



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 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).

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

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. S. Hebborn (County), PCSO Tonya Winsley
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013  
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: - None
4. Planning:- The following decisions were noted:-
  - A. 3PL/2013/0519/F The Mill House, The Street - 2 Storey extension to the rear of the property & refurbishment of existing property. Under consideration by Breckland Council.
  - B. 3PL/2013/0586/F Northacre Farm Pool - Change of use of office and store to one bedroom caretakers flat. Under consideration by the PC. The Chairman read a letter from a concerned parishioner.
5. Finance:-

It was agreed to adopt the 2012/13 accounts of the Parish Council as audited by the internal auditor.

  - A. Payment to Mr. Summers (2nd instalment) for maintenance of village planters. In budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by David Blincow. It was agreed that the planters are well cared for, although the plants were small at the moment, it was agreed that the weather has not been conducive to growing.
  - B. Payment to RGM for grass cutting in April and May. In budget. Two invoices: May £252.00 and June £192.00. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough and seconded by Peter Chapman.
  - C. To purchase a new litter picker stick. In budget under Misc. Items. The Clerk is to purchase this item with bags and to be reimbursed. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Kay Farmbrough.
  - D. Payment to Clerk for wages and expenses for April, May and June 2013. In budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Jane Horner.
  - E. The Clerks contract for 2013/14. Information added to the councillors' folder for reading. Add to September Agenda.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
  - A. Roads and pot holes work. Highways have been contacted again.
  - B. Road surface along Griston Rd near Sengana. Also noted to Highways.
  - C. Pumping station noise. Anglian Water has been notified and will be visiting the site to investigate to also check for any faulty components which may be creating the noise.
  - D. Coronation Terrace Green. Breckland Council have been regarding the bin lorry which drives over the grass messing up the surface. Cerco workers will be asked to keep to the roadway by Breckland. Grass cuttings on the path have now been cleared away. The grass cutting is obstructed by the goal post. The PC policy on goal posts has been given to each resident at CT. The Clerk is to find out who owns the goal post and to ask the owner to remove it. Health and safety issues require that this is removed. Item for next Agenda.

It was agreed that the Awards 4 All application for a grant to enhance this area is to be checked and submitted.

Matters to report: - Councillors

  - A. North Acre. The problem with raw sewage has recently been checked by Breckland Council Environmental Health officials and they will return to inspect the area when requested.
7. Correspondence from: -
  - A. A phone call from Father Bob referenced the insurance on the Remembrance Book and stand. A letter from the PCC secretary is expected to state that the PCC "accept responsibility" for the Remembrance Book and stand as they are permanently housed inside the church building.
  - B. NALC - The Norfolk records Office open day invitation to all councillors. Various other invitations to events added to the councillors' folder.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

8. Speed Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: - 7 sessions were held since the last PC meeting. The percentage of speeders is lower overall but the average speed has risen. One speeder was driving at 48mph. The flashing sign is on loan for 2 weeks this month. This has had a noticeable effect on speed reduction in the past. A new member of the team has joined which allows greater flexibility of sessions but a new Speed watch Co-ordinator is urgently needed. Speed reduction "Slow Down" stickers are still available at £1.10 each from Colin on 01953 483961.
9. Home Watch: - Colin Bearne reported: - Since the last report there has been one attempted theft, one serious incident of fly tipping and some criminal damage to an Anglian Water installation. Both the latter posed a direct threat to the quality of life in the village. The only safeguard is to be extremely vigilant and report any suspicious activity either to the Police on Tel: 101, or to the appropriate authority/utility.
10. Matters for future discussion to be noted.

The next meeting will be Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013

District Councillor Mr. John Rogers to report. The Sustrans cycle route Griston to Watton is well used. Breckland Council has put £585,000 into a new Communities Reserve which would allow the Council to fund community based *projects*, and also make provision for future expenditure.

County Councillor Mr. Stan Hebborn to report. Absent tonight.

Participation & questions from the public. None