



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 July 2009 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

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

Also present: - Mr. Bearne (Home Watch), Mr. & Mrs Haggett, Mr. Brooker (Web Sites), Mr. R. Lond-Caulk

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman. The Council thanked Mr. Hall for Chairing the last meeting.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2009. 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 7.35pm to introduce Caston PCSO Tonya and Dave the new PCSO for Watton. The Chairman thanked Tonya for the positive Police presence at the Caston village fete. The new Farm Watch scheme for Caston will be introduced on July 24th at a meeting at the village hall. Tony Bone local coordinator, will talk about the scheme, all are invited. Cops and Coffee informal meetings are to be held at The Surge in Watton regularly. Police presence in the village is much appreciated by the residents. Police posters will be added to the village notice boards.
The meeting was reconvened at 7.45pm.

4. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. Mr. B. Brooker, Brook House, Dukes Lane, Caston - Single storey front entrance lobby extension. Awaiting a decision from Breckland.
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. RGM - £71.30 for 2 cuts on Village Green in May.
 - B. Mr. R. Canwell £39.00 independent internal audit of Parish Council Accounts. Mr. Canwell suggested slightly reorganising the accounting methods to make the system easier. It was proposed that this matter should be discussed at a separate meeting and noted that some accounts are kept for future village schemes including possible refurbishment of the village hall.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Report from Adrian Sewell about Caston roads. The sheet was added to the Councillors folder.
 - B. Transfer of Land at Coronation Terrace. Clerk to inform the P.C. solicitor and Zoe Footer at Breckland that there is a summer break for the P.C. in August. The costs involved are to be added to the Awards for All application.
 - C. Late entry Article from Sue Lake regarding sickness policy for the Clerk to be added to the Councillors folder.
 - D. Awards for All. The form is in the process of being finished and will be sent this month.
7. Correspondence from: -
 - A. Breckland - Externalisation of Breckland planning Dept. Capita Symons will be taking over the planning department at Breckland. Mr. Rogers said that this would save Breckland £1.5million.
 - B. NALC - Summer Conference. No one will attend due to the high fees involved.
 - C. Village Screen and Village Stage. Passed to the village hall committee for consideration.
 - D. Extra items - Invite to event at Weeting Village Hall - no interest.
 - E. SLCC AGM - considered too expensive to attend.
 - F. Other late items were added to the councillors' folder.

8. Village and Parish Council Website - Mr B Brooker reported that the Parish Council website had 400 hits. The village web site had 1525 hits. It was proposed and seconded that he report only twice a year as the figures are remaining similar each month.
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne had no crimes in Caston to report and no other items of interest.
10. Speed Watch: - It was resolved that the minimum number of volunteers is to be maintained. The records are to be returned to the Police by the Parish Clerk. This will allow the scheme to continue in Caston.
11. Items for the next agenda: -
 - A. The clerk is to check the insurance policy costs to cover councillors against possible injunctions against them.
 - B. Sickness policy document already mentioned - 6.C.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 7th September in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

District & County Councillor report and public participation: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 6th July 2009

Report from Councillor MR. John Rogers-

Mr. Rogers said that if the Boundary Commission proposals go ahead Breckland residents (band D) will have to pay £106 extra per year on top of the existing fee.

When applications are considered in the planning decision process - residents are encouraged to write individual letters rather than send in petitions to Breckland.

Rats spotted near The Mill in The Street are being dealt with by Breckland Pest Control.

Permission to site a mobile home at the Griston Road chicken farm has been given.

Public Participation -

The new use of The Red Lion pub was discussed. If it is unviable to run it as a pub it may be turned into a home. It was suggested that a pub is only as good its management. Planning permission would be needed for change of use. Some felt that refurbishment and opening as a free house may be better for the village.

The transfer of ownership of the land at Coronation Terrace to the Parish Council was discussed. It was pointed out that this would be an open space for the whole village. It was questioned why this should be paid for by the whole village, the Awards for all grant is hoped to cover the costs so not affecting the village except for the grass mowing which has been budgeted for. The new hedge, when large enough is to be voluntarily cut by Mr. P. Hall.