



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 4th October 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.

Also present: - Colin Bearne (Speed watch & Home watch)

1. To accept apologies for absence: -, Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County), PCSO Tonya Winsley,
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 9th September 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 changes were made to Item 5.b shown in red pen. Proposed by Peter Hall seconded by Peter Chapman.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Item 5D: - Jane Horner, David Blincow, Kay Farmbrough and John Chapman.
4. Planning. Currently awaiting the decision from Breckland Council for all the following applications:-
 - 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. Waiting for 106 agreements to be signed.
 - B. Mr. D. Burdett, Mere House, Mere Road, Stow Bedon - Erection of fence (varying height 2m -2.5m). Permission refused by Breckland Council.
 - C. Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - New detached house with garage. Permission refused by Breckland Council.
 - D. Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - Two new detached houses with garages - Resubmission. Permission refused by Breckland Council.
 - E. Mr. D. Grindley, The Meadows, The Street Caston - Change of use from paddock to garden land. Waiting for a decision by Breckland Council.
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Request for fee for Clerk to attend a course on council elections in November - £35.00. In budget. Change of details on the cheque as course fee now less than planned. New cheque for £25.00 proposed by Peter Hall Seconded by John Chapman.
 - B. Repayment to clerk for purchasing wood etc for planters. Amount to advised at the meeting. In budget. The invoice had not yet arrived so this item is to be added to the next Agenda.
 - C. RGM cutting village green in September. In budget. The invoice is late so this item is to be added to the next Agenda.
 - D. Extra item not on original Agenda - David Blincow requested clarification about the Parish Councils decision on donating £5,000.00 to the future funding of the village hall refurbishment. He was concerned that that the decision was to help replace the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee decided that refurbishment was more cost effective over the next 20 years and wanted to clarify that the money from the Parish Council would still be available. The clerk referred to the minutes of 1st march 2010 item 5.B.; "Request from Caston Village Hall Committee to Caston PC to give a guarantee to cover 25% (£5,000.00) of the refurbishment costs. Non Village Hall Committee members suggested supporting the village hall. It was proposed and seconded that the £5,000.00 for the Village Hall refurbishment should be taken from the Highway Surveyors Land bank account and a new bank account opened named "Village Hall refurbishment"." The clerk advised the Council that it was not necessary to open a new bank account but to note in the accounts that money had been pledged to this cause. This was agreed. It was confirmed that when the Village Hall Committee needed the funds for proposed work they could apply to the Parish Council even after the Pledged £5,000.00 was used up.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Coronation Terrace - The Clerk is to write to the new Breckland Council Chief Executive Mr. Huggins to ask the Council to reconsider their proposed use of the telephone exchange grass area as a potential

building plot.

B. Town & Parish forum in October Clerk to go to this meeting in Swaffham.

7. Correspondence from: -

- A. Stanta information for next 6 months. The Chairman read the letter out, to be added to web, notice boards and newsletter.
- B. Community rangers - these may be visiting the village if we can find work for them to do between now and February 2011.
- C. Village games. Breckland Council info about getting villagers active and competing in the village games initiative. Information to the web, notice boards and newsletter.
- D. Norfolk people of the year awards. The Clerk suggested that Mrs Horner should be nominated for keeping the environment of Caston free of litter and tidying the churchyard on a regular basis. The Chairman is to fill in the form.
- E. Norfolk Police new Chief Inspector Information regarding new Police leaders and crime figures have been added to the councillor's folder.

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

Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.

8. Speed Watch: - There have been 2 speed watch sessions on the 9th and 29th September. Both sessions produced motorists driving with excessive speed. A poster is in the notice boards asking for more volunteers to help with this much appreciated scheme in the village. This will help the small pool of current volunteers a great deal. Volunteers can contact the Clerk.

9. Awards for All - 3 items are to be finished

1. The new seat has been installed on the Green by Mr. Hall and Mr. J. Chapman. 2. The manufacture of the planters for the village will take place this month, 3. Plants is to be purchased and filling the planters will happen as soon as the planters are in place. 3. Acquisition of land at Coronation Terrace and purchasing and planting hedging plants. This items are in hand and ongoing. The Clerk has requested a three month extension to finish the project from Awards for All.

10. Home Watch: - It is important to keep your sheds locked and outside lights functioning as the nights draw in. Various recent Police information has been added to the notice boards.

11. Items for the next agenda: - As above.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 1st November in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 4th October 2010

Report from Councillor John Rogers -

Mr. Rogers sent his apologies for not attending the meeting.

Public Participation -

A request was made that the Clerk should contact the residents of Hunters Ride to ask them to trim their fir trees as they are encroaching onto the pavement. Another letter is to be sent to Mr. Sheppard to ask him to trim his garden on the pavement side of his fence, as this too is encroaching onto the pathway in places. The Council asked if information on tree heights on the Highways could be looked into as some trees are low and damaged by vehicles passing underneath them. The Clerk is to tell the authorities about the state of the pavement outside Flaxmoor House again.