

Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Kay Farmbrough

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 9 MAY 2022
AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 8.15 PM**

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

Also present:- 7 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4 April 2022 be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Moss, 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.

A member of the public queried the location of the tree recently planted on the Village Green and asked who chose the location. The Chairman advised that the location had been chosen by the WI and had been approved by the Parish Council. The Chairman asked whether there was a problem where it was located and the enquirer advised no.

A member of the public enquired about the scheduled road closure for the Jubilee celebrations on 5 June. They explained that they have their own business outside of the village and have to leave the closed area during the closure hours. The vehicle used for work cannot be parked out of location due to insurance reasons. The member of the public also said that they were not aware of the proposal and it came as a surprise. The Jubilee Committee representative explained that it had been reported in the Waylander over the last 3 months, discussed at the Parish Council meetings, reported in the Minutes and flyers had been displayed, together with the statutory notice for the road closure. The finer details were not able to be finalised until very recently, due to delays with Norfolk County Council who were very busy due to receiving lots of similar applications, and the information had been relayed to the public as soon as it became available.

A question was raised as to access for emergency vehicles and it was explained that emergency vehicles are permitted to enter the closure area if necessary.

A question was then raised as to whether residents in the closure area would be permitted to come and go from their premises. The Parish Council advised that they could not support this as movements in the closure area are a breach of the Order and would also be a breach of the law and would most likely affect the resident's insurance.

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

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

Cllr Farmbrough – 5D and E.

5. Planning Applications

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

- A. **3PL/2022/0354/HOU** – Richmond, The Street – Single Storey Side Extension and Alterations (Amended Scheme to Permission 3PL/2021/1590/HOU). **Approved.**
- B. **3PL/2022/0265/VAR** – Development Site at The Barns, Attleborough Road – Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2019/0518/F – As shown on the application drawings, the relocation of the garage and private drive and minor fenestration changes to reflect the amended internal layout to Plot 2. **Withdrawn.**
- C. **3AG/2022/0004/AG** – Chase Farm, The Street – Erection of portal framed steel storage building. **Undecided.**
- 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.**
- 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.**
- F. **3PL/2022/0380/HOU** – The Old Rectory Attleborough Road NR17 1DL – Erection of acoustic fence and gates. **It was noted that the fence no longer goes past Rectory Cottage. However, it was considered that fundamentally this is the same scheme and sets a dangerous precedent in the village. Historic Buildings settings also needs to be considered. Cllr Hill would support this revised application. It was proposed that the Parish Council should reiterate their comments made on the previous two applications (which have been withdrawn). A vote was taken with 4/2 in favour of reiterating the comments previously made.**
- G. **3PL/2022/0472/F** – Homefield House The Street NR17 1DD – Proposed New Dwelling. **Concerns were expressed that this application may infer the position for the rest of the field. There is a question as to whether there is a covenant on the land in question. Some trees have already been removed from the site. The application is considered as backfill and part of the garden has been created by capturing part of the agricultural land beyond and never formed part of the original garden.**

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A member of the public advised that it was considered a bigger picture to develop the meadow. There are several mistruths in the application and no application was made to remove the trees from the access to the site. The garden has been extended into agricultural land which, in turn, would require some kind of change of use application. The application refers to the land as garden when in fact it is half garden/half agricultural land. The ditch has also been filled in and a temporary fence put in place.

The application states it is a single storey building when in fact it is a chalet bungalow. This application is backfill and a similar application by a neighbouring property was refused a few years previously. Photographs will be supplied to Breckland Council showing the original garden line and the newly installed garden line.

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Further discussion took place and the Clerk to respond based on the points raised above.

