

Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Kay Farmbrough

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022
AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM**

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

Also present:- 2 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**
None.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 4 July 2022 and 28 July 2022**
Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough, seconded by Cllr Moss. All voted in favour.

The Chairman closed the meeting to permit public discussion.

3. **Participation and questions from the public, session 1.**
None.

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

4. **Guest speakers.**
None.
5. **Speedwatch and SAM2 Report.**
"During August the volunteers managed to do four checks. One check had to be cancelled due to the thunder storm. A total of 376 vehicles were assessed and 48 reported to the constabulary for exceeding 35 mph.

During one of these checks 79 vehicles were assessed and 31 reported.

Dates have been arranged for the September checks."

"During September the volunteers completed six checks. A total of five and a half hours on the roadside. They assessed 363 vehicles and 39 were reported to the constabulary for processing. Highest speed being 49mph.

Dates have been arranged for October."

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

Cllr Farmbrough – 7D

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7. Planning Applications:-

- A. **3PL/2022/0955/F – School Lodge, The Green** - Single storey detached 3 bed dwelling with attached garage turning area & access. A discussion took place and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should object on the grounds that the original application was refused as most of the points, being the subject of the refusal, remained. **Undecided.**
- B. **3PL/2022/0982/HOU - Flaxmoor House, The Street** - Installation of 12no. solar panels on the roof of the playroom adjacent to the main building. No objections. **Undecided.**
- C. **3PL/2022/0394/VAR** – Development Site at the Barns, Attleborough Road – Variation of Condition No 2 on Appeal Decision APP/F2605/W/21/3270300 - Since the granting of permission through the appeals process, family circumstances have changed and the applicant wishes to reconfigure the internal arrangement of the dwelling resulting in a change to the fenestration pattern to conform to the revised internal arrangements. **Approved.**
- D. **3PL/2021/0223/D** – Land Adjacent to Caston Primary School Caston NR17 1DD – Reserves matters application for Erection of five dwellings following outline application 3PL/2017/1267/O and **3DC/2021/0039/DOC** – Land Adjacent to Caston Primary School The Street NR17 1DD – Discharge of Condition No 4 & 9 on 3PL/017/1267/O. **Approved at Planning Committee.**

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 September 2022 in the sum of £221.07.
- B. To approve payment to R G Maintenance Services Ltd for grass cutting in the sum of £162.00 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 2247710.
- C. To approve payment to Didlington Nurseries in the sum of £110 in respect of the Village Planters.
- D. To ratify salary payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of August 2022 in the sum of £221.07.
- E. To ratify expenses to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman for mileage to the extraordinary meeting on 28 July 2022, 42 miles @ 0.45ppm, in the sum of £18.90.
- F. To ratify salary payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of July 2022 in the sum of £221.07.
- G. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice number 00004758344-036 in the sum of £29.52.
- H. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall I respect of invoice number 00004758344-037 in the sum of £25.26.
- I. To ratify payment to RG Maintenance Services Limited for grass cutting for the month of July (inv no 2247290) in the sum of £324.00 incl VAT.
- J. To ratify payment to Royal Images in respect of invoice number 42610 in the sum of £93.60 inc VAT.
- K. To ratify payment to Andrew Deptford in respect of invoice number 13741 in the sum of £96.00 incl VAT.

The above items of expenditure were proposed by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Farmbrough, all voted in favour.

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

- A. **Request from the PCC for contribution towards maintenance costs for the churchyard.** It was agreed that a contribution of £450 should be made towards the maintenance of the churchyard. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough, seconded by Cllr Cook, all voted in favour.

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- B. **Request from the Village Hall for contribution towards Insurance.** A discussion took place and it was agreed that a contribution of £570 would be made towards the Village Hall insurance. Proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Moss, all voted in favour.
- C. **Consider purchase of replacement bench for the play area.** The Clerk presented three options of recyclable bench available for the play area. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Phoenix bench from Glasdon should be purchased at a cost of £531.81 plus VAT. Fixings will be at an additional cost to be confirmed once established what it required. Cllr Hill to advise Clerk what base is currently in place. Proposed by Cllr Moss, seconded by Cllr Cook, all voted in favour.
- D. **Proposal to repaint the telephone box on the Village Green.** The Clerk advised that she had received an offer from the co-ordinators of the seed exchange to repaint the telephone box in the Spring. The offer was gratefully accepted, and the Clerk will liaise with the co-ordinators in this regard.
- E. **Proposal for new bus stop for X3.** Cllr Cook advised that he had met on site with Konnectbus and he advised that the X3 bus stop will be moved by Konnectbus further up to Attleborough Road, opposite the pub.
- F. **Remembrance Wreath.** It was agreed that a Remembrance Wreath would be purchased on behalf of the Parish Council (budget £25).

10. Matters to report:-

- A. **County Broadband – Village Green.** The Clerk advised that we are awaiting a visit from Historic England to the site and that Norfolk County Council were awaiting new proposals from County Broadband to rectify the matter.
- B. **County Broadband – Stow Bedon Road.** The Clerk advised that notices had been placed down the Stow Bedon Road for 10 poles to be installed to carry the cabling for County Broadband. The Clerk had been advised that it is not necessary to install poles as there was already ducting along the Stow Bedon Road which could possibly be utilised. Complaints had been raised by several residents in relation to the poles. The main concerns were being a blight on the landscape and dangerous/awkward for farm machinery. The Clerk advised that she had requested a map of the locations of the poles, and this is awaited.
- C. **Financial Balances.** Caston Parish Council - £12,128.04/Caston Highway Surveyors £14,295.33.
- D. **Highways/The Rangers.** The pavements are becoming a problem again now the leaves are falling, and the roads need siding out.
- E. **Emails.** The Clerk explained that she is in discussions with Calico in relation to registration of gov.uk emails. Our emails have never been registered.
- F. **Operation London Bridge/Condolence Book.** The Clerk advised that she would source a suitable condolence book to transfer the pages to.
- G. **Play Area – maintenance.** The low branches need trimming and the bench replacing, as previously discussed.
- H. **New bin for Village Green.** The Clerk advised that she was still making enquiries as to whether a new licence would be required to ensure collection of a new standalone bin. A new bin will cost in the region of £250.

11. **Correspondence.** None.

12. **To agree the next meeting date: 7 November 2022.**

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The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

13. Participation and questions from the public – session 2. A member of the public advised that the branches overhanging the play area need addressing. The Clerk will follow this up and revert at the next meeting. The Clerk also advised that the hedge at Coronation Terrace is scheduled to be cut in the next two weeks.

14. Matters for future discussion to be noted.

- Call for Sites/Local Plan
- Homewatch
- Speed limit at Rayner’s Falgate
- Budget

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

Meeting closed 8.40pm

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