



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 April 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, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County) PCSO Tonya Winsley
- Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch), Mr. R. Lond Caulk, Mr. Michelmore.
1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. Brooker (Web sites)
 2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 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. K. Farmbrough, - Item 5.A, 5.D & 6B. Mrs. J Horner - 5.A,D & E.
 4. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 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". Awaiting a decision from Breckland.
 5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Village Hall Insurance - increasing the amount according to the original request for a donation amount of £400.00 which was agreed at a previous P.C. meeting in 2008. It was proposed and seconded that the difference of £72.00 should be made up so that the Insurance costs are met for 2008/9 period.
 - B. Norfolk Association of Local Councils. It was proposed and seconded to pay the subscription of £59.25 + £48.65 = £107.90 for 2009/10.
 - C. It was proposed and seconded that £71.30 could be paid to R.G.M for grass cutting in the village for March.
 - D. It was proposed and seconded that, the fee of £50.00 should be paid for the hire of the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings for 2009/10.
 - E. The P.C.C requested that the P.C. make a donation towards the fee for cutting the grass in the churchyard for 2009/10. It was proposed and seconded that £350.00 should be donated.
 6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. The clerk will be applying for an, Awards for all Grant, for the village enhancement scheme this month, the new financial year. This has been held up as the Clerk was ill in March. The village Toddler Group have requested a large shed for storage use, to be placed in the village school grounds - size and costs to be advised.
 - B. Chairs for the village hall. The Clerk has passed some information to the Village Hall Committee about the availability of recycled chairs from Norwich; this will mean that the cost of new ones does not need to be added to the Awards for All figures if the chairs are suitable.
 - C. Additional item - the Clerk is to contact the highways dept. about the blocked drain on Dukes lane corner after the road was resurfaced. The letter sent in February is to be followed up with a results list.
 7. Correspondence from: -
 - A. The village school thanked the Parish Council for the donated Beech tree which has been planted in their grounds.
 - B. The request for transfer of ownership of the land at Coronation Terrace will now be considered by Breckland on 12th May as the meeting on 7th April has been cancelled.
 - C. Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service thank the council for their donation.
 - D. Letter from Mr Brooker - see attached. Asking if village planning documents could be published on the P.C. website. It was decided after discussion that the site should suggest the public access this

information from the Breckland Council web site, where it is readily available.

8. Village and Parish Council Website - Mr B Brooker sent a report - the Parish Council website had 290 hits from 93 visitors. The village web site had 1905 hits and 634 visitors. He said that for a village of this size both sites are extremely well visited.
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: Grass cutting is here again so do not allow thieves to take your ride on mower. One has been stolen from a Scoulton garden recently. Leaflets on bogus callers have been circulated to vulnerable households in the village. Thank you to Jane Horner and to our PCSO Tonya for their help. If anyone would like to contact our PCSO they can do so via Watton Police station or through Mr. Bearne on 483961.
10. Speed Watch: - Denise Bearne reported: The volunteers continued the scheme through March and the first week of April with one or two weekly sessions, despite the fact the pool of volunteers has diminished over the last few months. During this period 26 vehicles were recorded being driven at excessive speed. Plus there were some "nil" returns. During the sessions 1499 vehicles have been counted passing through the village. Flashing signs similar to those in Gt. Ellingham may help. The Clerk is to enquire about these. Denise completed her last week as the Speed Watch Coordinator on 6th April and notices have gone up requesting a new one, so far with little response. The Parish Council thanked her for her work. A full report from Denise is to be added to the P.C. web site.
11. PCSO Tonya Winsley to report. There were no crimes in Caston to report. She is currently working on a project with the school plus also trying to revive the Farm Watch scheme. This would cover 6 villages and be a small scheme rather than like the larger one in the past. More information will be sent in the future.
12. Items for the next agenda: - Items included in the minutes plus Speed Watch scheme update.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 11th May in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 3rd March 2009

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

The Griston to Watton footpath has not yet been agreed as the cost of fencing alongside the prison is too great. The chicken farm at Willow Farm Griston has been given permission to site a mobile home for farm workers use. The incinerator on the chicken farm has been causing a smell and there have been several complaints from Griston residents. The clerk is to ask Griston Clerk for further info.

Public Participation -

Damage to the grass on The Green when recent road works took place is to be looked at by Highways.