

Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Kay Farmbrough

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2022
AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

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

Also present:- 3 Members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Farmbrough and Cllr Ives.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Meetings held on 7 November 2022.**
Proposed by Cllr Howell, seconded by Cllr Cook. 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 October the volunteers completed three checks a total of 139 vehicles were assessed and 10 reported to the constabulary for exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Two vehicles were recorded at 48mph, both entering Caston from the Attleborough direction.

There are six planned checks for November and we may well have some assistance from the constabulary during National Road Safety Week".

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

None.

7. **Planning Applications:-**

- A. **3PL/2022/0955/F – School Lodge, The Green** - Single storey detached 3 bed dwelling with attached garage turning area & access. **Withdrawn.**
- 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. **Approved.**

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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 2022 in the sum of £221.07.
- B. To approve reimbursement to the Clerk for printing charges at £9.99 per month for the months of June through to November, total £59.94.
- C. To approve payment to R G Maintenance Services Ltd for grass cutting (2 cuts) and cutting of the hedge at Coronation Terrace for the month of October in the sum of £564.00 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 2247904.
- D. To approve payment to Spanglefish for Gold subscription for Caston Parish Council website in the sum of £29.94 (incl VAT).
- E. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall for the month of October in respect of invoice number 00004758344-039 in the sum of £26.40 (incl VAT).

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

Two additional payments were also approved as follows:-

- F. To approve payment to Calico UK for SSL Certificate for Caston Parish Council website in the sum of £28.80 (incl VAT) under invoice number 125026.
- G. To approve salary review backdated pay to the Clerk, Mrs J C Blackman, for the period 1 April to 31 October 2022 in the sum of £104.65 in line with Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2022/23.

The above two items of expenditure were proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Hill, all voted in favour.

9. **Matters to report:-**

- A. **County Broadband – Village Green.** The Clerk advised that we are still awaiting County Broadband to provide the plans suggested to rectify the matter. Norfolk County Council have provided County Broadband with their suggested plans and are awaiting approval. A member of the public was permitted to speak and asked whether this included the cables across from the telephone box to a pole opposite. The Clerk advised that she was not aware of these and Cllr Hill agreed to have a look at these.
- B. **County Broadband – Stow Bedon Road.** The Clerk advised that she had requested a map of the locations of the poles, and this is still awaited.
- C. **Financial Balances.** Caston Parish Council - £10,557.59/Caston Highway Surveyors £14,319.99.
- D. **Highways/The Rangers.** A member of the public was permitted to speak and advised that following the recent vehicle in the field at the junction at the end of the Carbrooke Road, this totalled 4 vehicles in 2 years, 2 in the field and 2 in the ditch. This is a dangerous junction where four vehicles would have passed in the direction of oncoming traffic and the field also grazes animals which could escape. A discussion took place as to the possible solutions at this junction. It was felt that the current signage is not sufficient to warn drivers of the junction. Further, as signs have been knocked down over the last couple of years they have not always been replaced so there is less signage now than there was a few years ago. The accidents do not always happen in the dark. The Clerk advised that she had reported the latest incident to Highways who had investigated and were scheduled to repair the damage. The Clerk will attempt to speak to Highways and see if they will be prepared to meet on site to discuss solutions.
- E. **Emails.** The Clerk explained that she is in discussions with Calico in relation to registration of gov.uk emails. The Council has been quoted £80 pa (we currently pay £85pa). All agreed that we should move the email addresses across to Calico. The Clerk to organise.

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- F. **Play Area – maintenance.** The low branches need trimming and the bench replacing, as previously discussed. The Clerk is contacting the tree surgeon and has taken some measurements for the base of the bench to check it is sufficient in size.
- G. **New bin for Village Green.** The Clerk advised that is still awaiting confirmation from Serco that they will empty a new bin if we were to purchase the same.
- H. **Bus stop for X3 route.** There was some confusion as to whether we were required to do anything in relation to this. Cllr Cook advised that this is for X3 to arrange not us.
- I. **Call for Sites/Local Plan.** Cllr Farmbrough had requested that this was included on the Agenda. The Clerk had previously sent an email detailing the Call for Sites and the Councillors will look at this.
- J. **Homewatch.** This matter was deferred until the December meeting.
- K. **Resident road safety at Rayner’s Falgate.** This matter was deferred until the December meeting.

10. **Correspondence.** None.

11. **To agree the next meeting date: 5 December 2022.**

The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

12. **Participation and questions from the public – session 2.** A member of the public enquired whether there is such a thing as a permanent cover that could be placed above the slide. The Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Howell requested that if a Councillor requests for an item to be placed on the Agenda, a brief description is provided at the time of the request, for the benefit of all Councillors.
Agreed.

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

- Budget

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

Meeting closed 8.23pm

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