



Caston Parish Council

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2009 in Caston Village Hall at 8.05p.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: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch), Mr. Haggett, Mrs. Haggett, Mr. Michelmore, Mr. H. Meiklejohn (NRCC).

The Clerk asked for nominations for a new Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr. Hall and Mrs Horner nominated Mr. J. Chapman. It was RESOLVED that Mr. J. Chapman should continue as Parish Council Chairman for 2009/10. The new Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office, also signed by the clerk.

The Clerk asked for nominations for a new Vice Chairman. Mr. D. Blincow and Mr. Alan Bunn nominated Mr. P. Hall. It was RESOLVED that Mr. P. Hall should continue as Parish Council Vice Chairman for 2009/10. The new Vice Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office; it was also signed by the clerk.

Newly elected parish councillors: Mr. J. Chapman, Mr. P. Hall, Mr A. Bunn, Mr. D Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner, signed their Declarations of Acceptance of office. All Councillors were handed a copy of the notice of Details of Financial and other Interests for each to fill out and sign.

The Chairman opened the new meeting.

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. Brooker (Web sites)
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 6th April 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: - None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.15pm.

The Chairman introduced Mr. H. Meiklejohn from the Norfolk Rural Community Council.

Mr. H. Meiklejohn read the report which had been finalised by the NRCC following the Housing Needs Survey conducted in Caston in December 2007. There were 67 returned surveys from 180 sent out to each of the residential properties in Caston. This represented a 37% response - an above average return rate. From the response, 1 household had an immediate need for affordable housing. From the small amount of financial information supplied it was unclear whether this would be an affordable tenure. This would mean that a collaborative development would have to encompass neighbouring Parishes collective needs. Any scheme would be subject to planning permission rules outside the settlement boundary of Caston. Mr. J. Rogers stating that Breckland needed up to 900 affordable houses per year, most of which would have to be provided by registered social landlords. These would mainly be found in Watton and similar towns.

The full survey is available on the Parish Council web site, or via the Clerk for public consultation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Meiklejohn for finalising the results.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.45pm.

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. This is due to be considered by Breckland the day after P.C. meeting. The Clerk was asked to check the "conditions" attached to a previous application regarding the White House refurbishment and building a new property next to it.

5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
It was RESOLVED to adopt the 2008/9 accounts of the Parish Council. These will be Audited in June by a new Auditor.
- A. Payment of £71.30 inc. VAT to RGM. - grass mowing on the village ~~grass~~ green. In budget.
 - B. Payment of £794.62 for the Parish Council Insurance policy for 2009/10. In the Budget at £770.00. Details of these are to be added to the councillor's folder.
 - C. Payment of Clerks wages and expenses for Nov. 2008 to April 2009. The Chairman read out the invoice for wages and expenses and it was proposed and seconded that this could be paid. In Budget.
 - D. Payment of subscription to Norfolk rural Community Council £15.00. In Budget.
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. The Clerk is currently waiting for written quotes from various suppliers for different items needed for the scheme.
7. Correspondence from: -
- A. Highways dept. - Adrian Sewell will be meeting the Clerk on Tues. 12th May, for a site visit, to discuss various areas of improvement in the village. Mrs. Horner asked to join the Clerk and assist the Clerk in working through the list with Mr. Sewell.
8. Village and Parish Council Website: - apologies for absence were sent from Mr B Brooker. Mr. Blineow is going to email the Clerk the monthly figures.
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne had no incidences to report. He will be attending a training day at County Hall in Norwich, later in May.
10. Speed Watch: - The Clerk reported that there had been no volunteers for coordinator of helpers despite advertisements being put in the Waylander and the notice boards. Having spoken to Sgt. Any Hood, he recommended the village continue to try to find some more help in order to keep the scheme going. He also informed the Council that as he now has a new job in the Police force the new Speed Watch Officer in the Headquarters will contact us soon.
11. PCSO Tonya Winsley sent her apologies for absence.
12. Items for the next agenda: - Items included in these minutes and the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish. The Chairman sent his apologies for non attendance, in advance of next months meeting. It was noted that the Vice-chairman will be Chairing the meeting next month.

The Councillor's folder was circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 1st June in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 11th May 2009

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

Mr. Rogers had nothing to report. The public had no questions for him to answer.

Public Participation -

None.