



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 2nd March 2009 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, , Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)

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

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. P. Chapman
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2009. 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. J. Chapman, Mr. D. Blincow, Mrs. J Horner, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, - Item 5.B.
4. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. Mr. & Mrs. R. Lond Caulk, vacant plot off Dukes Lane, Caston - Alterations to approved scheme (3PL/2008/0816/F) inc. New garden room and workshop addition to garage block. Planning permission granted by Breckland.
 - B. Mr. & Mrs. G Penfold, The Old Rectory, Caston - Rear single storey extension, removal of kitchen window & insert doors, forming access to ext. through kitchen store. Under listed building consent. Plus - Single storey rear extension. Awaiting decision from Breckland.
 - C. Miss Anne Bustard, White House, The Street, Caston - proposed 4 bedroom two-storey detached private dwelling. Under consideration again as description was changed to "linked - detached".
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service. It was proposed and seconded to pay a donation of £70.00. The following payment was considered:
 - B. Village Hall Insurance - To resolve misunderstanding of requested amount for 2008/9 donation and increase the amount accordingly. The cheque issued by the Parish Council for the agreed amount in February of £328.00 has been gratefully received by the village hall Committee. Due to a misunderstanding the donation amount of £400.00 was agreed at a previous P.C. meeting in 2008. It was proposed that the difference of £72.00 should be made up so that the Insurance costs are met. This could not be resolved due to a lack of a quorum of non interested parties. This will be reconsidered at the next meeting.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Community Car Scheme. There has been a lack of response to this idea. It was decided not to continue with this proposal.
 - B. Road flooding and culvert update. The Clerk informed the Council of a phone discussion regarding the river, culverts and ditches of Caston with the Environment Agency. Some information for contact references to be posted to the web site.
 - C. Village enhancement scheme. Concern was raised about the costs of the upkeep of the various ideas for enhancing the village e.g. the maintenance of the new War Memorial plant area and mowing of the land at Coronation Terrace. Item to be added to the next Agenda.
 - D. The new dog waste bin will be erected in Northacre in due course, near the sewage pumping station.
7. Correspondence from: -
 - A. A letter from Breckland regarding the acquisition of the land in front of Coronation Terrace - Breckland will be considering this matter after April 7th in the new financial year.
 - B. The roads inspector and a Community Ranger team would be visiting the village in March to consider or complete any tasks needed to tidy the village. Councillors were asked to note down any areas of worry so that the teams could address them. The list will be sent to the team before

they start. Larger work on road maintenance would be added to their job list for 2009/10 financial year.

8. Village and Parish Council Website - Mr B Brooker reported that the Parish Council website had 293 hits from 141 visitors. The village web site had 1809 hits and 627 visitors.
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: On 18th February Mr. Bearne met PCSO Tonya Winsley and gave her a guided tour of Caston village on foot, so that she could be aware of empty properties and other potential danger spots. She assured him, that she will be in the village on a regular basis, as she is involved in an on-going project at the school. On occasions she will use a marked car to give her presence in the village a higher profile. If anyone would like to contact her they can do so via Watton Police station or through Mr. Bearne on 483961.
10. Speed Watch: - Denise Bearne reported: Since February 8 teams worked for 1 hour or more for each session during which there were some "Nil Returns" with no speeding vehicles and 6 vehicles being driven at excessive speed. This is out of 589 vehicles counted passing through the village. A new volunteer co-ordinator is urgently needed see the web site, notice boards or contact Denise on 483961 to help. At the moment there are only 8 volunteers so more are needed to keep this successful scheme going.
11. Items for the next agenda: - Items included in the minutes.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 6th April in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 3rd March 2009

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

Hedges along Attleborough road are to be looked at regarding the state of up keep.

The estate at Watton camp is getting a new developer as the previous owner went into liquidation.

The roads inspector will look at any flooding areas in the village as and when necessary.

The Precept figures for the County are available for public consultation.

Public Participation -

Lighting at night, at a Zebra crossing near the Police station in Watton, is not considered to be adequate enough to show that there are pedestrians using the crossing. Mr. Rogers is to look into this matter.

The notification for planning permission for the White House has been changed due to a typing error and the description not being correct. The re-submission of the agreed outline planning permission changes the proposed property to the rear of the White House to a "linked - detached" property from a "detached" property. Mr. Haggett considers that this will not change the "skyline"- which was looked at by the Inspectorate as not appropriate for this point in the village. The reduction in the height of the hedge at the front of the White House will also not help the overall look.