



# Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN:- Mrs Jaki Porter      VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mrs. Kay Farmbrough

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MONDAY 2 MARCH 2020**

CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

Councillor's present:- Jaki Porter, Kay Farmbrough, Frank Brown, Peter Chapman, Chris Cook, Michele Grimsditch

Others present:- None

Also present:- 2 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Brooker.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2020, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Chapman. All voted in favour.

**The Chairman closed the meeting to permit participation from the public.**

3. **Participation and questions from the public, session 1:** The flooding issue at Delmar Cottage was raised again. A discussion took place as to the steps the Parish Council had taken to try and get this matter resolved. The member of the public who raised the issue will write to Highways/Leader of the Council in this regard and the Parish Council will also continue to pursue matters.

4. **Guest speakers:** None.

5. **Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report from Tony Ash, Speed Watch Co-ordinator:**

"February saw the volunteers accomplish six checks in reasonable weather conditions. During these checks 450 vehicles were assessed of which 37 were reported to the Constabulary for exceeding the 35mph guidelines.

My requests for assistance from the volunteers for March has been amazing and we are scheduled to do seven checks with four volunteers booked for every check.

We have had several visits from the enforcement team and my personal opinion is that this is because we are returning regular figures of speeders. If there is anyone who would like to join our team and give up a couple of hours per month then please contact me on 01953 488902.

With more volunteers I could increase the number of checks we do per month or decrease the hours requested from each volunteer.

I have requested Constabulary assistance for March.

Tony Ash  
Speedwatch Co-ordinator".

6. **Caston Neighbourhood Watch monthly report:** Nothing to report.

7. **Declarations of Interest:-** None.  
**Dispensations** from Council Members. None.

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8. **Planning Applications**

None.

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 2020 in the sum of £216.75.
- B. To approve payment to Calico UK in the sum of £28.80 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 111718 (caston-online.co.uk SSL Certificate annual charge).
- C. To ratify payment to Plusnet in the sum of £34.20 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 00004758344-007 (Village Hall broadband). PAID
- D. To ratify payment to I&I IONOS Ltd in the sum of £7.20 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 203030452214 (Community Cars). PAID

The above expenditure was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Grimsditch, all voted in favour.

To approve two additional items of expenditure, as follows:-

- E. To approve reimbursement payment to Brian Brooker in the sum of £9.19 in respect of the mailbox for Caston-online.

The above expenditure was proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Grimsditch, all voted in favour.

- F. To approve payment to A T Coombes for tree maintenance at the Play Area in the sum of £300.00 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 3097.

The above expenditure was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Cook, all voted in favour.

10. **Matters to Report**

- A. **Financial Balances** - The Clerk had previously supplied the current balances to Councillors. *Item for next Agenda.*
- B. **Matters for the Rangers** – any outstanding matters to be chased and the Clerk to report and follow up accordingly. *Item for next Agenda.*
- C. **Play area** – the overhanging branch over the Toddler Tower has now been removed. The bin has been moved to its new location. The Clerk to arrange bin collections. The bench bases should be completed this week. *Item for next Agenda.*
- D. **Cell Phone Coverage Survey** – a questionnaire is included in this month's edition of the Waylander and the Village Hall mailbox will be receiving the completed forms or by electronic means.
- E. **Purchase of SAM2** - Cllr Porter advised that she had spoken with the Speedwatch team and the team who currently move the existing SAM2 sign and both are happy for a second SAM2 to be included in their remit. Cllr Porter will contact Linda Girling who represents the Parish Partnership Scheme at Norfolk County Council re the previously agreed 50 per cent Parish Partnership Scheme funding and seek an extension of time. It was proposed by Cllr Porter and seconded by Cllr Farmbrough that a second SAM2 sign should be purchased. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that a second SAM2 sign would be purchased from Westcotec subject to the Parish Partnership Scheme 50 per cent funding remaining in place. All voted in favour. *Item for next Agenda.*
- F. **Councillor Training** – it was discussed that Cllrs Grimsditch and Cook should attend a course 'Being an Effective Councillor'. There is one scheduled for 25/26 March and the Clerk will find out further details and revert. It was also agreed that Cllr Porter should attend a Chairman training course and the Clerk will look to see if there are any courses currently scheduled.

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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 6 April 2020.** Agreed.

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

13. **Participation and questions from the public – session 2.** A member of the public enquired what is the role of the Rangers. The Clerk ran through items that fall within their powers but given that the Rangers have not been seen for some time the Clerk will make enquiries.
14. **Matters for future discussion.** As above.

Visit from Jaki Cushing re Good Neighbourhood Scheme  
Remembrance Book  
Wreath for VE Day

Meeting closed 8.35pm

*Joanne Blackman*  
*Parish Clerk*  
*17 March 2020*

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