



Caston Parish Council

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020
CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

Councillor's present:- Jaki Porter, Frank Brown, Peter Chapman, Chris Cook, Michele Grimsditch
 Others present:- None
 Also present:- 1 Member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Farmbrough and Cllr Brooker.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 January 2020, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Grimsditch. All voted in favour.

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

3. **Participation and questions from the public, session 1:** None.
4. **Guest speakers:** None.
5. **Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report from Tony Ash, Speed Watch Co-ordinator:**

"In January the volunteers accomplished 6 checks between the 10th and 31st. During this period 517 vehicles were assessed and 21 were reported to Norfolk Constabulary for exceeding the 35mph guidelines

Having 4 volunteers per check is working really well. Sadly I have to report on one occasion the volunteers were subjected to abuse which was reported and the offending driver will be getting a visit from our local beat officers.

There are 6 checks scheduled for February and I have requested Constabulary assistance which if it comes off will result in on the spot fines and words of advice.

Two new volunteers have been cleared to join us bringing our total to 24.

The number of speeding vehicles caught during speedwatch checks is running at 7% of total traffic passing. The average speed of the speeders through the village caught on speedwatch is 38mph, bearing in mind we're only looking at vehicles doing more than 35mph.

If there are any further parishioners who would like to assist with speedwatch please contact me on 01953 488902.

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 January 2020 in the sum of £216.75.
- B. To approve donation payment to Norfolk Accident & Rescue in the sum of £100.
- C. To approve donation payment to Watton Citizens Advice Bureau in the sum of £100.
- D. To approve donation payment to Wayland First Response in the sum of £100.
- E. To approve donation payment to the Wayland Partnership in the sum of £100.
- F. To ratify payment to I&I IONOS Ltd in the sum of £7.20 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 203020112422 (Community Cars). PAID

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

10. **Matters to Report**A. **Financial Balances**

The Clerk had previously supplied the current balances to Councillors. It was noted that receipt of the Section 106 monies in respect of the Play Area had now been received in the sum of £2,835.73. **Item for next Agenda.**

B. **Matters for the Rangers** – any outstanding matters to be chased and the Clerk to report and follow up accordingly. Some of the pavements are very muddy and slippery. **Item for next Agenda.**C. **Play area** – Two quotes were handed to the Clerk for the bench/bin works from C E Clarke and Paul Lincoln. The quotes were similar and a decision was made to instruct C E Clarke to carry out the works required. Cllr Porter to liaise with C E Clarke in this regard. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that C E Clarke would be instructed to carry out the works as detailed on the quotation.

Cllr Porter was awaiting a second quote regarding the overhanging branch at the Play Area. Once this is received Cllr Porter to have discretion to instruct one of the two tree surgeons with the support of one other Councillor. **Item for next Agenda.**

D. **Earmarking of Section 106 monies in respect of the Play Area** – the final costs for the bench/bin will be paid from the Section 106 monies with the balance to be earmarked for future Play Area maintenance costs.E. **Village Cross Notice** – No update and it was agreed to remove from the Agenda for the time being.F. **Cell Phone Coverage Survey** – the questionnaires require printing and it was agreed the Clerk would do so using the Council printer in readiness for the next edition of Waylander. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Grimsditch. Cllr Grimsditch referred to recent Government news that by the end of March, roaming, similar to that used abroad, should be available in all areas.G. **Review of current Standing Orders** – it was noted that the clause for consideration could not be changed as it is a mandatory clause and therefore the Standing Orders are to remain the same.H. **Purchase of SAM2**

Cllr Porter advised that the new style SAM2 signs are Bluetooth enabled and are lighter and easier to handle. Cllr Brown asked whether funding had been approved. Cllr Porter believed that it had on a 50/50 basis but she would check the position as would the Clerk. Cllr Porter agreed to liaise with the people responsible for moving the current SAM2 sign and the Speedwatch Team. The second SAM2 would be used in addition to the current one, not as a replacement. **Item for next Agenda.**

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I. **Defibrillator**

The Clerk advised that the defibrillator cannot be unlocked as it would no longer be covered under our insurance. It was agreed that we would send another email to residents who we have contact details for, asking if they wish to have the code. The Clerk to ask Cllr Brooker to circulate the same and wording to be sent to Cllr Porter and/or the Clerk to be placed on Facebook. The question of training was raised again and Cllr Brown said that the Wayland First Responders may be approached as he thought they were running a session at the Wagon & Horses in Griston the next day. Cllr Brown would try and pop in on this session and revert. The Clerk reminded Council of the difficulties she had experienced before, trying to get somebody to run a session, which is why we opted for the video presentation instead.

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 2 March 2020.** Agreed.

The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

14. **Participation and questions from the public – session 2.** A member of the public asked whether the new SAM2 sign has the option for solar panels. Cllr Porter recalled that she thought they did not due to them having to be moved but she would look into this.

15. **Matters for future discussion.** As above.

Meeting closed 8.25pm

*Joanne Blackman
Parish Clerk
23 February 2020*

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DATED: