

Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Kay Farmbrough

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022
AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

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

Also present:- Deputy Lieutenant Melinda Raker
Several Members of the Public

1. **Presentation of Blue Plaque by Deputy Lieutenant Melinda Raker**
Deputy Lieutenant Melinda Raker provided a brief history of the Lord Lieutenant's work and explained the purpose of the blue plaque, to mark the resilience of the community during the pandemic. Cllr Cook accepted the plaque on behalf of the village and was subsequently handed to Cllr Hill for display at the Village Hall.
2. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Howell.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 December 2021**
It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 December 2021 be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Moss, all voted in favour.

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

4. **Participation and questions from the public, session 1.**
A member of the public reported that the pavements around the village are becoming treacherous because of the build up of leaves which have turned to mulch and are making the paths very slippery. Clerk to report.

A member of the public asked whether the school had been contacted regarding the flashing 20mph lights when pupils are not in school. The Clerk to follow up.

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

5. **Guest Speakers**
None.
6. **Speedwatch**
"December saw the volunteers complete two checks each of thirty minutes with four volunteers on each check.

A total of 68 vehicles were assessed and no offenders were detected.

At present no dates have been arranged for January due to the Omicron variant being so prevalent. I await further instructions and guidance from the Constabulary in relation to this matter."

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

Cllr Farmbrough – 8E to 8G

8. **Planning Applications**

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

- A. **3PL/2021/1662/HOU** - The Old Rectory Attleborough Road NR17 1DL - The construction of an acoustic fence and gates. *Undecided.* Cllr Cook read the original objections submitted by the Council on the previous application. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the new application does not address the issues previously raised and that the comments of the Parish Council should stand.
- B. **3PL/2021/1590/HOU** – Richmond The Street NR17 1DD - Proposed Single Storey Side Extension and Alterations (Amended Scheme to Permission 3PL/2020/0406/HOU). *Undecided. Comments submitted.*
- C. **3PL/2021/1562/VAR** – Chase Farm The Street NR17 1DD - Variation of Condition No2 on 3PL/2021/0002/F - change in design. *Undecided.*
- D. **3PL/2021/1384/O** - The Lilacs Northacre NR17 1DG - Proposed single storey dwelling and garage. *Refused.*
- E. **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. *Withdrawn.*
- F. **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.*
- G. **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.*

Applications F and G were taken together. Breckland Council have confirmed that a new Flood Risk Assessment has been requested and at present, no determination date has been set. The Clerk advised that she had only received a handful of responses from the public and was continuing to prepare a response to Breckland.

9. **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 December 2021 in the sum of £221.07.
- B. To approve reimbursement payment to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for printing for the months of November and December 2021 @ £9.99 per month in the sum of £19.98.
- C. To approve payment to the Clerk for use of home office for the financial year 2021/22 in the sum of £50.00 (in budget).
- D. To ratify annual payment to Spanglefish for upgrade to Gold Status for Caston On-line in the sum of £29.95 (incl VAT).
- E. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice number 00004758344-028 in the sum of £27.00 (incl VAT).

Proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Hill, all voted in favour.

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10. To discuss, propose and vote on the following subjects:-**A. Tree quotation**

TG Bird Tree & Garden Services Limited quoted £100 to remove the diseased plum tree and would leave a stump around hip height so as not to cause a tripping hazard. If we wish the stump to be ground down to ground level, an additional charge would be chargeable. It was agreed that the quote should be accepted however, the Clerk to enquire to the additional cost to ground out the stump.

£375 was quoted for removal of the dead wood from the ash trees. When Cllr Moss met with the tree surgeon it was suggested that this should be done in the Spring when there is some growth on the branches.

B. Consider purchase of Jubilee Coins

A discussion took place as to whether the Jubilee should be commemorated by the purchase of Jubilee coins for the children at the school. It was considered not appropriate as a lot of the children do not come from the village.

11. Matters to Report:-**A. Financial Balances**

The Clerk advised the current Caston Parish Council balance amounts to £8,092.77.
Highway Surveyors balance amounts to £14,178.15.

B. Highways/The Rangers

Paths are overgrown and/or covered in leaves and are becoming dangerous.

Potholes have appeared on Coronation Terrace.

Pavement is cracking outside Delmar House

Reinstatement of white lines at the junction with Dukes Lane.

Signage requires cleaning.

Clerk to report to Highways.

C. Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Moss had been unable to attend the first meeting due to illness however, he was able to update the meeting from Cllr Howell's Minutes of the Meeting and from input from a member of the public who had been in attendance. Cllr Howell was nominated Chair at the first Jubilee meeting. Road closures were discussed, and Cllr Moss will submit a road closure application. It is proposed to close The Street from the Village Green down to Northacre. The aim is for villagers to join in and provide sharing tables, decorate their homes and dress up. The budget was discussed, and the Clerk confirmed that £500 had been set aside for funding and it was possible a further sum may be forthcoming from Breckland but this has yet to be confirmed and is not guaranteed. A date of 5 June has been proposed and the next meeting will take place on the 3 February.

D. WI request to plant Rowan tree on Village Green/Coronation Terrace

It was agreed that the WI would be permitted to plant one rowan tree on the Village Green in the position previously identified. The WI have agreed to be responsible for maintenance of the same.

It was further agreed that the WI would be permitted to plant one rowan tree at Coronation Terrace, position to be agreed. The WI have agreed to be responsible for maintenance of the same.

Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Moss, all voted in favour. Clerk to confirm to WI.

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E. Village Gates

Cllr Cook has inspected the four sets of village gates and it was discovered that several posts had failed or were likely to fail in due course. Clerk to contact C E Clarke and request a quote be provided for repair.

F. Vehicular access to 10 Coronation Terrace

The Clerk advised that she was being passed around Breckland Council at the present time as it is unclear who this matter should be referred to. Planning have passed the matter to Land Management for consideration. Clerk to follow up.

12. Correspondence

None.

13. To agree the next meeting date

Monday 7 February 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting to permit public discussion.

14. Participation and questions from the public – session 2

A member of the public enquired about the quote for 'clearing up sticks' from the play area. The Clerk advised the quote is to remove dead wood from the canopy of the trees.

A member of the public advised that the Housing Association, Flagship, had agreed to pay the legal fees in relation to the vehicular access to 10 Coronation Terrace. The Clerk advised that she was aware of this and at present we were trying to find somebody at Breckland Council who can provide us with an answer as to whether this is something they would consider before any costs are incurred.

Cllr Cook suggested that a further defib training session be arranged once the pandemic had passed.

15. Matters for future discussion to be noted

As above.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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