



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 November 7th 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. J. Horner.
Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)

Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Peter Hall and Kay Farnbrough, PCSO Tonya Winsley
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on October 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.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Jane Horner item 5D
4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2011/1022/F Mrs. Crook, The Laurels, The Street - Sub-division of garden to provide building block for detached two bed house. Awaiting a decision from Breckland Council.
 - B. 3PL/2011/1099/F & 3PL/2011/1101/LB Mr Penfold, The Old Rectory, Caston - Change of use of ancillary rooms to guest accommodation and erection of glazed roof to cover swimming pool and terrace. Awaiting a decision from Breckland Council.
 - C. 3PL/2011/0939/F Breckland Council, Land at Coronation terrace, Caston - Erection of 2 no.2 bed dwellings. Letter from Breckland Council ref: ZF/C .14.1.20 (Zoe Footer) was read out by the Chairman. See the attached copy of the letter item 1.
A letter from Grettl Hughes of Coronation Terrace on the same subject was also read out by the Chairman. This letter requested that the PC act quickly and “take a positive and proactive” approach to reacting to the letter from Breckland and she requested that the PC cover all the legal fees. The residents would like to start planting a hedge along the front of the site in Spring 2012. Many residents have also offered to donate money, hold fund raising events and ask the council to match their donations to cover any costs. “It is important this remains as a green space”, she said.
The Clerk is to write immediately to Breckland council stating that Caston Parish Council is delighted to hear that Breckland Council’s Cabinet is proposing to transfer, at nil consideration, the areas of land at Coronation Terrace, Caston, outlined in red on the map, to Caston Parish Council for retention as an amenity for the benefit of Caston residents.
The Clerk is to get a quote from Breckland and the PC solicitors’ as to the cost of their fees and request they keep costs low as they already have information from the previous unsuccessful transfer. There is no funding in the Precept for this and no grants have been applied for to cover this. The PC agreed that PC savings account funds may have to be used to cover this fee and also the fee of the PC solicitor. It was proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Chapman that the PC should proceed with this motion to acquire the land by transfer.
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Payment of £158.40 inc. Vat to RGM for September and October grass mowing in the village. In Budget. Proposed by Jane Horner and seconded by Peter Chapman.
 - B. Payment to Mazars for audit fee. £186.00 inc VAT. In budget. Proposed by Alan Bunn and seconded by Jane Horner.
 - C. Repayment to Jane Horner for purchase of plants for planters. £40.00 in budget. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Chapman.
 - D. Donation to Churchyard wall repair. To be on the next Agenda.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. New school governor. After agreeing at the last PC meeting that Jason Reynolds should be appointed as a school governor at the village school, he informed the PC that the school will be adopting a new scheme where a governor from outside the village is appointed. It was noted that an email had been received from Father Bob Nichols Chairman of the board of Governors at the school to the PC stating that the Parish Clerk at Stow Bedon learned from the Society of Local Council Clerks that Parish Councils no longer have the power to appoint school governors. This means that the advice from NCC

Governor Support Unit has been overruled. The Clerk is to write to NCC and the SLCC to confirm this as previously, the issue Caston clerk was concerned about, was the ability to appoint a "sponsor governor" as opposed to "governor".

