



Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: MR. J. CHAPMAN VICE CHAIRMAN: MR. P. HALL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CASTON MONDAY 14th MAY 2012 CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm

- 1 Apologies for absence: - Mr. B. Blincow, Mr. Tony Ash (Jubilee Comm.), PCSO Tonya Winsley.
- 2 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th May 2011 - proposed Mr. D. Blincow, seconded by Kay Farmbrough.
- 3 Chairman's report from Mr. John Chapman - see the separate sheet.
- 4 Police report from the Community Police Team - update to be sent as the PCSO is working tonight.
- 5 County/District councillor's report from Councillor Mr. John Rogers -
Mr. Rogers has attended every Caston PC meeting this year. Breckland Council's council taxes are the lowest in U.K. This was frozen for the last 2 years. They have saved money by sharing management with South Holland District Council. NCC has to save £155 million over the next 4 years so lots of redundancies and other savings methods to be used. Both NCC and NORSE work all over U.K. to bring in money for the council. Mr. Rogers supported the CAB locally and the duelling of the A11, A47 and retention of the base at RAF Marham. The Griston Rd cycleway near the old airfield is going ahead despite delays. No questions from the Parish.
- 6 Accounts:- see separate sheets for each of the following-
Parish Council Accounts
Highways Surveyors Land Account
Fuel Allotment Account
Village Hall Account
- 7 Parish Website: -
The Chairman thanked Mr. Brooker for his help with both the village and the PC websites. Mr. Brooker produced a map and information about the users of the site see attached sheet.
- 8 Homewatch: -
The Chairman thanked Mr. Bearne for actively co-ordinating the Homewatch scheme in the village. Caston has a low crime rate and PCSO Tonya regularly visits the coffee mornings and school for advice sessions. Mr. Bearne has given advice to many householders on crime prevention this year through the monthly reports on the web and at the PC meetings.
- 9 Caston Community Speed Watch Team: -
The Chairman thanked Mr. Bearne for keeping the sessions going. More volunteers are needed to help though. His updates at the monthly PC meetings and on the web help to keep people aware of the work of the team. So far they have been very successful in slowing motorists driving speed in the village. A new flashing sign loaned to the team in 2012 will help with this aim. These make people instantly aware of their speed.

Open Forum for public participation

Mr. Bearne was asked why there needs to be signs for speed watch sessions. He replied that this makes the drivers aware of the team and therefore is an unbiased reading of their speed.

The next Annual Meeting of the Parish will be on Monday 13th May 2013

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed this meeting at approx. 8.00pm

Mr. John Chapman 13.05.13