



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 9th May 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. P. Chapman, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner, Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)
- Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)
1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. D Blincow, PCSO Tonya Winsley
 2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 4th April 2011
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 to item 3.
 3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: -
Mr A. Bunn & Mrs. J. Horner item 4C
 4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
Planning Decisions: -
 - A. 3PL/2011/0085/F Red Lion Partners, Red lion, Caston - Minor alterations to the PP 3PL/2010/0108/F in respect of minor changes to the approved design. Permission from Breckland Council on 05.04.2011
 - B. 3PL/2011/0175/F Mr. D. Burdett, Mere House, Mere Road, Stow Bedon - erection of fence on East and West boundaries of property. Waiting for a decision from Breckland Council.
 - C. 3PL/2010/0812/F Mr. A. Bunn, Fallowfield, Northacre, Caston - Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to planning inspectorate ref no: APP/F2605/A/11/2146708/WF. Waiting for a decision from the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.
 - D. 3PL/2010/0763/F Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - New detached house with garage. Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to planning inspectorate ref no: APP/F2605/A/11/2148368/NWF. Waiting for a decision from the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.
 - E. 3PL/2010/0762/F Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - Two new detached houses with garages - Resubmission. Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to planning inspectorate ref no: APP/F2605/A/11/2148366/. Waiting for a decision from the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.
 - F. 3PL/2011/0326/F Dunkall Ltd, land at Bilhams Cottage, The Street Caston - Erection of a single detached 1½ storey chalet bungalow & double garage & double garage for Bilhams Cottage. Waiting for a decision from Breckland Council.
 - G. Co-Dunkall Ltd - Proposal to name a street "Ellena Way" on the development at Allcrest, The Street, Caston. Under consideration by the Parish Council.
 5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. To adopt the 2010/11 accounts of the Parish Council. This item is to be moved to the next Agenda in June as the accounts were waiting to be reviewed by the internal auditor
 - B. Donation to Wayland Partnership of £100 for 2011/12. In budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Jane Horner.
 - C. Payment of £79.20 inc. VAT to RGM for April grass mowing in the village. In budget. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough and seconded by Peter Chapman.
 - D. Payment for the Parish Council Insurance policy for 2011/12. The Clerk had received a new quote for the insurance from the current policy supplier AON. This was considered excessive so a quote from an alternative supplier has been made to help reduce the cost. The Council agreed that the dog waste bins and any other items, which cost less than the excess, could be removed from the policy items, in order to reduce the fee. It was agreed that after the clerk had obtained new quotes the fee could be paid before the next meeting after the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had chosen the best option. The clerk was asked to enquire how the Parish Council would be covered in the event of a road traffic accident involving the planters and also if the planters and seat could be added to the policy items. This is to be added to the next Agenda.
 - E. Payment to Roger Canwell internal auditor for the Parish Council. In budget. This is to be added to the next agenda as the Audit has yet to be completed.

6. Matters to report: - Clerk
- A. BT phone boxes. Waiting for a reply.
 - B. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. An email from Highways was read out by the chairman explaining the costs of the work Highways would charge on top of the sign costs. In order to keep the costs down the clerk is to enquire whether the sign can be erected by John or Peter under the guidance of Highways. Also to find out if it would be possible to place it away from the 30mph sign elsewhere on Stow Bedon Road. Item for the next agenda.
 - C. Jubilee 2112 village celebrations. Bridget Hall has offered to donate to the Parish Council the balance of a previous events funds. This could be put towards a Caston village event, for the Jubilee. The previous Diamond Jubilee celebration was discussed and it was agreed that there was a lot of preparation involved. Every Resident of Caston was invited to enjoy a free sit down meal, entertainment including a band and clowns and be part of the celebration village video. Everyone who attended said it was the best event to date in Caston. For June 2012, a street party was suggested, closing The Street and using the Village Hall as a central base as it has toilets and a kitchen. More suggestions are needed so the clerk is to advertise for ideas in the Waylander, web sites and notice boards. Any offers of help or ideas can contact the clerk. Item to be added to next agenda.
7. Correspondence from: -
- A. A letter from Mr. G. Edwards at Griston Road Caston, commenting on the sewage smell coming from the pumping station at the end of the village. The Councillors agreed that there was still a problem with smell, despite the new dosing system being installed last year by Anglian Water. The clerk is to write to Anglian water and Breckland Council Environmental services to see if any further action can be taken to alleviate the problem.
Other information will be added to the next Councillors Folder in May/June.
8. Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. The team had 5 sessions in April/May including one on the Bank Holiday in May. These produced a number of motorists driving with excessive speeds in the high 40's. There were 5 offenders on 2nd May, out of 60 vehicles recorded - 12%. There were fewer vehicles in the village over the holiday day but they were driving at much greater speeds. Another session is booked for this week. More volunteers are still needed please contact the clerk. The "Smiley Face" speed tracker vehicle has been requested to patrol Caston's streets in the future.
9. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Colin Bearne's monthly report. With the fine weather and increasing hours of daylight residents should be especially careful to keep all the outbuildings and sheds locked and outside equipment and tools secure.
If residents are going away please take precautions by leaving a light on a timer and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the property also inform the Homewatch co-ordinator on 01953 483961.
10. Matters for future discussion to be noted. Items for the next agenda: - As above
- Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 6th June in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 9th May 2011

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

Breckland still has the lowest Council tax rate in the U.K. Rent from land and units acquired by Breckland Council will be used to offset the deficit in the Council's Budget. Although no services are to be cut e.g. libraries and school crossing patrol. However, there will be a shortfall next year which will have to be addressed.

Public Participation -

It was noted that Caston Mill and cottages are for sale. As this is currently a landmark in the village it is hoped that this will remain so and its aspects not altered too much by the new owners.