



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 in Caston Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Councillors present: - Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr A. Bunn, Mr. D Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman,  
Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner.

Also present: - Mr. Bearne (Home Watch), Mr. Michelmore, Mr. Brooker (Web Sites)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County), PCSO Tonya Winsley.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.  
It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Vice Chairman, as a true and correct record.
3. The following Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - None
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". Planning permission given by Breckland in May but the Parish Council has not yet to receive the full information about this from Breckland. Clerk to request this be sent immediately.
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-  
There were no payments to be made.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
  - A. Meeting with Adrian Sewell from the Highways Dept. on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk, Mrs Horner and Mr. Sewell walked and drove around the village noting down all the areas of roads and footpath which require some improvement. The items brought up at the last Parish Council meeting were looked at. The Clerk informed the Council of Mr. Sewell's comments on specific items and areas. The Councillors requested that this information should be put into writing and Mr. Sewell is to advise as to when the various items will be acted upon over the next year. The clerk will contact Mr. Sewell.
  - B. Parish Council bank accounts. The Clerk informed the council that Barclays bank have suggested amalgamating several of the accounts to make the accounts process easier. The information regarding each account and its use is to be added to the councillors' folder for further consideration. Item to be added to the next Agenda.
  - C. Notice board lock. After discussion regarding the quantity of items placed in the Notice board on the exterior of the village hall and lack of space for Parish Council notices it was decided that the notice board should remain unlocked so items specific to Caston village can be advertised there. The Councillors requested that the Clerk should enquire about the price of a new dedicated lockable notice board for use by the parish council only. Also a new board could be placed along Northacre. Item for the next Agenda.
  - D. Speed watch. As no volunteers have come forward to help the speed watch team, the Clerk is to put another article in the Waylander magazine and on the village website.
  - E. 30mph sign Griston road. Norfolk County Council wish to reposition the 30mph signs on entering the village from Griston Road end, to a new position. This will be before the right hand bend as you enter the village from the main Griston Road. The council were shown a map of the new position. The NCC has asked for the opinion of the Parish Council. The members voted unanimously in favour of the new position.
  - F. Village enhancement. The clerk informed the Council of the costing so far. Concern was raised over the future maintenance of the proposed planted areas and the likely hood of volunteers being found to maintain the planters and War Memorial area. It was proposed and seconded that the War Memorial planting scheme should be removed from the budget. The Clerk is to get quotes from professional gardeners and look into insurance costs for the new items. Also discussed was

the on going maintenance of the sheds for the village Playgroup. It was decided that this would have to be borne by the Playgroup. This item is to be added to the next Agenda.

7. Correspondence from: -
  - A. Invitation from Sarta Pressland the NSLCC liaison officer to meet in Hingham on 10<sup>th</sup> June. No Councillors or the Clerk were able to attend.
  - B. Letter from Breckland Council - Coronation Terrace transfer of ownership to Caston Parish Council. The Council have been asked to pay all the solicitors fees incurred by Breckland for this process. The Clerk is to request an estimate of the fees plus an estimate from the Parish Councils own solicitor for their fees.
8. Village and Parish Council Website - Mr B Brooker reported that the Parish Council website had 136 hits. The village web site had 1543 hits. Last months figures were: Parish Council website had 164 hits and village web site had 1829 hits
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: Mr. Bearne attended a course at County Hall for senior members of the County Police and Neighbourhood & Homewatch national executive committee members. Two important matters arose: 1. There should be closer liaison between Homewatch co-ordinators and the local SNT's. We already have good relations with our PCSO, but Police statements often completely ignore the existence of Homewatch schemes. E.g. SNT's do not mention them in the Waylander. 2. There should be a closer liaison between co-ordinators in the neighbouring areas. This involves making contact Data available in the Waylander.  
Crimes in the village:- On the night of the Barnstorm Young Farmers event, between 12 - 12.30am garden ornaments were removed from outside The Lodge in The Street. These have not been found yet. Between 20 - 28th may 150 roof tiles were stolen from an outbuilding in the village and between 24 - 31st May a vehicle was damaged.
10. Speed Watch: - This item has been noted under 6.D. of the minutes.
11. Items for the next agenda: - Items listed in the minutes.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

**The next meeting will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**CHAIRMAN: -**

**DATE: -**

District & County Councillor report and public participation: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

Councillor John Rogers was unable to attend due to the E.U. and County Elections taking place this week.

Public Participation -

A request was made for the "kill your speed" signs to be replaced in Northacre.

Parishioners felt that it was important to make the village look good with additions of plants around the War Memorial and other areas of the village and these costs should be covered by the precept. The following comments were noted: - It was pointed out that Caston had, in previous years, entered the "Norfolk's Best Kept Village Competition" and done very well in the rankings but as the village looks at the moment it would not even be considered. There is not much for people to look at in the village and planting would help. Pride in the village needs to be invigorated and volunteers should be encouraged to help with this.

The "No Smoking" signs in the bus shelters would not be replaced as reasonable efforts had been made to do this and the signs were still vandalised.