



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 October 3rd 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.

Also present: - Tony Ash, Rob Summers, Denise warren, Jason Reynolds, Peggy Vincent, Bridget Hall

1. To accept apologies for absence: - PCSO Tonya, Colin Bearne, John Rogers, Helen Maxwell, Carrie Ackrill (Red Lion).
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on September 3rd 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 corrections.
3. Declarations of interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - None
4. Request from Caston Village School to approve a new school Governor. The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm to allow Mr. Jason Reynolds to introduce himself and for Mrs. Bridget Hall to explain the role of the "Sponsor Governor" in the village school. Mr. Reynolds was a candidate suggested by the school as he has previous experience in the role of a school governor. He has children at the school so understands the need for governors. The Parish Council used to have a member on the board of governors. The need for Parish Council approval of a new governor was questioned but the clerk had a reference to the School Standards Framework Act 1998 paragraph 15 of schedule 9 - which said parish councils had the "right to appoint governors of primary schools". The Parish Council at Stow Bedon questioned the need for their approval. The meeting was reconvened at 7.45pm The councillors unanimously approved to appoint Mr. Reynolds. The clerk is to confirm whether a "sponsor governor" is the correct term to use in this instance. There is a new clerk to the governors and the parish clerk is to contact him about this matter.
5. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2011/0607/F Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - Erection of a detached one and half storey bungalow & double garage & double garage to Bilhams Cottage. Planning permission refused by Breckland Council.
 - B. 3PL/2011/0772F Mr. & Mrs. Medlock, Walnut Cottage, Northacre - Works to extend the house at the rear and to replace an outbuilding and small lean-to. Planning permission given by Breckland Council.
 - C. 3PL/2011/0939/F Breckland Council, Land at Coronation terrace, Caston - Erection of 2 no.2 bed dwellings. Planning application withdrawn by Breckland Council who is also the applicant. The meeting was adjourned at 7.50pm to discuss the withdrawal. A letter from a parishioner was read by the Chairman requesting that the Parish council get a clarification as to why this application was withdrawn. Members of the public discussed this. The meeting was reconvened at 7.55pm The parish council agreed that a letter should be written to Breckland Council.
 - D. Co-Dunkall Ltd - Proposal to name a street "Ellena Way" on the development at Allcrest, The Street, Caston. As in previous minutes, permission approved by Breckland Council by "default". Information from Breckland Council regarding street naming was added to the councillor's folder for reading.
6. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Request for donation from Dereham, Watton & Holt Citizens Advice Bureau. In Budget. It was proposed by Jane Horner and seconded by Peter Hall that the budget of £100 should be donated.
 - B. To repay a parishioner for the purchase of items to repair bus shelter seat on the green. In budget under miscellaneous. Proposed by Peter Chapman and seconded by Peter Hall.
 - C. To repay a parishioner for the purchase of a book from Open Spaces Society. In budget under miscellaneous. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Kay Farmbrough. It was also noted that no parishioner should be allowed to buy things for the PC without approval by the PC first. The clerk pointed out that the PC would need to buy this book for reference as soon as possible so this speeded things up.
 - D. To repay the clerk the fee for joining the Open Spaces Society. In budget under miscellaneous. Proposed by Jane Horner and seconded by Peter Hall.
 - E. Parish Precept requirements for 2012/2013. The clerk suggested that the budget should be raised slightly to cover new subscriptions to advisory bodies, plants for the planters and the possible increase in utility

bills. A volunteer community team would look after any grass acquired from Breckland Council rather than increase the precept. It was agreed that the Precept budget should be increased by £200 to £5900 to cover these items.

- F. Additional agenda item - Donation to the British Legion. In budget at £20.00. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough and seconded by David Blincow. Peter Chapman asked the councillors if this was sufficient and whether this needed to be increased in the next budget. No agreement was made.

