



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 6th February 2012 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. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)
Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Grettl Hughes, PCSO Tonya Winsley
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 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 - items 6. A & 6. E
4. Jubilee Committee to report. Tony Ash reported that the following events would be included in the day - a jazz pianist, a local band, the possibility of a circus workshop, a hog roast, bring your own picnic, and a main band for the evening. Events will start at 11.00 am and end at 9.00pm. The village residents will be receiving their personal invites soon. The whole of the Village Green will be used with all the roads closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles. The village Bonfire fund account is now closed and has been given to the Jubilee celebrations committee for use for the village event. To help fund the day small village events will be happening in the near future.
5. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2011/1122/F Mr. Cook, Highgate, The Street, Caston - Two storey extension to dwelling incorporating existing garage into accommodation and detached replacement garage and studio over. Refused permission by Breckland Council.
 - B. 3OB/2011/0004/OB Mr. & Mrs. Doree, Abbotsgate, Cottage Northacre - Removal of Section 106 agreement restricting use of garage/ancillary accommodation to holiday/annexe. Awaiting decision from Breckland Council. It was noted that Councillor Rogers supported Mr. Doree's application.
6. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Request for donation towards the costs of repairing the churchyard wall. A letter was read out from the PCC explaining the need to repair the wall in front of the church. This wall supports metal railings. The councillors asked why the PCC are asking the PC for a donation. The PC had already given a donation towards the churchyard maintenance fund this year. The discussion ensued regarding the need. It was pointed out that there could then be requests for donations from owners of other walls and fences in the village. The PC would like to know why the funding cannot be found from Church of England. The PCC will have to demonstrate why there is no other means to pay for the repairs before the PC will consider supporting the request. At this time the 6 parish councillors all agreed not to support the request at this time on the basis of the information in their possession.
 - B. Payment to Brian Brooker for website fees - £24.95 in budget. Proposed by Peter Chapman and seconded by Kay Farmbrough.
 - C. Payment for subscription to CPRE - £29.00. In budget. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough and seconded by David Blincow.Additional items not on Agenda.
 - D. Norfolk Accident & Rescue - request for donation - in budget. The amount of £75.00 was agreed. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough seconded by Peter Hall.
 - E. Quotation from RGM for grass cutting - £35.00 plus VAT per grass cut/trimming and collection. Proposed by Peter Chapman seconded by Alan Bunn.
7. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Land at Coronation Terrace. The Chairman read a letter Breckland Council formally offering the land at Coronation Terrace to the PC on condition that the PC pay the Breckland Councils solicitors fees for the transfer and that the land remains as amenity green space for the use of the village. The PC all agreed that the Chairman should sign the forms.

- B. Grettl Hughes - Wayland Partnership meeting. Report - Grettl was welcomed at the meeting. There was interest in how Caston coffee mornings have done over the last year as it seems that no other village has had such a good response. The Wayland heritage books on local villages are currently being read by the Councillors. John Barnes (History of Caston author) will be adding a new article to the Waylander magazine about the history of Caston. More information about his books and Caston history is on the village website.
- C. Speed strips on Griston Road corner. Colin Bearne (Speed Watch) said that Caston was on the list for the SAM2 scheme. The clerk had contacted Kevin Allen at NCC. He said that, "as there had been no injury accidents at this location in the last 3 years he is unable to justify the cost of Metro Counters (rubber tube speed strips)". However he will add Caston to the rota list for the SAM2 scheme. A copy of the letter is to be sent to the resident nearest the corner.
- D. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. The sign for Stow Bedon Rd is due to arrive tomorrow. The clerk is to inform Highways so this can be put up as soon as possible.
- E. Footpaths, roads, etc. NCC Rangers update - Areas completed and to be done this month include; siding out along The Street, washing signs, sweeping out the bus shelters, and repair to the pavement at Flaxmoor.
- F. Footpath on land at Attleborough Rd. A letter was sent to the owner of Bridge Cottage who quickly responded. A stile in the fence on Attleborough Rd and one on the other side of the garden is already available for walkers when crossing through her garden. The finger post at this end has not yet been erected by NCC. The clerk is to request new signs from NCC.
- G. New Seat. Mr. Milner is to inform the Chairman when the new seat is due to be delivered. A new concrete plinth will be needed for the current seat to be reinstated on elsewhere in the village. A quote is need for this work.

8. Correspondence from:-

- A. The clerk is to attend a course in February/March with NALC on planning.
- B. There is a grant available for the village to hold an event for the local Breckland Olympic torch relay visiting the area. It was decided not to apply.

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.

- 9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: For the second month running a property in the village has been broken into. On this occasion the entry was gained from the rear of the property where there is a gate into the field. The rear of the building is not easily visible from the road, and the break in was most likely preceded by reconnoitre. If your house is in a position of this kind please make the rear as secure as possible and watch for any unusual activity in this area. Call the Police Tel: 101 are you see anything suspicious.
- 10. Speed Watch: - The speed watch team has had 8 sessions since Dec 7th. One recent session could only continue for 35 minutes due to severe cold weather. We varied the location at each session together with the sites for the signs displayed. The sessions produced a number of motorists driving at excessive speed, some well over 40mph. Training for the enhanced speed watch scheme and use of a flashing sign has no date as yet.
- 11. Items for the next agenda: - Oil smell outside Woodside's fence and in river over road. Update on vandalism of bus shelter.

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

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 6th February 2012

Mr. J. Rogers District/County Councillor to report. Mr. Rogers will be attending a Sustrans meeting on 24th February to discuss the new footpath from Griston to Watton. A sculpture will be commissioned for a central area along the path. There is due to be an election for a new Police Commissioner. People can vote for their choice. There will be a reinstatement of free 24/7 bus passes for blind people and companion passes, effective from April 2012. There is more money allocated to refurbish the highway surfaces and extra money to cover repairs and signs to Rights of Way. Also funding has been found for more library books and apprenticeships - work placements. Breckland Council are considering joining with Gt. Yarmouth Council to share management to save money.

Participation & questions from the public. None

