

Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Kay Farmbrough

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2021
AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

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

Also present:- Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 July 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 July 2021 be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Farmbrough, 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.

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

4. Guest Speakers

None.

5. Speedwatch

"During August the volunteers managed five checks. One was cancelled due to insufficient support. A total of 477 vehicles were assessed and 61 reported to the Constabulary for processing. The highest reported speed this month was 53mph. A total of five hours checking with four persons per check a total of 20 man hours. We have had one more volunteer recruited trained and ready to go next month.

Still in need of more volunteers and a deputy if anyone wishes to volunteer."

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/2021/1039/HOU** – Willow Farm Northacre NR17 1DG – Construction of new building to be used as a games room in rear garden. **Undecided.**
- B. **APP/F2605/W/21/3268777** – (3PL/2020/0262/O) Land to the North of School View – Erection of 3no. two storey dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping and access. **Undecided. Comments submitted to Planning Inspectorate.**

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- 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.
- 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.**
- 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.**
- F. **3PL/2021/0925/HOU** - Touchstone Cottage The Street Caston Attleborough NR17 1DD - Proposed detached cart-shed garage building in front of dwelling & conversion of existing garage to gym/utility room. **Permission granted.**
- G. **3PL/2021/0904/F** - Church Farm The Green NR17 1DB - To erect a cattle shed to house up to 50/60 head of cattle. Building also to include lean-to area for isolation pens, weighing equipment and handling equipment. **Permission granted.**

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 August 2021 in the sum of £221.07.
- B. To approve payment to RG Maintenance Services Ltd in respect of invoice no 2245683 for grass cutting (August) in the sum of £288.00 (incl VAT).
- C. To ratify salary payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of July 2021 in the sum of £221.07.
- D. To ratify payment to RG Maintenance Services Ltd in respect of invoice no 2245525 for grass cutting for the month of July, in the sum of £432 including VAT.
- E. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice number 00004758344-025 in the sum of £27.00 (incl VAT).
- F. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice number 00004758344-024 in the sum of £38.84. (incl VAT).

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

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

- A. To consider a contribution to Village Hall Insurance.**
The current premium for the Village Hall insurance is £845.53. There is £570.00 in budget. It was noted that the Parish Council pay for the internet connection at the Village Hall. It was acknowledged that both Cllrs Farmbrough and Hill have a conflict of interest on this matter and did therefore not take part in any votes. Cllr Cook proposed that a contribution of £570, as per the budget, was donated to the Village Hall and was seconded by Cllr Moss. All voted in favour. It was therefore **APPROVED** that a contribution of £570.00 be made to the Village Hall, by way of donation, towards the costs of insurance.
- B. Vehicular access for 10 Coronation Terrace.**
Cllrs Howell and Hill met with a representative of Flagship, the Housing Association to discuss vehicular access to the property at 10 Coronation Terrace. The residents of the property are currently accessing the property by way of private land owned by another resident of the

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village and an enquiry was made as to whether the Parish Council would consider an agreement to permit the residents to have vehicular access across Parish Council owned land. Upon further investigation, it became apparent that the land in question is the subject of a restrictive covenant and, with this in mind, the Council are unable to assist in this regard at the current time.

C. Honour for Community Efforts Made in the Pandemic Year

This relates to an award to all Parish Council/villages for community efforts made in the Pandemic Year. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not accept this award.

10. Matters to Report:-

A. Financial Balances.

The Clerk reported the current balances to the meeting.

B. The Rangers.

The Rangers are still not operating but any problems should continue to be reported to the County Councillor in the normal way.

C. Griston Road corner.

It was noted that the chevrons had been reinstated at the Griston Road corner. A discussion took place as to whether this is enough and whether the road layout needs to be reassessed. The Clerk suggested that we need to consider proposals in this regard and it will be on the next Agenda for further discussion. It was also noted the Carbrooke end of Northacre is also a problem area which requires consideration. *Item for next Agenda.* Further discussion took place in relation to the further subsidence of the road at the sharp bend outside Delmar House. The Clerk will report the same.

D. Play Area – overhanging branches.

The Clerk reported that she has received two quotes to carry out a tree assessment (as required by the Parish Council insurance). A third quote was awaited and should be with us shortly.

E. Dog bins – update.

No further update at the current time, the Clerk is seeking a ‘handyman’ to move the bins.

F. Bank signatories – update.

This is ongoing but hopes to be resolved shortly.

G. Telephone kiosk – Northacre.

This is ongoing and hopes to be in place shortly.

H. Flooding.

Cllr Howell has not been able to progress this matter at the current time. *Item for November Agenda.* A discussion took place in relation to Riparian ownership and it was agreed the Clerk would write again to all residents affected to remind them of their responsibilities.

I. Future Breckland: Watton.

Cllr Moss agreed to attend this meeting and revert to the Council in due course.

J. Digging up Norfolk.

This relates to the offshore wind farms affecting Norfolk. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would offer its support.

11. Correspondence

Two letters had been received from the WI but it was clear these were intended for the Village Hall and have such, been passed on accordingly.

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- 12. **To agree the next meeting date**
Monday 4 October 2021.

The Chairman closed the meeting to permit public discussion.

- 13. **Participation and questions from the public – session 2**
None.

- 14. **Matters for future discussion to be noted**
As above.

Meeting closed at 8.39pm

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