



# Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: - Mr. J. Chapman    VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mr. P. Hall

## MEETING OF THE CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2008 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr A. Bunn, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner.

Also present: - Mr. & Mrs. Haggett, Mr. C. Bearne ( Home Watch), Mr. Michelmore, Mr. & Mrs. Brooker

1. To accept apologies for absence: -Mr. D. Blincow
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record after small correction were made.
3. The following Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mr. J. Chapman, Mrs. J Horner - Item 5.C.
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
  - A. R. G. Maintenance fee for cutting the grass on The Village Green - £72.85
  - B. It was proposed and seconded that a payment of approximately £30.00 for purchasing items for the speed watch scheme including 2 padlocks and some steel chain, could be paid. The invoice is to be submitted at the next meeting.
  - C. Caston Village Hall Committee requested a contribution towards the cost of £450.00 for 2009/10 Hall insurance. The contribution given by the Parish Council in 2007/2008 was £318.00. It was proposed and seconded, that this amount could be increased to £400.00 in 2009/10. A sum of £400.00 is also to be added to the 2009/10 Budget and Precept request.
  - D. A late item added to the Agenda. A donation of £20.00 to the Royal British Legion was proposed and seconded.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
  - A. Village enhancement scheme – funding update. The Clerk has sent for the information pack from Awards for All. Mrs. K. Farmbrough reported that approximately £4000.00 would be needed to fund the enhance scheme. Mrs. Farmbrough also asked if the Parish Council would pay any maintenance costs involved with the scheme and for the proposed hedging along the Coronation Terrace land if the acquisition of this is successful. The resurfacing of any public footpaths is carried out by the Highways Department and the costs of this do not need to be included in the enhancement scheme grant application. The insurance policy will need to be checked so that it covers all aspects of public liability coverage as well as the new items purchased and if not these should be added to the policy
  - B. The clerk sent a letter to Breckland requesting the “gift” of the land at Coronation Terrace. The Clerk is to contact the tree officer regarding the preservation of the trees on the land as they are at present.
  - C. Request to make the village cross an ancient monument. To be added to the next Agenda.
  - D. Possibilities of permanent speed watch signs. To be added to the next Agenda.
7. Correspondence from: -
  - A. Mr. B. Brooker - regarding a specific Parish Council web site. The Chairman read a letter and Mr. Brooker was invited to advise the Council on the costs involved in setting up the site as well as the design and content of the site. The need for a separate web site from the Caston Village web site was proposed and seconded. Mr. Blincow offered to construct a short introductory Home Page, which is to be approved by the parish Council. It was noted, that the Parish Council would need to approve item, will be added to the site unless the subject content is open to all. Mr. Brooker is to confirm the fees.
  - B. Sustainable Communities team surgery. Two places are to be booked at Watton to gather any relevant information for use in the village. Times are to be requested.
  - C. A request from a parishioner for Parish Council to join the Community car scheme. The Clerk and Councillor Rogers explained how the scheme works. The P.C. has to apply to Breckland to join the scheme if there is a need. As it is a volunteer based scheme, information is to be gathered to see if there is a need in the village and if there are any potential volunteer drivers.

8. Village Website - Mr B Brooker reported that there were 2300 hits last month. The site is very popular with a variety of users.
9. Home Watch: - Mr. Bearne said that parishioners have seen articles in the local media that the Police are conducting a campaign in Wayland and Attleborough against door-to-door rogue traders. They would welcome information from anyone who has been approached by unsolicited callers offering goods or services. Contact them on the non-urgent number :- 0845 456 4567
10. Speed Watch: - The new co-ordinator thanked Sue and Jeff Michelmore for their efforts in co-ordinating the first 2 months of the scheme.  
The scheme is going well and currently has 12-13 volunteers, doing 2 or 3 sessions per week since the beginning of September. 30 cars have been recorded doing excessive speeds and 2 drivers received warning notices from the Police for driving at 51 and 52 miles per hour in the village 30 mph limit. They requested for two more moveable signs and possible permanent signs to help the scheme. More volunteers are needed.
11. Items for the next agenda: - Items included in the minutes. There were no further items.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd November 2008 date in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: - ..... DATE: - .....

District & County Councillor report and public participation: - Councillor John Rodgers

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Report from Councillor John Rogers.

Mr. Rogers said the rise in Council Tax if the Boundary commission changes were to go ahead would mean a rise of about £45.00 per Band D household in Breckland. There had been some thefts of vehicles and garden items in Carbrooke so villagers need to be vigilant. Hingham, were winners in "Pride of Norfolk" competition and may give Caston ideas for their village enhancement scheme.

Public Participation - None