



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 June 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: - PCSO Tonya Winsley, Mr. C. Bearne.

1. **To accept apologies for absence:** - None
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 7th June 2010
The minutes were handed out to the public and Councillors as Draft. Proposed by Mrs. K. Farmbrough and seconded by Mr A. Bunn. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record.
- 3.A. **Additional Agenda item:**
PCSO Tonya attended the meeting to give a report on her recent work. She went to Caston village fete and took items, about the work of the Police, for children to take home. There has been one crime in Caston in the last few weeks. She will be attending the Farmers markets on the first Saturday of each month at Watton where the PCSOs have a stall and also at The Surge on other days.
The Police in Watton are focusing on anti social behaviour and parked vehicles in the High Street. The Safer Neighbourhood Team in Watton has been put forward for an award as the best team in Norfolk. Mr. Bearne pointed out that the 30mph signs had been turned around so he had corrected them and asked if these could be checked regularly by the Police.
Tonya will be in the farm shop at Griston on July 24th 2 - 3.30pm to meet parishioners.
3. **Declarations of Interest from members**, in any item to be discussed were noted: -
Mrs. J. Horner Item 5.A.
4. **Planning.** The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 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. No information as yet has been received from Breckland Council confirming a planning decision. The clerk is to write to Breckland Council.
 - B. Mrs. P. Perkins, East View, The Street - demolition and erection of new front porch. Under consideration by Breckland Council.
5. **Finance:** It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Hilton Studio - £27.42 - Book of Remembrance additional photos. The photographs have now been received by Mrs. J. Horner. The payment was proposed by, Mr. P. Hall and seconded by Mrs. K. Farmbrough. This item is in Budget under "Miscellaneous".
 - B. Donation to Rural Community Council membership for 2010/11 £15.00. In budget. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. D. Blincow and seconded by Mrs. J. Horner that the Parish Council should not subscribe to being an Associate Member of the Norfolk Rural Community Council from now on.
 - C. Payment of £72.85 including VAT to RGM for grass mowing in the village during May. In budget. Proposed by Mrs. K. Farmbrough and seconded by Mr. D. Blincow.
 - D. Payment for the Parish Council Insurance policy for 2010/11 was paid, clerk to report. After the last Parish Council meeting the clerk explained to the Chairman that despite a discussion with the insurance company, on how this years fee could be reduced, the outcome was that there would be a very small saving which would be balanced by the charge for changing the policy information. A decision was made by the Chairman to pay the fee as per quote. This is in budget for this year but will need to be reviewed again next year if the fee increases further.
6. **Matters to report: - Clerk**
 - A. Coronation Terrace - results of meeting of letter to Breckland Council. The reply from Breckland Council offered 4 options regarding the land at Coronation Terrace. The Council requested that these be added to the minutes: -

“The cabinet considered that the land “ (next to the telephone exchange) “could be of value as a building plot...”

“The Council is minded to: -

- a) Continue with the transfer of the remaining land marked A on the map” (The long thin piece fronting Coronation Terrace.)
- b) “Seek planning consent on the area marked B on the map and market it accordingly” (The area next to the telephone exchange.)
- c) “To repay the Parish Council reasonable costs with regard to the purchase of A and B...”
- d) “In the event that planning consent cannot be secured we would consider the decision to transfer the land to the parish.”

A lengthy discussion ensued and the P.C. decided to ask Breckland Council to reconsider their proposal. The Councillors unanimously felt that Breckland Council were going back on their undertaking of offering the Parish both pieces of land as one item and that they were proposing to sell off the land to the detriment of the village. It was pointed out by several Councillors that this area has been used as an “unofficial” play area for a long time and selling it off would mean that the village children would not have anywhere to play. Loss of the tall trees would also be loss of a green space. Mr. Rogers pointed out that Breckland Council could apply for planning permission for the land at any time so it could be a while before this occurred.

Each councillor is to receive a “diary” of events concerning the acquisition of the land from the clerk. This would mean that the residents of Coronation Terrace and villagers could be informed of the proceedings. It was also requested that the clerk should contact the press over this matter.

B. Proposed Settlement Boundary changes for Caston - LDF site specifics.

This will affect 5 places in the village. Maps and information have been posted to the notice boards, the Councillor’s folder and the web. Breckland Council also has information on their website. Parishioners can send comments by letter or through the web link by 30th July.

7. Correspondence from: -

Relevant items have been posted to the village notice board.

Other items sent to The Councillors’ folder is to be circulated for information only.

8. Speed Watch: -

Two sessions were done this month. Out of 180 vehicles passing the team 5 were over the 30mph limit. The maximum speed was 39mph. The team hopes to do one session per week during the summer months.

9. Awards for All.

The councillors will be meeting at The Green to decide on the position of the new seat. It was suggested that positioning it near to the War Memorial would be get the best view of the Village Green and the Church and also be in the sunshine are rather than shade. The Clerk is to book the road surfacing contractor to make the seat plinth. Also to redress the surface of the path to the phone box and redress the surface near the war memorial/School Lodge.

10. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne had nothing to report.

11. Items for the next agenda: -

Awards for All.

Councillor’s folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be changed to the second Monday of the month for this year only.

Monday 12th 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: - Councillor John Rogers

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 2009

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

Mr. Rogers said that a new roundabout is to be started on Norwich Road, Watton, hopefully during July.

Public Participation - None