

# Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook    VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Kay Farmbrough

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2021  
AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

Councillor's present:-        Chris Cook, Kay Farmbrough, Mary Howell, Graham Moss, John Hill

Also present:-                12 Members of the Public

**1. Apologies for absence**

None.

**2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4 October 2021**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4 October 2021 be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Hill, 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 hole outside Delmar House has been filled in but this is making the water rise even further.

A member of the public advised that he would support the planting of a tree by the WI. A rowan tree has a life expectancy of around 80 years, an oak around 300 years. It was suggested that an oak and a rowan tree could be planted on the Village Green. He has some oak saplings from the oaks at Chase Farm which he has nurtured for some time and would be happy to donate them to the Parish Council.

A question was asked about the white arrows which have appeared on the pavements. It was not known to what these relate.

County Broadband is still in the planning stages and it is unclear when this will be coming to Caston.

A member of the public raised the question of traffic calming measures in Caston. The level of traffic has raised by around 20% over recent years and the high number of heavy goods vehicles coming through the village are the noisiest and speeds of all vehicles is too fast. Reference was made to Spooner Row where two roads have priority passing points. The signage on the B1077 is inadequate and he wondered whether the Council could add some weight to these points. It was advised that we had been refused any kind of traffic calming measure in the village over the years but it was acknowledged that there was no harm in asking again.

A member of the public asked who was responsible for the flashing signs at the school and whether they could be turned off during the school holidays. The Clerk advised that she thought this was the responsibility of the school and she would write to them on this point.

**The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.**

**4. Guest Speakers**

None.

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**5. Speedwatch**

“During October the volunteers completed five checks at various locations. A total of 564 were assessed and 46 reported to the Constabulary for processing.

Yet again this month several offenders were in excess of 40mph. Three of the offenders were reported for 49mph.

The new site in Northacre has been approved and will be tried in December”.

**6. To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members.**

Cllr Farmbrough – 7C, 7D, and 7E as a neighbour.

**7. Planning Applications**

The following updates were provided in relation to current planning applications.

- A. **3PL/2021/1384/O** - The Lilacs Northacre NR17 1DG - Proposed single storey dwelling and garage. As this is outline permission concerns were raised that it could extend to the whole site on full application. The existing property is currently vacant and falling into disrepair. This is an infill property which goes right up to the existing building and it was felt the next step would be to demolish the existing building. Drainage is of concern as the ditches fill up and the water table is extremely high at this location. It was noted that no building has been permitted in Northacre in recent years. It falls outside of the settlement boundary and any new build has had to be built on existing footprints. The Council therefore object to this application on the basis that it falls outside of the settlement boundary, it is not in keeping with the character of Northacre and drainage. Voted 4 objections, 1 abstention.
- B. **3PL/2021/1241/HOU** - The Old Rectory Attleborough Road Caston Attleborough, Norfolk NR17 1DL - The Construction of An Acoustic Fence & Gates. Application withdrawn.
- C. **3OB/2021/0013/OB** - Land Adjacent to Caston Primary School Caston Norfolk NR17 1DD - Modify The Application Obligation on 3PL/2017/1267/O The obligation required for the provision of a car park for Caston Primary School. However, since the approval was granted it has become apparent that the school does not wish to have the car park provided.  
**Undecided. Comments submitted. No update available.**
- D. **3PL/2021/0223/D** - Land Adjacent To Caston Primary School Caston NR17 1DD - Reserved matters application for Erection of five dwellings following outline application 3PL/2017/1267/O. **Undecided. Comments submitted. No update available.**
- E. **3DC/2021/0039/DOC** - Land Adjacent To Caston Primary School The Street NR17 1DD - Discharge of Condition No 4 & 9 on 3PL/2017/1267/O. **Undecided. Comments submitted. No update available.**

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

- A. To approve salary payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of October 2021 in the sum of £221.07.
- B. To approve reimbursement payment to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for printing for the months of April to October 2021 @ £9.99 per month in the sum of £69.93.
- C. To approve payment to the Clerk for travel expenses on Tuesday 19 October (Highways meeting) – 40 miles @ £0.45 – in the sum of £18.00.
- D. To approve payment to RG Maintenance Services Ltd in respect of invoice no 2246010 for grass cutting (September) in the sum of £288.00 (incl VAT).
- E. To approve payment to Spanglefish (Plexus Media Ltd) for Caston Parish Council website in the sum of £29.95 (incl VAT).

