



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 February 2011 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. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch) PCSO Tonya Winsley

In May 2011 there will be local elections. This PC meeting was preceded by an invitation to parishioners and local public, to question the councillors about their role. Printed information was also available about becoming a parish councillor. It was noted that no members of the public, or local parishioners, expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor.

1. To accept apologies for absence: - None
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 6th December 2010 were handed out to the public and Councillors as a Draft copy. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: -
Mr A. Bunn - Item 4.B Mrs. J. Horner - item 4.B Mr. J. Chapman & Mr. P. Chapman - item 4.E
4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2010/1080/F 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. Permission from Breckland on 23.12.10
 - B. 3PL/2010/0812/F Mr. A Bunn, Fallowfield Cottage, Northacre - Conversion of a disused piggery to a 3 bedroom single storey dwelling. Refusal from Breckland on 15.12.10
 - C. 3PL/2010/1304/F Mr. T. Nichols, Clay Cottage, Northacre - First floor extension to dwelling. Permission from Breckland on 28.01.11
 - D. 3PL/2010/1306/LB Red Lion, Caston - Replacement of all existing windows, new roof lights on south elevation, new flue and internal alterations. Listed building permission requested. Permission from Breckland on 27.01.11
 - E. 3PL/2010/0063/TL Mr. P. Chapman, Hall Farm, Caston - Extension of time limit on pp
3PL/2007/1709/F Awaiting a decision from Breckland

The meeting was adjourned at 7.40pm.

The Chairman introduced PCSO Tonya Winsley. Tonya gave an update on Police matters in the local area. There was 1 crime in Caston in December - a broken window and 1 crime in January - a burglary in an outbuilding. She advised all residents to lock all their sheds and outbuildings at all times. Heating oil has recently been the target for thieves, in other villages, so she suggested keeping a record of the level of oil in your tank and to lock tanks. Also use of outside lights to deter thieves. Due to Police cuts, Watton is sharing an officer with Dereham until a new appointment is made. Cops and Coffee and the Farmers Market day Police stall dates are posted on the notice boards. Tonya will also visit the Friday coffee morning 9.30.-.11.00am in Caston village hall, when she can, to meet with village residents.

The meeting resumed at 7.55pm

5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Return funds to Awards for All for incomplete projects - It was agreed by all the Councillors that as soon as the letter stating the final amount of money owed to the Big Lottery Fund was received by the clerk, a cheque for that amount could be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and sent off.
 - B. CPRE subscription £29.00 - in budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Kay Farmbrough.

6. Matters to report: - Clerk
- A. Phone box repairs - Four panes of Perspex in the phone box on Griston Road have been replaced by BT in the past month but there are still some badly "fogged" ones. The clerk is to ask BT if these could be changed for better quality ones. Also waiting for a reply from BT to see if the village could paint the phone boxes, if BT is not prepared to do so. The clerk informed the council of the BT schemes to sponsor a phone box for £300 each. It was agreed by all councillors that this is too costly for the PC.
 - B. Hedge laws - an information sheet has been added to the councillors folder explaining the law regarding hedges and trees overhanging the road. The PC also asked the clerk to write to the new owners of Lupin Cottage, The Street, to ask them to trim their hedge so that traffic did not need to cross the white line in the road to avoid the hedge.
7. Correspondence from: -
Various items including the latest information on the LDF site specifics have been sent to The Councillors' folder which is to be circulated for information only.
Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.
8. Speed Watch: - Two parishioners have requested forms, to volunteer to join the speed watch scheme. Mr. Bearne reported that there had been 1 session in December 2010 and another was cancelled due to the weather. 2 sessions were held in January and 1 session is planned for February. These produced a number of motorists driving with excessive speed, although large signs were put out to warn motorists that there was a session in progress and to moderate their speed.
10. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: - The incidents have been mentioned this evening by the village PCSO.
If you wish to contact the Home Watch coordinator for advice please telephone Colin on 01953 483961.
11. Items for the next agenda: - Phone box paint and glass; hedges; parking; LDF site specifics; another sign in Stow Bedon Road, payment for a photo for the village Book of remembrance; charity donations; celebrations in the village of Caston for Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

The next meeting will be Monday 7th March 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**CHAIRMAN
TO SIGN**

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 7th February 2011

Report from Councillor John Rogers: -

The NCC budget setting meeting will be on Monday 14th Feb. Libraries and Lollipop persons will be kept but 750 NCC staff will lose their jobs. These cuts hope to save £155 million.

Breckland Council are one of the best in the UK at saving money so the budget cuts will not affect them as much as other district councils. To help this they have made some new property investments but there will be some redundancies as some management jobs are now being shared with South Holland Council.

The Norwich Road, Carbrooke roundabout will go ahead when all the developers have signed to seal the process. The sewage pipe along the road has been mended. The footpaths may have to be re-routed. There may or may not be any retail units on the land next to the new houses as this depends on the size of the land available and unit sizes needed.

Bus pass age qualification birth dates and other information about them are on the Breckland website.

The parish clerk has been asked to add bus pass information to the web and the notice boards in the village.

Public Participation: - NONE