7. Matters to report: - Clerk

- A. Bus shelter vandalism. The clerk reported that, the Police had contacted her and that the two vandals had admitted the deed and were willing to “apologise” to the council at an agreed time under the Restorative Justice Scheme. Compensation may also be arranged by the Police to cover costs of repainting the walls and remaking the seat. A date is to be arranged next month when the Police have contacted the perpetrators. The repainting of the bus shelter would be re-done in the spring of 2012. Rob Summers of Coronation Terrace, volunteered to do this with help from Jane Horner and Adam Tortoise.
- B. Open Spaces. A letter from OSS about Coronation Terrace was read by the chairman. The letter also points out that a Right of Way along the Attleborough Road does not have a sign on it. The letter refers to Map 3 of the local footpath maps. This item was added to the councillor’s folder. To be added to next agenda.
- C. BT phone boxes. The clerk is to write to BT to thank them for painting the telephone boxes in the village. The glass has not replaced the fogged acrylic glazing but the rust has been removed.
- D. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. It was agreed that councillors and the clerk should meet with Rod Kelly of NCC Highways, at Stow Bedon Road on 12th October to discuss the new sign. The site for the 30mph sign and the village name sign is to be drawn up by Rod Kelly. Approval and agreement to purchase a new sign is to be added to the next agenda.
- E. Jubilee 2012 village celebrations. It was agreed that a separate committee to organise the Jubilee events is needed. So the meeting was opened for public discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm. Parishioners - Jason Reynolds and Tony Ash agreed to be joint Chairmen, Rob Summers and Denise Warren would be part of the committee. The clerk gave them the list of ideas, list of volunteers and other information gathered to date. The committee had already started to look for sponsors of events and were thinking of a timetable for the Sunday to Tuesday of the Jubilee holiday weekend. A large venue may be needed for some of the events they have to consider and the Village Green area may not be large enough for big crowds. The committee will give a progress report to the PC each month.
- F. Community Rangers. Although they visited recently apparently the rangers had not done any footpaths at Flaxmoor. The clerk is to check this.

8. Correspondence from: -

- A. Thatch Fire safety letter to notice boards and councillors’ folder.
- B. Pub licensing there were no objections to this. Clerk to reply.
- C. Parish Forum at Breckland Council Dereham 20th October - the clerk is to attend if possible.
- D. Police crime figures, SNAP meeting date and heating oil information. To councillors’ folder.
- E. PCSO Tonya is to attend the coffee mornings in the village. To councillors’ folder.
- F. Letter from George Freeman. To councillors’ folder.
- G. Letter from Boundary Commission. To go round in special folder tonight for quick replies.
- H. Letter from Highways. To councillors’ folder. To next agenda.
- I. Norfolk Village games. To Village Hall Committee for consideration as PC cannot apply.
- J. Big lottery Village SOS. To Village Hall Committee for consideration as PC cannot apply.
- K. Wayland healthy activity providers, list. To councillors’ folder.
- L. A letter from Grettl Hughes asking if the PC has a representative on the Wayland Partnership. To councillors’ folder. Clerk to ask if she would like to represent the village residents at the meetings.
- M. Other items of information were added to the councillors’ folder.

9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: - There has been one case of vehicle theft in the village in the past month. We believe the vehicle has since been recovered. There has also been one case of criminal damage. With the unseasonably warm weather please take care not to leave windows and doors open when leaving the house.

10. Speed Watch: - The Caston Community Speed Watch team have had 4 sessions since the last Parish Council meeting. We have varied the time and location of each session and the position of the signs we have to display. These sessions produced a high number of motorists driving with excessive speed relative to the number of vehicles recorded. One member of the team attended a meeting on an enhanced speed watch scheme and it is possible that he and another member of the team will shortly be receiving training to operate the mobile flashing sign, which the village will have on loan from Norfolk County Constabulary. We have one more member of the village who has joined our team of volunteers. One of our permanent A4 signs was removed from its pole, necessitating replacement. These signs are fixed with special straps to keep them secure a leading position. More sessions will be held during October.

11. Items for the next agenda: - Refunding the cost of plants for the planters. A donation to the cost of the repair of the church wall. Funding for the Jubilee celebrations. Sam 2 speed watch. Opening of the Red Lion.

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

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 3rd October 2011.

Report from Councillor John Rogers: - Mr. Rogers had sent his apologies.

Public Participation -

The bottle bank at the Red Lion car park is due to be moved by the pub owners to make way for the car parking places. The Village Hall Committee agreed at their meeting, that they do not want them sited at the village hall due to the fact that there is not enough space for the lorries to get in to collect the units safely. Another site cannot be found in the village. So the recycle fee money from these could not be used by the village.

Mr. Rogers would be asked to find out if there could be less signs near the plant centre on Thetford Road, Wretham. If there is enough interest there may be Karate lessons available in the Village Hall next year.

PCSO Tonya will be at the coffee morning on Dec 2nd in the Village Hall.