



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 7th September 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. Farnbrough, Mrs. J. Horner.

Also present: - Mr. & Mrs. Bearn (Home Watch), Mr. R. Lond-Caulk, Mr. G. Michelmore, Mr. D. Metcalfe, Mr. K. Cummings, Ms. K. Eakins.

1. To accept apologies for absence: -. Mr. John Rogers, PCSO Tonya Winsley.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 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: - Item 5.A - Mr. J. Chapman, Mr. D. Blincow, Mrs. K. Farnbrough, Mrs. J. Horner.
4. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. Mr. B. Brooker, Brook House, Dukes Lane, Caston - Single storey front entrance lobby extension. Permission granted on 26.07.09.
 - B. Co-Dunkall at Bilhams Cottage, The Street - 2 new houses with garages (4 bed-detached). This application is going to be considered by committee at Breckland on 12th October 09. It was noted that Bilhams Cottage is a semi-detached property with a large garden. The Parish Clerk lives next door to this property and the garden of Bilhams Cottage extends around the back of the Clerks property. This area of garden land is where the development is proposed.
 - C. Chapel Partners, The Red Lion Pub, Caston - change of use of building from a Public House to residential and demolition of flat roof extension between and main building and store. This application is also to be considered under Listed Buildings rules. Under consideration.
 - D. Mr. Doree, Abbots Gate annexe - removal of "obligations" for the annexe. Under consideration.
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Caston Village Hall Committee request for donation towards the insurance for the village hall. In budget at £400.00. Proposed and seconded.
 - B. Payment of £106.95 inc. VAT to RGM. - grass mowing in the village in July. In budget. Proposed and seconded.
 - C. NNAB request for donation towards their services. This is not in the 2009/2010 budget. The Clerk is to write to them explaining that it would be considered next year.
 - D. Payment of Clerks wages and expenses for May 2009 to August 2009. In budget. Proposed and seconded.
 - E. E. Payment of £71.30 inc. VAT to RGM - grass mowing in the village in August. In budget. Proposed and seconded.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Awards for All bid - The Chairman gave a progress report. The result will be known within the next six weeks.
 - B. The clerk is to check the insurance policy costs to cover councillors against possible injunctions against them. To be added to the next Agenda.
 - C. Sickness policy document was discussed. With the threat of Swine Flu it was decided that if the clerk should fall sick the responsibility of answering e-mails and letters should temporarily be done by Mr. D. Blincow, as he has access to the internet. The minutes would also be taken by him at a P.C. meeting. The clerk thanked him for his support.
7. Correspondence from: -
 - A. The Greenhouse, Norwich. To go to notice board.
 - B. AGM of Norfolk Association of Local Councils - to go to Councillors folder.

- C. Buckingham Palace garden party invite. It was agreed that Mr. J. Chapman's name should be submitted to the draw for invitations.
 - D. Breckland Town & Parish Council Forum and open evening - to go to Councillors folder.
 - E. Capturing Wayland Heritage project visit. The Chairman read the letter. It was decided to invite Sue White to the next P.C. meeting to give a short talk.
 - F. Offer to purchase hedge plants for Coronation Terrace. The clerk is to write to the resident to thank her for her kind offer. This will be reconsidered when the result of the Awards for All bid is known.
8. Village and Parish Council Website - Mr B Brooker will now be reporting twice yearly. The next report will be in February 2010.
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne had no crimes in Caston to report. However, a significant proportion of the crimes in the general area are the theft of garden ornaments and machinery. Residents are asked to ensure that valuable garden items are kept secure.
10. Speed Watch: - Two speed watch sessions occurred in August. The highest recorded speed was 42mph in the 30mph zone within the village.
11. Items for the next agenda: -
A. Item 6.B.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 5th October in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

District & County Councillor report and public participation: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 7th September 2009

Report from Councillor MR. John Rogers-
Mr. Rogers sent his apologies as he is attending a conference.

Public Participation -

The Chairman opened the floor to Mr. Dan Metcalfe he explained his proposal for the change of use of the Red Lion and the demolition of the adjoining flat roofed building.

Mr. Metcalfe stated that he wished to keep the building in good order and use the Red Lion as a house rather than for level 4 commercial uses.

Mr. Blincow explained that the village is keen to keep it as a communal building.

The owner was asked if he had exhausted the possibilities of it being used as a pub.

The Councillors and public talked about the past landlords of the pub and the successes and problems they had encountered whilst running the pub.

Mr. Metcalfe stated that he had taken a lot of advice from other local pubs as to the possibility of keeping it as a pub and had concluded that it would not be economically viable.

He was asked if he intended to separate the property into two areas - barn and pub. He was then asked about the use of the pub garden and if he intended to build on it. He said that the plans under consideration do not include the barn and the garden.

Several Councillors said that the pub is the last feature of the village and should be retained.

The Councillors are to consider the plans in detail.