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6. 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 April 2021 in the sum of £221.07.
- B. To approve reimbursement to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for printing for the months of January through to May 2022 @ £9.99 per month in the sum of £49.95
- C. To approve reimbursement to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for Microsoft 360 subscription renewal in the sum of £59.99.
- D. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice number 00004758344-033 in the sum of £30.65 (incl VAT).
- E. To approve payment to RG Maintenance Services Limited for grass cutting for the month of April (inv no 2246938) in the sum of £324.00 incl VAT.
- F. To approve payment to T G Bird Tree and Garden for removal of Prunus tree and grinding of the stump at Coronation Terrace (inv 0083) in the sum of £190.00 (no VAT).
- G. To ratify payment to Norfolk Association of Local Councils for subscription charges for 2022/23 in the sum of £135.15 (inv no 66).
- H. To approve reimbursement to Graham Moss for rental of road signs from Sunbelt Rentals for the Platinum Jubilee in the sum of £17.60.
- I. To ratify payment to the Information Commissioner's Office for GDPR/Data Protection fee in the sum of £40.00 (paid by Direct Debit).

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

7. Matters to Report:-

A. Financial Balances

The Clerk advised the current Caston Parish Council balance amounts to £11,615.05.
Highway Surveyors balance amounts to £14,218.01.

B. Highways/The Rangers

The Clerk advised that there are no further updates at the current time.

C. Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Committee have a further meeting on Wednesday 11 May to discuss the final arrangements. The question in relation to the road closure will be raised at the meeting. Highways have been inundated with requests for road closures, hence the delays currently being experienced. A further advert has been placed in the Waylander, flyers are being prepared as an invitation and will be delivered to householders in Caston. A timetable has been discussed for the events, the cake being cut at 3pm.

D. Village Gates

Cllr Ives has made a start on repair of the gates and will continue to work through them.

E. Emails

It is recognised that several Councillors are experiencing problems with sending and/or receiving emails to the Council email addresses. The Clerk has raised this with HCI Data but is yet to receive a response. The Clerk advised that it was set up before her time but from discussions which have taken place over the years, she believes we use the current system as Brian had found it difficult to find a company who would support a .gov email address. The Clerk will speak with Brian to clarify the position and discuss with other clerks.

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F. Defib Box

The Clerk advised that the poor condition of the defib box had been reported to her. The box is out of warranty but the Clerk has contacted the supplier to see if it is possible to obtain a replacement door. The supplier requires the serial number which has been obtained this evening and will be forwarded to the supplier.

G. Speedwatch – body cameras

The Chairman advised that this suggestion had been made following the recent abuse encountered by volunteers. They cost in the region of £110 and asked that consideration be given to purchase of one camera. The Clerk advised that she would need to make enquiries as to whether this is something the Parish Council can purchase/supply and will revert. All Councillors were in favour.

H. Breckland Local Plan: Call for Sites Consultation

The Clerk reminded the Councillors that they should respond to this email.

I. Dog waste bins/general waste bins

A member of the public enquired whether it was possible to have separate bins for dog waste (closed) and general waste. The Clerk explained that Breckland Council insist on the dual bin. It is not the bins themselves, it is the collection of them as separate bins involves two separate collections. Cllr Ives offered to move the bins inside the bus shelters to the outside walls.

J. Glass/Perspex in telephone kiosk

A member of the public enquired whether it is possible to replace some of the glass in the telephone kiosk. The Clerk explained that recent enquiries made by Shropham Parish Council for the same enquiry found it to be very costly and it is not something the Council could entertain at the current time.

K. Bus Shelter

A member of the public has offered to clean and repaint the bus shelter on the Village Green. A budget of £50 for materials was suggested. Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Cook, all voted in favour.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. To agree the next meeting date

Monday 6 June 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting to permit public discussion.

10. Participation and questions from the public – session 2

A member of the public suggested that the village website is out of date and needs updating. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council do not deal with the village website, only the Parish Council website. It was also suggested that general communications could be better ie Facebook/email/Noticeboard.

Cllr Ives advised that Peter Childerhouse had sadly passed away. The Parish Council expressed their condolences.

A member of the public mentioned that the layby opposite Baileys Transport had been widened and wondered if anybody knew anything about it. Cllr Howes to make enquiries.

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- 11. **Matters for future discussion to be noted**
Operation London Bridge.

Meeting Closed.

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