



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 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: - PCSO Tonya Winsley, Mr. S. Hebborn (County).
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 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/2013/0835/F New plot next to Red Lion Caston. Minor Material amendments to plans 3PL/2010/0108/F. Vary window sizes, clad east elevation, increase ridge height, solar panels to garage.
  - B. 3PN/2013/0018/UC. Northacre Farm pool. Change of use of offices and office store to dwelling house (Permitted Development).
  - C. 3NM/2013/0074/NMA. Willow Barn, Northacre. Non - material amendment to 3PL/2013/0613/F. Insertion of roof light to south elevation.
  - D. 3PL/2013/0916/F. Abbotsgate, Northacre. Internal alterations to form annexe.
5. Finance:-
  - A. Renewal of subscription to Open Spaces Society. £45.00. In budget. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Jane Horner.
  - B. RGM grass cutting for August. £192.00. In budget. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough and seconded by Peter Chapman. Another invoice for the month of September arrived late for the Agenda. It was agreed that this could be added to the Agenda tonight and paid. Proposed by Kay Farmbrough and seconded by Peter Chapman.
  - C. Mazars fees. £30.00. In budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Kay Farmbrough.
  - D. Clerks' wages & expenses for July, August, September 2013. In budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Peter Chapman.
  - E. Clerks' contract. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Hall.
  - F. Remembrance Book & Stand insurance. The Clerk informed the PC about the cost of the additions to the PC insurance policy as quoted by Came & Co. On 03.10.13. It was noted that the PC insurance does not cover the cost of reproducing the contributions to the book (photos and calligraphy pages) but just the stand and a book. After discussion it was agreed that Remembrance Book & Stand should be left under the Church of the Holy Cross insurance until the Church proposes any further changes to their policy. Also a CD and hard copy of the information in the Remembrance Book should be kept in the PC files and a second copy with Jane Horner in case of future needs. Additions to this information should be added when needed in the future. Any costs incurred for the copies are covered by the "Miscellaneous Expenses" section in the Precept budget.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
  - A. Village greens: - trees, grass, Awards 4 All, other associated items.  
Parking - visitors and locals are still intermittently parking on the grass of The Green. All residents around The Green have been given copies of the PC Policy for Green Spaces in Caston. Mr. & Mrs Sawyer sent an email to the PC explaining that they have access to their gate over the small car park on The Green. Also this access has a splay so parking directly in front of the gate and a few feet either side is not allowed by the public and they would like to ask car owners to respect this the gate is in constant use. Parking a vehicle to the furthest point to the left or right of the gate is allowed. The poster on the notice board is to be replaced stating this and residents informed.  
Hedge - The PC has been awarded a Woodland Trust Hedging Pack together with a Biffa Award of tree guards. The mixed native hedging of all year round colour is to be planted along the frontage of Coronation Terrace following the line of the old hedge which was originally there over 60 years ago and only a short length remains. The Clerk is to check the visual splay with NCC Highways and any

permission needed from Breckland Council. Helen Maxwell of CT offered to help co-ordinate volunteers to help with the planting of the hedge. She originally asked the PC over 6 years ago, if the hedge could be planted by Breckland Council the then owners, they did not agree. The prison officers may be able to supervise chosen low category prisoners to help as well. The Clerk is to check with PC Flannagan and the prison. The school is to be informed so that the children can do work projects on the subject of the hedge. A planting day is to be decided.

New notice board for The Green - funding for this still to be found.

B. Wayland Partnership. The Clerk was unable to attend the meeting but updates will be added to the councillor's folder.

7. Correspondence from: -  
Notices will be posted to the website and notice boards as needed during the month.  
Councillor's folder circulated for information only.
8. Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. During 6 sessions 683 vehicles were recorded of which 22 were speeding. Although the percentage of speeders is lower the driving speed is higher, including one recorded at 48mph! A new volunteer has been vetted and able to do sessions at weekends which will allow for more flexible times for sessions. Stickers - "Slow Down In Our Village" for dustbins are still available and cost £1.10 from Colin on 483961.
9. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne monthly report. No reports of serious crimes last month.
10. Items for the next agenda: - Rangers visits, parking, hedge, planters payment, any of above.

**The next meeting will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**CHAIRMAN: -**

**DATE: -**

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Report from County Councillor Mr. Stan Hebborn. Absent.

Report from District Councillor Mr. John Rogers: -

The District Council has an interim Chief Executive with South Holland Council. The new Leader of Breckland Council is Michael Wassell and the Deputy Leader is Linda Turner.

The traffic lights at Watton crossroads are now finished and should be in a better rotation keeping the traffic moving quicker. There are new scrap metal laws and callers to homes have to prove they have a licence. (See notice board on Village Hall and web site.)

Participation & questions from the public: - None.