



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 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. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)
- Also present: - Mr. Ash, Mr. Bearne (Homewatch), Mr. Cummings (The Red Lion), Mr. Jesset, Mr. Metcalfe (The Red Lion), Mr, Quadling,
1. To accept apologies for absence: - None.
  2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010. 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 after two small corrections.
  3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: -  
Item 4.A - Mrs. Horner, Mr. Bunn. Item 5.B - Mr. Blincow, Mr. J. Chapman, Mrs. Farmbrough.  
Item 5.C - Mrs. Horner. Item 5.D - Mrs. Horner.
  4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
    - A. Mr. A. Bunn, Fallowfield, Northacre - continued use of residential property as living accommodation. Awaiting a decision from Breckland.
    - B. Red Lion, Caston - Alterations to public house & car park, conversion of store to dwelling and erection of new dwelling. Plus Alts to PH, inc. creation of flat. Erect a 3 bed house. Convert store to dwelling & alts to car park etc Listed Buildings consent. Awaiting a decision from Breckland.
  5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
    - A. Norfolk Association of Local Councils - annual membership fee £108.04, in budget. Proposed by Mr. Blincow seconded by Mrs. Farmbrough and approved.
    - B. Village Hall Committee - Hire of Village Hall for parish Council meetings until March 2011 - £50.00, in budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Bunn and approved.
    - C. Caston PCC Contribution to the cost of Churchyard maintenance for 2010/11, in budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Bunn and approved.
    - D. Repayment of photographic costs to Mrs. Horner - for recent additions to the Book of Remembrance in the church. The clerk gave out a copy of the budget for this and as the invoice has not yet been received this was to be added to the next agenda.
    - E. Clerks' wages and expenses for December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to March 31st 2010, in budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Farmbrough and approved.
    - F. Extra addition - RGM grass cutting for March £36.43 in budget. Proposed by Mr. Blincow, seconded by Mrs. Horner and approved.
  6. Matters to report: - Clerk
    - A. Awards for All - update on land acquisition at Coronation Terrace:  
The Clerk informed the PC that as the paperwork for change of ownership of the land had not yet been completed, the land was still owned by Breckland Council and therefore was due to be considered by the Active Land Management team at Breckland Council on 13<sup>th</sup> April, for future use of the land. The clerk informed the PC that the manger had been contacted and our interest in the land was to be put to the committee for consideration. It is possible that the piece of land next to the telephone exchange may be retained by Breckland Council for their use. Mr. Blincow questioned whether the PC had any paperwork regarding the PC interest in both pieces of land at Coronation Terrace and any receipts for monies paid in lieu of change of ownership to the solicitors. The clerk has these items on file but not with her. Mr. Rogers said he would look into the matter on our behalf. The clerk is to check on the progress of the solicitors and why there has been no recent communications from them. To be added to the next agenda for update in the situation.  
Planters: The clerk showed a sketch of the proposed simple wooden planter, to the PC for approval. A single planter would be placed on the verge on the left hand side of the road as you enter the village, on all 5 entrances to the village. These would be fixed to the ground with concrete. This was proposed

by Mrs. Horner and seconded by Mrs Farmbrough and approved. The clerk is to send the design to the Highways dept. for consideration and approval. Information on whether cables and pipes would be near the sites would also need to be found out. A few parishioners have already volunteered to look after the planter nearest to them, but more help would be needed to water and maintain them to assure the plants survive through the summer and winter and remain tidy.

- B. Information regarding Quality Council status. - The clerk has sent for further information about this and the associated costs. It was noted that the PC subsidised training for the previous clerk. This is a requirement of the process. The qualified clerk could proceed with gaining Quality Status for Caston Parish Council. Unfortunately the clerk retired before Quality Status could be gained, so more training would need to be provided for the current clerk. It was suggested that this item should be followed up, after the final report of the Awards for All village enhancement scheme has been finished in September/October this year.
- C. Follow through of local flood survey and enhancement requests conducted in village by P.C. in 2008. The clerk has checked with Highways and the various problem areas in the village including the water outside Broadway House when it rains have been noted on their future list or projects. Dates for this cannot be given as yet due to still working on the pot holes from the hard winter weather. The clerk is to request pavement cleaning at Flaxmoor and "siding out" along The Street.
7. Correspondence from: -  
Items sent to the Councillors folder
8. Village and Parish Council Website - Mr B Brooker report was read out by the Chairman.
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: metal thefts around Breckland have been rising.
10. Speed Watch: - New signs have been added to the entrances of the village to make motorists aware this is a speed watch area. However these are rather small to read. The temporary signage used when the speed watch takes place will also need to be used.
11. The meeting adjourned at 8.20pm  
Mr. Metcalfe stated that he had amended the plans for The Red Lion by adding a condition to ensure that the pub will remain a pub for 10 years. A village survey to gauge response to the pub reopening had been successful. 37 forms were returned so far with 1 objection and 93 supporters. He asked if the parish council would support the application. The building works would finance the reopening of the pub. It was proposed, considered and approved that Mr. P. Chapman would represent the Parish Council at the planning meeting at Breckland on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Mr. Ash would also speak on behalf of villagers in support of the pub reopening.  
The meeting reconvened at 8.30pm.
12. Items for the next agenda: - As above plus new Perspex and paint on the BT phone box by the school, Jubilee 2012.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

**The next meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May in Caston Village Hall at 8.00 pm, after The Annual Meeting of The Parish of Caston at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**CHAIRMAN: -**

**DATE: -**

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

Extra money had been given by the County to pay for filling in any pot holes. Notify the clerk if any bad ones are in this area. Senior managers at Breckland Council will not be replaced when they retire in order to save £140 million. Some managers will also be sharing work with South Norfolk Council. Breckland has temporary CCTV cameras available to help solve crimes.

Public Participation -

A parishioner questioned the amount of privacy provided at the election booths in the village hall on polling day. Mr. Rogers explained that the booths are placed so that the officials can ensure that voting is carried in the approved manner. They cannot actually see how somebody votes.