. **3PL/2019/0003/O** – Adjacent the Old Rectory Cottage Attleborough Road Caston NR17 1DL – Residential Development (affordable).

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Mr Penfold addressed the Council and thanked the Parish Council and villagers who had opposed to the above application. Mr Penfold confirmed that on 31 January he had purchased the plot of land in question, which sits adjacent to his property, and the planning application had therefore ceased. Cllr Blincow advised that the Council had not been formally notified but the Clerk had checked on-line and confirmed this to be the case.

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

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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 January 2019 in the sum of £212.52. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown, all voted in favour.
- B. To approve payment to Brian Brooker in reimbursement of invoice number 4760940 to Paragon Internet Group t/a Tsohost for domain renewal fees for Caston On-Line in the sum of £7.19 (incl VAT). Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown, all voted in favour.
- C. To approve payment to R G Maintenance Limited, invoice number 2241312, in respect of the hedge cutting at Coronation Terrace on 10 January 2019 in the sum of £144.00 (incl VAT). Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown, all voted in favour.

10. **To discuss propose and vote on the following subjects:**

A. **Breckland District Council 5 Year Rolling Land Supply**

The Local Plan has come back from the Inspectorate with modifications, which removes some safeguards from the current plan. There has been some movement in other Parishes to protest against some of those amendments. Cllr Porter suggested it would be a good idea to get together to form a better voice. Cllr Blincow and Cllr Porter will contact the organiser of the briefing and seek to join with other Parishes.

B. **Letter from Mr and Mrs Chapman re Griston Road corner**

The Clerk had provided the Council members with a letter received from Mr and Mrs Chapman expressing concerns regarding the sharp bend as you enter Caston (Griston Road).

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Mrs Chapman addressed the meeting and expressed concerns regarding the sharp bend as you enter Caston (Griston Road). Several times a year, vehicles crash into the chevron sign and hedge bordering their property. Concerns were raised over the speed which vehicles approach the corner (even though it is within a 30mph area) and the frequency of accidents. Vehicles have entered into the garden of the property on many occasions and it is extremely dangerous. Mrs Chapman would like a crash barrier installed but is not sure of the legalities. A discussion took place and it was acknowledged that this bend and speeding in general continues to be an ongoing problem within the village. It was further acknowledged that residents need to make representations in this regard. Norfolk County Council does not have funding available and the Police do not have resources. Whilst the SAM2 sign is effective, it has no effect on those who have no regard for the speed limit. Cllr Lond-Caulk suggested that we should write formally to CC Claire Bowes and the Director of Highways with our concerns. The Clerk will prepare a letter to be sent to CC Claire Bowes in the first instance, with a copy to be sent to the Director of Highways.

11. **Matters to Report**

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

The Clerk reported that Historic England had inspected the repairs to the village cross and had reported that they had not been carried out to the standard expected and water was already seeping from the newly pointed areas. The contractor had been contacted and had accepted that the work was not to standard. It is not appropriate to make further repairs at this time of year and the contractor will meet with Historic England in the Spring to discuss the way forward. **Item for next Agenda.**

B. **Financial Balances.**

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

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C. **Update on telephone boxes.**

No update available. *Item for next Agenda.*

D. **Matters for the Rangers**

The Clerk provided an update on Highway reported matters. *Item for next Agenda.*

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

No update available. Clerk to contact CC Bowes. *Item for next Agenda.*

F. **Parish Council Website**

- Cllr Brooker advised that the Village Hall website has been updated and encrypted.
- The Parish Council website is not to be updated but has been encrypted.
- Caston-Online has been updated and will be encrypted.

*Item for next Agenda.*

G. **Defibrillator training**

A video presentation evening has been arranged for 25 February to incorporate Election information evening. *Item for next Agenda.*

H. **Update re proposed play area**

Cllr Porter advised that a 'child' consultation day had been scheduled for Saturday 23 February. The outcome will be reported and we should learn whether our application has been successful sometime after 9 April. We have received £7,000 from the National Lottery, £5,196 from Breckland and a contribution from the Parish Council of £6,000.

Cllr Porter advised that it is difficult to provide an estimate of costs for maintenance until such time as we are aware of what equipment will be purchased. Griston PC include £1,000 in their budget although it was acknowledged that their play area is/will be much larger than that proposed at Caston. *Item for next Agenda.*

I. **Update re riparian ownership of ditches**

A letter had been prepared to be sent to those properties who may be subject to riparian ownership and will be sent shortly. *Item for next Agenda.*

J. **Update re Community Cars**

Cllr Brooker advised that he had sent an email to those on the distribution list, advertised on Caston Facebook page and arranged a leaflet drop regarding the Community Car scheme. There had been interest from one volunteer and one co-ordinator. A further report will be provided at the next meeting. *Item for next Agenda.*

K. **Temporary Road Closure of Attleborough Road**

Notification was provided of two road closures in the vicinity of Caston.

L. **Elections – 2 May 2019**

A reminder was given of the upcoming elections on 2 May 2019 and the information evening arranged for 25 February 2019.

12. **Correspondence from:-**

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

13. **To agree the next meeting date Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.** Agreed.

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14. **Participation and questions from the public – session 2.**

A member of the public advised that the EDP had reported in December that the Local Plan had been agreed, this is incorrect. It was suggested Caston now forms part of the A11 corridor and we should forge an alliance of local parishes to lobby MPs. It is considered that the wrong properties are being built in the wrong place.

An observation was made that the Minutes of Meetings are sometimes slow to be uploaded to the website. This was acknowledged and will be rectified in the future.

15. **Matters for future discussion.** Communications Officer

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

*Joanne Blackman*  
*Parish Clerk*

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