

# Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook    VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Mary Howell

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MONDAY 8 APRIL 2024  
AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

Councillor's present:-        Chris Cook, Mary Howell, Graham Moss, Simon Spanyol, Rob Trown

Also present:-                Three members of the public

1.     **Apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Fletcher.
2.     **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 February 2024.**  
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 March the volunteers undertook four checks. A total of 264 vehicles were assessed and 14 were reported to the Constabulary for exceeding 35mph. Our new volunteer has been approved and trained.  
  
I anticipate we will be holding four checks in April for 45 minute duration".
6.     **To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members.**  
  
None.
7.     **Planning Applications:-**
  - A.    **3PL/2021/0932/VAR** - Cherry Tree Farm Cherry Tree Lane Stow Bedon - Variation of Condition No2 on 3PL/2017/0878/F : Variation to reflect the as-built appearance and layout of the pig sheds, feed silos and manure store cover and proposed amendments including revised external materials and the addition of chimneys. **Stow Bedon application. Undecided.**  
No update available.

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- B. **3PL/2022/0368/F** - Coughtrey Industrial Estates (Units 1 - 17) Church Road - The demolition of Units 1-6 (whole block Western boundary) and Units 7-13 (part of North Block), extensions to units 14 and 15 (large extension to North block), extension to unit 16 (small extension to South Block), external fascia changes, refurbishment to Unit 17. Change of use of whole site to mixed B2 and Class E (offices). The reconfiguration of parking and creation of a new loading and unloading area. **Refused.**
- C. **3PL/2023/1055/VAR** - Coughtrey Industrial Estate Church Road IP25 6QB – Removal of planning condition 3 on 3PL/2003/1585/F - Coughtrey Industrial Estate Church Road IP25 6QB. **Undecided.**
- D. **3PL/2023/1054/VAR** - Coughtrey Industrial Estate Church Road IP25 6QB - Removal of planning condition 4 from 3PL/2003/1092/F. **Undecided.**
- E. **3DC/2023/0322/DOC** - Land to the North of School View NR17 1DD - Discharge of Conditions 5,6,7,8,12 on 3PL/2020/0262/O. This application relates to Condition 5 – Drainage, Condition 6 – Construction Management, Condition 7 – Biodiversity and Ecology, Condition 8 – Trees in Countryside and Condition 12 – Access to site. **Undecided.**
- F. **3PL/2024/0180/VAR** - Land to the West of School View - Variation of Conditions 5, 6, 7 & 8 on 3PL/2020/0262/O - amend the wording of the conditions to be varied from "no development shall take place/commence" to "no development shall take place beyond slab level". **Undecided.** Additional documents have been filed in this application and application **3PL/2024/0067/D** and a further response, reiterating our previous comments, will be submitted. We will also reiterate the need to instal the box culvert previously proposed. The culvert which has been installed has 60% less capacity to that of the original proposal, there is potential for debris to block the pipe and to slow the flow of water.
- G. **3DC/2024/0049/DOC** – Land adj School View, The Street,NR17 1FP – Discharge of Conditions 5, 6, 7 & 8 on 3PL/2024/0180/VAR. **Undecided.**
- H. **3PL/2024/0073/VAR** - The Barns, Attleborough Road NR17 1DJ - Removal of Condition 13 on 3PL/2019/0518/F. **Refused.**
- I. **3PL/2024/0051/DOC** – The Gables, 35 Attleborough Road, NR17 1DJ – Discharge of conditions No 3 & 12 on 3PL/2021/0439/VAR. **Undecided.** The Parish Council have no objections to this Application.

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 March 2024 in the sum of £252.63.
- B. To approve payment to the Clerk for auto renewal of Microsoft 365 for the Parish Council computer in the sum of £59.99.
- C. To approve payment to Norfolk ALC for Annual Subscription 2024/25 costs in the sum of £170.99 in respect of invoice number 1419.
- D. To approve payment to BT for broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice M008 in the sum of £27.54 (incl VAT) – paid by Direct Debit.

One additional item for payment:-

- E. To approve payment to NGF Play for replacement bolt covers for the play area in the sum of £17.40 (incl VAT) in respect of invoice number 5663.

Proposed by Cllr Spanyol and seconded by Cllr Cook. All voted in favour.

9. **Matters to report:-**

- A. **Flooding / Mid Norfolk Flood Partnership**  
Nothing further to report at the current time.

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**B. Riparian ownership letters**

It has now been considered that the draft letter to be sent to residential addresses will also be sent to landowners (where known). The envelopes will be marked with "IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM CASTON PARISH COUNCIL RE FLOODING – PLEASE READ".

The Appendix is to be printed on a separate sheet of paper and it was agreed that letters would not be sent to those who just have ditches that do not join the waterflow.

The letter will also be placed on to Facebook and the website to ensure that it gets seen by as many people as possible.

**C. Financial Balances**

Caston Parish Council £13,681.36 (includes first half of precept payment in the sum of £5,800).

Highway Surveyors £15,021.63

**D. Village Gates**

The Clerk advised that she has received two quotes to date for the painting of the village gates and is seeking a third.

**E. Playground**

The Clerk advised that the replacement bolt covers have been ordered and she is awaiting delivery. Cllr Spanyol will inspect the play area regarding the fence, bench and hole in the fence to the BT exchange. An application for funding for the rubber matting has been submitted to the National Lottery fund.

**F. Website/Emails**

Cllr Trown is still unable to access his email. The Clerk will try and resolve.

**G. Emergency Plan**

Ongoing.

**H. Village Green Noticeboard**

Cllr Cook advised that he has been waiting for drier weather. Cllrs Trown and Spanyol agreed to carry out the maintenance.

**I. County Broadband**

The Clerk advised that she is in discussions with the solicitors to approve the Wayleave Agreement.

**J. Liaison with School**

Cllr Howell will liaise with the school.

**K. D-Day Commemorations**

The Clerk read an email from the Village Hall Committee.

"At the village hall meeting last evening we discussed the possibility of holding a D-Day event.

So far, Breckland Council have not decided on their Grants for the events. Despite this the VH Committee feels it would be right to hold a community event and will proceed even if we do not get a grant.

We are proposing to hold a "Free event open to all" on the afternoon of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

We will hold an afternoon tea with cake and sandwiches, we hope that those attending will dress in period dress and we are also hoping to show some news footage of the time".

**10. Correspondence**

Letter from George Freeman, MP, previously circulated.

**11. The next meeting date: 13 May 2024 to include AGM.**

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**The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.**

12. **Participation and questions from the public – session 2**

None.

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

Litterpicking.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Jo Blackman

Parish Clerk

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