- B. Opens Spaces update. The Clerk is waiting for a reply from the local Open Spaces representative answering some questions regarding the form. Meanwhile a better map has been sort form Ordnance survey showing the land and village. This has to accompany new statement of use forms and the application.
- C. Playing field - Mr. Rogers informed the PC that monies are available form the 106 Agreement via planned developments in Breckland. This money could be applied for to use on a new play area in the village. Mr. George Freeman the MP for our area has agreed to support the village in their need for a play area. It has been suggested that it would be better to have at least half an acre of land to use as a specific playing area. The land at Coronation Terrace is considered to be too small to be a specific playing field. The councillors agreed that there was no land currently suitable in the village for a proper playing field therefore no 106 Agreement funding could be applied for.
- D. Police report on vandalism in bus shelter. Under the Restorative Justice Scheme the Police have requested that the Clerk, who reported the incident, and two councillors meet with the Police and the two vandals to apologise for their actions and agree on some form of compensation for their vandalism. The meeting will be on Tues at 9.00am in the Village Hall. John Chapman and Alan Bunn will represent the PC.
- E. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. Following a meeting with Rod Kelly of Highways, Jane Horner, David Blincow, Colin Bearne and the Clerk, at the Stow Bedon Road sign, Mr. Kelly has produced a drawing and measurements. This showed the 30mph sign will be raised by 13inches and the name sign added below it behind the right hand planter. The 30mph sign further down the road which is currently too high will also be lowered. It was noted that Jane Horner did not like the difference in height of the two parallel 30mph signs at this point in the road. But Mr. Kelly stated that the left hand sign could not be raised to match because tree branches are in the way. It was agreed to order the new name sign and inform Rod Kelly hat the PC wish to proceed with his plan.
- F. Jubilee 2012 village celebrations update plus funding.
The meeting was adjourned at 8.35pm for public participation. The Jubilee celebration committee reported that the location for the celebrations was to be The Green. The events would be held on the Monday of the bank Holiday. Between 11.00am and 9.00pm. There would be entertainment to suit all ages at various times during the day and evening these may include a picnic, an all day barbeque, live music a disco, and other entertainment according to what was available to book within the set budget. Funding was to be raised by beforehand by holding quiz nights, auctions, race nights etc. It would have a general Party atmosphere and not that of a fete so it does not clash with the village fete on the previous Saturday. The events would be for the residents of Caston only.
The meeting reconvened at 9.00pm. It was proposed by Peter Chapman and seconded by David Blincow that the bonfire funds of £562.25 held by Bridget Hall and £1500.00 from the PC savings account would be available to the committee. The Clerk noted that a grant of up to £100 was available from Breckland Council if the conditions were fulfilled and applied for by the cut off date.
- G. The Red Lion - update. The Chairman announced that the Red Lion is due to reopen on 18th November 2011.
- H. Item not on the Agenda - The Street / Griston Road corner - speed strips to measure speed. There has recently been near accidents occurring at this point due to the speed of motorists approaching the bend. The Clerk is to ask the Police for a traffic speed measurement trial.
- I. Item not on the Agenda - Signs on side of roads. In response to a request by a parishioner and the PC NCC has been informed that there are a growing number of business signs appearing near the direction signs on Attleborough Road. Mr. Rogers has talked to NCC regarding the signs at Wretham and other areas.

7. Correspondence from: -

- A. Breckland Jubilee Woods Project submitted by 11th Nov. After discussion the PC agreed that there were no suitable sites for this project in Caston.
- B. New way to contact the Police. The new phone number for non emergency calls to the Police is 101
- C. Item not on the agenda. The Chairman read out a letter from Craig Milner, nephew of Joe Milner who lived in Caston for many years until his death in 2007. The Milner family are offering to pay for a memorial seat which could be placed on the village green. All member of the PC agreed that this would be a good idea. Item to go on the next agenda.
- D. Item not on the agenda. An invitation to the PC from the Wayland Partnership. An exhibition and book launch by Capturing Our Wayland Heritage group will be held on Saturday 26th Nov at Saham Toney village Hall.

Items sent to The Councillors' folder is to be circulated for information only.

Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.

- 8. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: There have been some bogus Anglian Water callers and also oil has been stolen from homes and farms in the area.

9. Speed Watch: - There were 5 sessions since the last PC meeting. These were held in various positions and produced a number of motorists driving with excessive speed. We are still waiting to hear about the training offered for the Enhanced Speedwatch Scheme. One new member has joined our team of volunteers and has made a significant difference to us in having a wider choice of days, times and personnel for the sessions.
10. Items for the next agenda: - Reinstatement of the public right of way/ footpath across fields on Attleborough Rd. Plus items mentioned above.

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

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 7th Nov 2011

Report from Councillor John Rogers-

Griston to Watton cycle/footpath update - most of the land is now sold back to the farmers. The Sustrans money will be sufficient. The gliding school will need to move. There may be benefits for the Blenheim grange estate. He will be attending a meeting on Friday 11th about the cycle/footpath.

Public Participation - No further participation as this had occurred earlier in the meeting.