



Caston Parish Council

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CASTON

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2009 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30p.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)

Also present were the following members of the public: - Mr. Bearne (Home Watch), Mr. Michelmore, Mr. Haggett, Mrs. Haggett, Mr. Meikeljohn (NRCC).

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. Brooker (Websites for village and parish Council), PCSO Tonya Winsley.
2. The councillors agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th may 2008 could be signed as a true and correct record, after small corrections were made on point 5. Fuel Charity, and point 6. John Rogers' speech. These corrections are shown in the minutes.
3. The Chairman read his annual report of activities in the Parish within the last year, 2008/9. The report is attached to the minutes.
4. Accounts:
Parish council Accounts. Copies of the accounts for 2008/9 had been handed to the Councillors for their consultation. A copy is attached to the minutes. The Chairman and Councillors agreed that the Annual Accounts could be signed as a correct record.
 The Council questioned the need for the number of various different bank accounts. The Clerk stated that current system is following a previous Clerks recommendation. The Clerk is to investigate as to whether it is possible to merge some of the bank accounts and report at the next monthly Parish Council meeting.

Parish council Accounts.

Bank Balances Summary as at 31st March 2009:

Community Account	1760.19
Business Premium Account	2836.52
Business Reserve Account	1524.09
Business Bonus Account	10708.43
Balance as per cash book	16829.23

Caston Parish Council trustees of Caston Highway Surveyors land:

Balances as at 31st March 2009:

CAF Cash Account	1702.84
CAF Gold Account	16790.43
Business Premium Account	509.52
Total	19002.79

Caston Parish Council is the Corporate Trustee of the Highway Surveyors Land.

A copy of both the full accounts is attached to the minutes.

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Fuel Allotment Account: given by Mrs Jane Horner Treasurer

Mrs. Horner explained that the monies paid out to the individual recipients in the village, came from the interest earned on the account and that the bank interest rates are very low at the moment. Certain properties in the village are unoccupied so do not qualify this year.

Balances as at 31st December 2008 (End of year for this a/c)

Dividends received	230.66
Distribution for the year	231.00
Excess of distribution over income	-0.34
Balance at 1 st January 2008	62.08
Balance at 31 st December 2008	61.74

A copy of the full accounts is attached to the minutes.

Caston Village Hall Committee: given by Mrs Jane Horner Treasurer

Balances as at 31st March 2009

General Funds Current & Petty Cash as at 31 st March 2009	3257.72
Repair/Rebuild Fund Current & Petty Cash as at 31 st March 2009	6054.84

A copy of the full accounts is attached to the minutes.

5. County/District councillors report from Councillor John Rogers.
Mr. Rogers apologised for the lack of an annual report but said that the year had run very smoothly and any County and District concerns had already been reported at the previous parish council meetings and "things are running very smoothly at the moment". He asked if anyone had any questions or items he could help with. There was no response from the Parish Council or the Public.
6. Police report from the Community Police Team.
The village PCSO Tonya Winsley sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. She had already given a report during the April 6th 2009 Parish Council meeting which included the crime figures for the village for 2008/9. The Clerk re-read out the figures and a copy is to be sent to the Home Watch coordinator for the village Mr. Bearne. In 2008/9 there were a total of nine crimes in Caston. This represents 1.24% of all crimes in the Watton neighbourhood area. A copy of these accounts is attached to the minutes.
7. Open Forum for public participation:
The subject of the quantity and variety of notices placed on the village notice board on the Village Hall is causing concern as there are more notices than space will allow and "covering up" is occurring. It was suggested that the notice board should be kept locked as in other villages and people who wished to display notices should either send them to the Parish Clerk or Village Hall Secretary to be added to the board. This item is to be added to the next monthly Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th May 2010 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN: - Signed By John Chapman

DATE: - 10th May 2010

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 11th May 2009