



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

- Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr. A. Bunn, Mr. D. Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)
- Also present: - Mr. T. Ash, Mr. C. Bearne (Homewatch), Mrs. D. Bearne, Mr. I. Jessett, Mr. D. Yarrow, PCSO Tonya, PCSO Dave
1. To accept apologies for absence: -. Mrs. K. Farmbrough
  2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009. The minutes were handed out to the public and Councillors as Draft. After a correction to John Rogers report - "LDF" should read "Local Government Review", it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record.
  - 2.A The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm. The Chairman introduced PCSO Tonya. She reported that there had been no crimes recently in the village. A Cops & Coffee session had been held in the village and there were no current problems in the village at the moment. The "Make Sam Smile" speed watch equipment would be visiting Griston. The PC requested that Caston could be part of this visit and the clerk is to advise as to the best place to place the equipment. The Farm Watch scheme can start again if needed. The PC thanked her for her visit.
  3. The meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm. The following Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Mr. A. Bunn - 4E, Mrs. J. Horner 4E & 5C, Mr. J. Chapman and Mr. D. Blincow 5C
  4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
    - A. Co-Dunkall at Bilhams Cottage, The Street - 2 new houses with garages (4 bed-detached). This application was considered by committee at Breckland on 12<sup>th</sup> October 09 and Refused Planning Permission. The Chairman read the letter explaining the decision.
    - B. 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. The Planning committee at Breckland considered these applications at a meeting today (2.11.09). The meeting was attended by representatives of the Parish Council - Mr. P. Chapman and Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. P. Chapman reported on the events of the meeting. Mr. P. Chapman spoke on behalf of the Parish Council requesting refusal of this application. The village was also represented by Mr. T. Ash and Mr. Jessett who handed in a petition signed by villagers, to the committee, requesting refusal of the application in favour of retaining the Red Lion as a pub. The committee considered the options and Refused Planning Permission for change of use. They also commended Mr. P. Chapman on his eloquent speech. Mr. Ash and Mr. Jessett were thanked by the PC for their help at the committee meeting in explaining the loss of the pub to the village. It is noted that, at the time of this meeting the official decision letter from Breckland Planning dept. regarding this application had not yet been received by the PC.
    - C. Mr. Doree, Abbots Gate annexe - removal of "obligations" for the annexe. Under consideration, awaiting a decision from Breckland.
    - A. Mr. Richardson, Clematis Cottage, The Street - two storey side extension and associated alterations. Awaiting a decision from Breckland.
    - D. Mr. A. Bunn, Fallowfield, Northacre - continued use of residential property as living accommodation. Under consideration by the PC.
  5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
    - A. Parish Council web site fee - £24.95 to repay Mr. Brooker.
    - B. Rules Sheds - Deposit for building playgroup storage shed as part of Awards for All grant. Mr. Barlow of Rules Sheds has now requested full payment for the playgroup shed - £1150.00 including all fittings and delivery. He will begin the manufacture of the shed as soon as the

payment has been received. The clerk will contact the Playgroup representative - Alison Chapman, the Headmistress of the village school - Mrs. Smith where the shed is to be sited and Mr. Barlow so that all parties have paperwork to show the ownership of the new shed. Mr. Barlow is to notify the clerk of the completion date so that the PC can visit when it is being delivered and put in place. The amount was agreed in principle so not to delay the manufacture.

C. 2010 Precept including donations list.

The clerk handed out sheets explaining the 2010 budget amounts.

It was decided that the charitable donations should be kept to items already in the precept budget list and those which are specifically for the benefit of the parishioners of Caston.

A request for a donation from Norfolk Lowland Search and Rescue should not be supported.

It was proposed and seconded Norfolk and Norwich Association of the Blind should be supported as parishioners had used this service and that a donation of £50.00 should be added to next years budget.

It was also proposed and seconded to keep Wayland Partnerships donation in the 2010 budget at £100.00.

