



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 July 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - 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)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, working.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 6th June 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.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Mr A. Bunn - item 4A, Mrs. J. Horner - item 4A, Mr. J. Rogers - item 7A.
4. Planning. The following decisions were noted: - Items A, B, C are waiting for a decision from the relevant authorities.
 - A. 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.
 - B. 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.
 - C. 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.
 - D. Co-Dunkall Ltd - Proposal to name a street "Ellena Way" on the development at Allcrest, The Street, Caston.
 - E. 3PL/2011/0607/F Co 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. Currently being considered by the Parish Councillors.
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Payment to Roger Canwell internal auditor for the Parish Council. £49.00 - in budget. Proposed by D Blincow and seconded by K. Farmbrough.
 - B. Possible payment of £79.20 inc VAT to RGM for June grass mowing in the village. In budget. Proposed by J. Horner and seconded by K. Farmbrough.
 - C. The Clerks wages and expenses for April to June 2011. In budget. Differed to add to next agenda.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. BT phone boxes. The Clerk has sent another email to BT customer services regarding the paint work on the phone boxes. Waiting for a reply.
 - B. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. The Clerk is to send another request to the Highways dept at NCC regarding a new sign to the Stow Bedon Rd. Also to add an image of the preferred sign combination and position.
 - C. Jubilee 2012 village celebrations. After placing an article in the Waylander magazine, posters on the village notice boards and advert on the web site, only one more suggestion has been added to the list of ideas. Some offers of help have come from a few villagers. The Councillors decided the response is not great enough yet to decide on the type of event, if any, so the Clerk has been asked to design a leaflet which will be added to the Waylander magazine and to be delivered with the August edition. This will also be added to the web site and notice board. The response from this will be used to gauge the viability of an event.
 - D. Addition to Agenda. Coronation Terrace. The Clerk had a phone call from a concerned parishioner. Breckland Council were officials looking at the land next to the telephone exchange on Coronation Terrace. It was confirmed by Breckland Council that the land is on their list of site for housing development. They would inform the Parish Council when the plans had been completed for the houses. The Councillors agreed that the land should be kept as it is and not used for housing. Information about possible ways of saving the land from housing is to be added to a Councillors folder.

E. The Parish Council would like to thank Roy and Jane Horner for their excellent work repainting the village sign on The Green with bright clean colours.

7. Correspondence from: -

- A. Letter from NCC regarding the proposed power and recycling centre King's Lynn. Comments needed. This matter was discussed and five councillors agreed that this was probably the best option. One abstained as there was not enough evidence to prove this and one councillor is absent.
- B. Addition to Agenda. The Chairman read a letter from George Freeman MP. This was in reply to the Parish Council's request to encourage the M.O.D. to quickly complete their negotiations of the land at the old RAF base in Watton. The Sustrans grant, for the creation of a footpath to Watton from Griston, is due to run out of time so hopefully Mr. Freeman could help speed up negotiations.
- C. Addition to Agenda. A letter from Breckland Council asked the Parish Councillors to consider the Polling Station provisions and to state if any changes would be preferred. The Council are happy with the current Polling Station and facilities for voting, for the residents of the village of Caston and the surrounding area.

8. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: - Please lock shed and outbuildings and ask neighbours to be vigilant if you are going away over the summer holiday. The Homewatch coordinator can also help to keep an eye on property by phoning him on 01953 483961

9. Speed Watch: - During June the speed watch team had 4 sessions. We have varied the location of each session and the positions of the signs we have to display. A number of motorists were driving with excessive speed. In one location there were 7 speeders 4 of whom were driving at speeds of over 40mph in a 30mph area. Another session is booked for the beginning of July.

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

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 5th September in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 4th July 2011

Report from Councillor John Rogers:-

The roundabout at Norwich Road, Carbrooke is to be finished soon.

He advised that there is currently a scam occurring asking people to give their bank details in order to receive overpaid income tax. Do not add your bank details or phone numbers to any web sites or over the phone to possible bogus callers. Inform the Trading Standards dept. at Norfolk County Council if you are concerned.

Mr. Rogers was asked to look into the excess signage outside the garden centre on Thetford Road.

Mr. Rogers gave his apologies for not being able to attend the next PC meeting on 5th September.

Public Participation:-

Has the PSCO been visiting the village and could she come to a PC meeting in the future?