

# Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr Chris Cook    VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Mary Howell

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025 AT CASTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

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

Also present:            Five members of the public.

1.     **Apologies for absence**  
None.
2.     **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2025.**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman, Chris Cook.

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

3.     **Participation and questions from the public, session 1.**  
None.
4.     **Guest Speakers**  
None.
5.     **Speedwatch and SAM2 Report**  
Cllr Spanyol reported the following:  
  
Speedwatch in April recorded 519 cars over four sessions of which 21 (4%) were speeding.  
  
The SAM2 data from Coronation Terrace has recorded an average of 12% exceeding the speed limit. Evenings sees most of these occurrences. The highest speed was recorded at 75mph at 09:35 coming into the village.  
  
The SAM2 data from Northacre has recorded an average of 7% exceeding the speed limit. These show a similar pattern with the worse occurrences recorded between 6-7am and 4-5pm and overnight.  
  
The Clerk advised that a new post for the SAM2 had been ordered to replace the one which had been knocked over. It was reported that a second post is in bad condition and it was therefore agreed that a further post would be ordered and hopefully the two can be fitted at the same time. The Clerk will liaise with the SAM2 Team as to the exact locations.
6.     **To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members.**  
None.

CC Bowes left the meeting but reminded the Council that the Local Government Reform meeting is being held in Queens Hall, Watton tomorrow with a virtual meeting taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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## 7. Planning Applications

- A. **PL/2025/0573/HOU** – Ambazac House, Northacre, Caston, NR17 1DG – Proposed two bay cart lodge, proposed single storey side extension, proposed single storey extension linking garage and house, proposed amends to rear single storey roof replacing hip roof with parapet and glazed balcony off first floor master bedroom. *The only concern raised is that the cart lodge is very close to the perimeter fence. If the fence were to be removed the cart lodge would be visible and out of keeping with other properties on Northacre. It was noted that Ambazac House was limited by the footprint of the original dwelling. Otherwise, no objections.*
- B. **PL/2025/0444/PIP** – Land adjoining Fallowfield, Northacre, Caston, Attleborough, NR17 1DG – Permission in Principle for a phased development of 4-5 self build dwellings. *It was noted that a number of objections have been received from neighbouring properties. These are visible on the website. Concerns were raised that if this application were approved it could set a precedent for future development. The application site is outside the settlement boundary. If approved, the development would produce a permeable surface thus creating more water and increasing the risk of flooding. It was noted that there is a lack of details on which to fully understand the application. The planning application states that the land is recreational ground. This is not the case, it is agricultural land and this point is quite significant. There are substantial trees on the site which would need to be protected. Highways have raised concerns regarding access and may require relocating of the Caston sign. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Council object to this application on the basis that it is outside of the village boundary, creates a precedent for future development, land is agricultural not recreational, highway concerns and risk to flooding.*
- C. **PL/2025/0405/HOU** - Old Barn Cottage, The Street, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DD - Demolish existing sun room extension & replace with slightly larger sun room extension. *Granted with conditions.*
- D. **PL/2025/0044/HOU** - Old Barn Cottage The Street, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DD - Proposed single storey rear extension in addition to flat roof placement with additional flat roof light over the existing kitchen. *Granted with conditions.*
- E. **PL/2025/0397/DCA** - The Street, Caston - Discharge of condition 12 on pp 3PL/2020/0262/O (allowed at appeal ref no APP/F2605/W/21/3268777). *Undecided – comments submitted.*
- F. **PL/2025/0376/FMIN** - Church Farm The Green, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DB - Erection of a stock shed to replace existing temporary structures. *Undecided – comments submitted.*
- G. **PL/2025/0121/FMIN** - School Lodge The Green, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DB - Erection of three bedroom dwelling. *An amendment to the plans had been received today and the Council members will review and revert any comments to the Clerk within 21 days (4 June).*
- H. **PL/2025/0226/LB** - Thatched Cottages The Street, Caston, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DD - Remove existing render and re-render external envelope of building Remove existing plaster to parlour end Excavate parlour end floor and install capillary break and limecrete floor; re-tile Make and install complete new suite of windows to three elevations Replaster internally ceiling and walls to parlour end Limewash all New thatch skim and new ridge. *Granted with conditions.*
- I. **PL/2024/1193/FMAJ** – HM Prison Wayland, Griston, Thetford, Norfolk, IP25 6RL - Full Planning Application for demolition of existing structures and the construction of a four storey (T60) houseblock, new multi-faith/education building, new kitchen and minor extensions to and refurbishment of existing ancillary buildings, energy centre, new internal security fence, creation of an all-weather sports pitch within a secure perimeter fence together with new pedestrian footpath, relocation of horticultural polytunnels, car parking and associated landscaping. *Application was passed at Committee yesterday.*