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- F. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice number 00004758344-027 in the sum of £27.00 (incl VAT).

The above payments were proposed by Cllr Farmbrough, seconded by Cllr Moss, all voted in favour.

**9. To discuss, propose and vote on the following subjects:-**

**A. Jubilee Celebrations/Beacon**

The Jubilee Celebrations were briefly discussed and it was agreed that a meeting from all organisations would be arranged to discuss proposals. Cllr Howell and the Clerk to assist.

**B. WI request to plant Rowan tree on Village Green**

The WI representative explained that they had chosen a rowan tree because of its size. They would like to plant one on the Village Green in the small triangle. The Council had concerns regarding grass cutting and maintenance at this location and a discussion would need to be had with Highways. A suggestion was made that this could be planted at Coronation Terrace in place of the plum tree which has to be felled. The WI would come back with firm proposals.  
*Item for next Agenda.*

**C. Noticeboard on Village Green**

A parishioner had reported the noticeboard on the Village Green required some attention. Cllr Cook agreed to inspect it.

**D. Parish Partnership Funding**

Discussed at 10B.

**10. Matters to Report:-**

**A. Financial Balances**

The Clerk advised the current Caston Parish Council balance amounts to £9,730.93. Highway Surveyors balance amounts to £14,157.87.

**B. Highways/The Rangers**

Cllr Cook advised that we had met with the Highways Engineer along with County Councillor Bowes. They looked specifically at the corner at Delmar House and it was acknowledged that it would benefit from the installation of some new gullies to assist with the water draining away. This would involve a road closure and would most likely have to take place during school holidays next year. The white lines should also be reinstated. A discussion took place regarding Griston corner, installing signs saying 'Not suitable for HGVs' and general flooding issues which occur in the village. The Council is now in discussions with Highways about these matters. A brief discussion also took place about Parish Partnership Funding but it does not cover these types of projects.

**C. Tree Survey**

A full tree survey was carried out at the play area/Coronation Terrace and various suggestions have been made to remove the small plum tree and remove the crowns of various trees. Clerk to arrange.

**D. Hedge cutting**

The Clerk advised that this was scheduled for later this week.

**E. Play Area – overhanging branches, reported matters, minor repair volunteers**

Cllr Cook volunteered to carry out any minor repairs as and when needed.

**F. Bank signatories – update**

The Clerk advised that matters were now concluded, and she had applied for internet access for the Highway Surveyors account.

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**G. Plant trees with a grant**

This matter was not considered appropriate at the current time and should be removed from the Agenda.

**H. Royal Mail post box**

The Clerk advised that Royal Mail have concluded that the box requires attention and it will be added to their rota but if it forms part of their five yearly maintenance cycle, within the next 12 months, it will wait until this time.

**I. Lorries turning at Village Green**

Whilst it was acknowledged that this is very annoying, there is little the Parish Council can do in this regard.

**J. Operation London Bridge**

The Clerk advised that this is protocol which the Parish Council are required to implement on the death of the Queen or other significant member of the Royal Family. The Clerk will progress this matter.

**11. Correspondence**

None.

**12. To agree the next meeting date**

Monday 10 January 2022.

**The Chairman closed the meeting to permit public discussion.****13. Participation and questions from the public – session 2**

One of the village gates is down in Stow Bedon Road and one at Northacre. Cllr Cook will inspect all gates to see what is required.

A question was raised as to whether the 30mph on Griston Road (Griston bend) should be moved further back.

It was suggested that if traffic were redirected down the Carbrooke Road, this is the most dangerous part of the village and where fatalities have occurred in recent years.

A member of the public enquired why there was suddenly a problem with noise when it is the same wherever you live and there is more traffic generally.

**14. Matters for future discussion to be noted**

As above.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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