The PC discussed the other items listed in the 2010 budget and the possible increase in costs in specific areas. It was proposed that a 10% increase in the Budget to £5250.00 did not seem excessive. Mr. J. Rogers explained this would mean an increase of roughly £2.58 on a Band D Council Tax bill. It was resolved that £5250.00 should be the Precept request for 2010/11

Late additional items:

D. RGM - £71.30 grass cutting for October. In budget. This should be the last cut of the year.

E. Barclays Bank amalgamation of deposit accounts to discuss. - The clerk gave the Chairman a letter from Barclays Bank explaining that they are changing their deposit account structure and this will affect some of the PC accounts as they will be amalgamated. It was proposed and seconded to transfer the Highway Surveyors Account sum into the deposit account Highway Surveyors Account with CAF Bank. This item is to be added to February 2010 Agenda as the accounts are due to be amalgamated in December and relevant forms will need to be signed to move this money to the CAF bank.

6. Matters To Report: - Clerk

A. Awards For All - The clerk gave each councillor a list of all the considerations for each item in the scheme so that any concerns could be raised or added. The Chairman suggested that one item should be addressed each month. Publicity could not be started until after Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> according to Awards for All. It was proposed and seconded that the PC solicitor should be notified regarding the acquisition of land at Coronation Terrace and the undertaking signed for Breckland Council by the Chairman. It was discussed that if contractors were to be used written contracts are needed and no payments in full should be made.

B. Flaxmoor pavement repair. Plus uneven path at Chase End. The clerk has notified highways.

C. The Barns shop. The clerk had been requested to enquire if planning permission had been sort from Breckland for the new interiors shop at The Barns, Attleborough Road. The Chairman read a letter from Breckland Planning dept. stating they were looking into the matter.

D. Trees overhanging the footpath. During the month the clerk was asked to find out about the height of tree branches overhanging footpaths. The Chairman read a letter from G. Addison Breckland stating that branches should not be lower than 2.4mt over a footpath and if so should be trimmed to remove obstructions. If the tree was covered by a tree preservation order than it would necessary to check with the TPO and the local tree officer first.

7. Correspondence from: -

A. Allianz insurance paperwork to approve and sign. The chairman signed the form.

Late additional item:

B. Letter regarding photos on the PC web site. It was agreed that the PC website should not have advertisements on the site; however the Caston village web site may be interested in adverts.

8. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne warned about opportunist thieves when celebrating Bonfire night.

9. Speed Watch: - No sessions had taken place in October.

10. Items for the next Agenda:- Payment to Mr. Fox for a new seat in the bus shelter on The Green and for two new notice boards for the PC as part of the Awards For All village enhancement scheme. Councillors to consider the style of new chair for the Village Green. Litter picking equipment. Pavement repair update.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2009 01953 483466

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

The new extension of Wayland High School was opened on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This would cover all sorts of building trades. It cost £1.9 million and no profit was made. It will also be used for evening classes for local people.

Small grants of £250 - 300 for villages, not Parish councils were available from Breckland.

A new planning online site has been launched This can be viewed at:-

[http://www.breckland.gov.uk/brecklandcouncil/environment/planning/planning\\_search.htm](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/brecklandcouncil/environment/planning/planning_search.htm)

The Police Stations are to close in the evenings as the staff will be transferred to other duties in King's Lynn, Gt. Yarmouth and Norwich. This does not affect the emergency telephone numbers.

The proposed footpath between Griston and Watton is to cost £380,000.00 as the M.O.D wants an eight foot high fence around the prison. The Sustrans award does not cover the costs. He will report later on the Norwich Road Watton road works.

No questions from the public.

Public Participation -

Mr. Yarrow requested that all notices go onto the notice boards as many parishioners do not have access to a computer or use of internet. The clerk said that as many notices as possible go up in the existing spaces and new PC boards will be put up in 2010 under the Awards for All grant for the village. Important information is always sent to the Waylander Magazine which should be delivered to every household. If you do not receive the Wayland Church group of parish's magazine at the beginning of each month then you should inform the Parish Clerk or the Waylander correspondent for the village.