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- J. **PL/2024/1056/FMIN** - Land To The North Of School View, The Street, Attleborough, NR17 1FP - Proposed 3No bedroom detached house & garage. *Refused.*
- K. **APP/F2605/W/24/3351737 – Appeal on application number 3PL/2022/0368/F-GRISTON** - 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. *A hearing took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> April. All matters were considered including effect on residents/environment/village and whether the benefits outweigh the negatives. Cllr Spanyol was able to speak on behalf of Caston Parish Council, regarding the roads. The Inspector made a site visit on the second day and it is now for him to make a decision. The points were made well. There could be a judicial review regardless of the decision. There is already a power supply on site whereas the Attleborough site does not. This is costly and hence why the Griston site is favoured. Sam Chapman-Allen agreed to meet with the residents of Griston. Unfortunately, it was not possible to arrange this before the meeting and he visited the day after. Griston have provided a summary of events in the Waylander.*
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 April 2025 in the sum of £263.47.
  - B. To approve payment to BT for broadband at the Village Hall in the sum of £30.38 (incl VAT) – paid by Direct Debit.
  - C. To approve payment to Derek Tew in the sum of £220 for the supply of four planters.
- All payments were approved.
9. **Matters to report.**
- A. **Financial Balances**  
£15,788.42 Caston Parish Council  
£15,658.81 Highway Surveyors
  - B. **Playground**
    - Deep clean – the Clerk advised that the company used previously appears to have disappeared. She has obtained details of some other companies and will be seeking a quote for the clean to be carried out. It was agreed that we should go ahead with the clean on the receipt of a quote not too dissimilar to the previous one.
    - The Clerk also raised the question about moving of the picnic bench to another location in the play area to lessen the amount of bird droppings. The Clerk will liaise with the inspection team to see where they would like it moved to. It is unclear whether the bench is on a concrete base.
  - C. **Co-option**  
The Clerk advised that we are now in a position to Co-opt on to the Parish Council. This can be advertised on Facebook/Website and Waylander. Two councillors are urgently required.
  - D. **Liaison with School**  
Nothing to report.
  - E. **Mid Norfolk Flood Partnership**  
Our MP George Freeman has presented his Flooding Bill to Government, but the outcome will not be known for some time.
  - F. **Local Government Reform and Devolution**  
Noted from previous reports this evening that the County Council and District Council have different ideas in respect of these matters.

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10. **Correspondence**

- The NCC feedback communication “Future Local Government in Norfolk” event – Cllr Moss will attend Queens Hall meeting tomorrow.
- The Breckland Local Plan Update event – Cllrs Spanyol and Moss will attend this event.

11. **To agree the next meeting date: Monday 2 June 2025.**

Agreed.

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

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

A member of the public requested that the bench opposite the play area be included in the deep clean.

A question was asked as to whether we could ask for a planning application to be called before Committee. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council does not have this authority but requests can be put to DC Phil Cowen.

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

None.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Joanne Blackman  
Parish Clerk

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