



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 1st December 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. D Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. J Rogers(Breckland)

Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch), Mr. Michelmore, Mr. Brooker, Mr. R. Lond Caulk

1. To accept apologies for absence: - None
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 3rd November 2008. The minutes were handed out to the public and Councillors as Draft. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record.
3. The following Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Mr. Blincow, Mrs. J Horner, & Mrs. K. Farmbrough, - Item 5.C. Mrs. J. Horner - Item 7.A.
4. The following decisions were noted:-
No planning applications to 1/12/08
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. RGM Grass cutting twice in for October - £72.85inc. VAT. Proposed and seconded.
 - B. Subscription to Society of Local Council clerks - £61.00. Proposed and seconded.
 - C. Increase in village hall hire fees for 2009 for Parish Council meetings to £4.00 per hour. The Clerk to enquire whether this fee is per session or per hour. Item for next Agenda.
 - D. Purchase of "Fido" Dog Bin £124.75 + VAT. Proposed and seconded and to be erected by Mr. J Chapman or Mr. P. Hall.
 - E. Certificate in Local Council Administration course fee £175.00 plus registration cost of £150. Clerk to find out if grant to cover the fee is possible and to enquire when the next course is due to start.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. An invitation had been sent to Tonya Winsley the new PCSO for Caston to visit the Parish Council meeting. She sent her apologies for not being able to attend this meeting. The chairman read a letter she sent introducing herself to the Parish.
 - B. Request to make the village cross an ancient monument. The Clerk read the details of the listing of Caston War Memorial on the UK National Inventory of War Memorials and noted that statutory protection is given to war memorials which form part of a conservation area.
 - C. Request for 2 more speed watch signs and replacement of 30mph signs. The 30mph have been replaced along Northacre. The extra speed watch signs are not available as there are only two signs allocated per team by the Police. Mr. Michelmore a speed watch team member said that he had asked the County Council the possibility of having permanent signs at the entrances to the village. A vote was taken to see if the Parish council would agree to this. Four Council members were for the idea and three against.
 - D. Grant funding for the village enhancement scheme. A small grant is available from Breckland Council but the scheme would have to be run independently from the Parish Council. The information was passed on to the co-ordinators. Mr. Onassis, at Breckland Council suggested a clothing bin could be sited in the village to help raise funds for the scheme. This was voted against, due to space and safety.
 - E. Adoption of New Model of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Resolution to be passed if approved. It was RESOLVED by all members to adopt the New Model of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as per the commissioner's report.
 - F. Community Car Scheme - is there a need for this scheme in Caston? No one has volunteered to be part of this scheme. Information has been placed on the village web site and in the Waylander. Add this item to the next agenda for discussion.

- 7. Correspondence from: -
 - A. Quotations and information, from three businesses, for cutting the grass in the village were considered. The council voted to continue to use the current contractor for the forthcoming year.
 - B. The road gritting information sheet has been added to the village notice boards.
- 8. Village Website - Mr B Brooker reported that there were 1913 hits last month - 621 visitors. The parish Council dedicated website is under construction. The address will be www.castonparishcouncil.co.uk The council thanked Mr. Brooker for volunteering to maintain the site. The information on the site will be as added by the parish council and not written by Mr. Brooker.
- 9. Home Watch: - Home watch leaflets are to be sent to the new inhabitants of the village. Mr. Bearne reminded villagers to take care of all their possessions inside and outside the house to discourage opportunists over the Christmas period. He said "Have a crime free Christmas!"
- 10. Speed Watch: - Co-ordinator Mrs. Bearne sent this message: -
 Since Nov. 3rd 9 teams have worked for one hour or more for each session. During the sessions there was 1 nil return with no speeding cars recorded, and 17 vehicles driven at excessive speed - 10 less than the last update, but there were 3 people driving well over the 40mph in our 30mph zone. Most volunteers agree that there has been a reduction in speed since the scheme began. More volunteers are needed for one hour a week on average.
- 11. Items for the next agenda: - as above mentioned plus;
 There were no further items.

Councillor’s folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 2nd February 2009 date in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN: - **Date:** -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 1st December 2008

Report from Councillor John Rogers-
 Mr. Rogers Informed the Council and Public that the Precept increase should be kept below inflation. Project rainbow a new children’s club in the formers doctors’ surgery in Watton will open on December 2nd. Norfolk County Council has been awarded 3 stars in England’s council ratings list, 4 stars is the top rating. £5 Billion has been allocated to improve schools. Unitary Status may or may not happen.

Public Participation -
 There was no public participation.