



Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: - Mr. J. Chapman VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mr. P. Hall

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL 4TH NOVEMBER 2013, at 7.30 P.M CASTON VILLAGE HALL

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: - Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland), 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 7th October 2013 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 any corrections were made.
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. - awaiting a decision from Breckland Council.
 - B. 3PN/2013/0018/UC. Northacre Farm pool. Change of use of offices and office store to dwelling house (Permitted Development). Refused by Breckland Council on 25.10.13
 - C. 3NM/2013/0074/NMA. Willow Barn, Northacre. Non - material amendment to 3PL/2013/0613/F. Insertion of roof light to south elevation. Permission from Breckland Council on 11.10.13.
 - D. 3PL/2013/0916/F Abbotsgate, Northacre. Internal alterations to form annexe. Awaiting a decision from Breckland Council
 - A. 3DC/2013/0142/DOC. The Mill House. Discharge of conditions 3 & 4 on PP 3PL/2013/0519/F. Awaiting a decision from Breckland Council
5. Finance:-
 - A. Payment to Mr. Summers for maintenance and refilling of Planters £100.00. In budget. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by ~~Jane Horner~~ David Blincow. Mr. Summer is to be asked to renew the plants as soon as possible as they are looking very tatty compared to other villages. **All the Councillors agreed.**
 - B. Payment to CAF account for VAT repayment £19.45 from community account. Proposed by Peter Hall and seconded by Kay Farmbrough.
 - C. Payment to Mr. Brooker for web site fees. Repayment of fees paid. £24.95 in budget. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Hall.
 - D. Payment to RGM October 3 x grass cutting. £288.00 In budget. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Kay Farmbrough.
 - E. Addition to Agenda - payment to Hilton Studios for Remembrance Book CD's for file reference £27.00. In budget under Misc. Proposed by David Blincow and seconded by Peter Hall.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. Parking on The Green. New suggestions for prevention of parking were discussed in order to stop or prevent parking from happening both on The Green and on Coronation Terrace Green. After discussion it was decided to re-write to the residents and the pub and put a new map on the notice board.
 - B. Hedge planting. The donated hedge plants have arrived and a planting date of Thursday 14th has been agreed with Helen Maxwell and a few volunteers. Wayland Prison is unable to offer help, due to lack of staff. The Councillors requested that the Clerk gets a quote from Norse to plant the trees, in case the volunteers are unavailable on the day. A mandate was agreed that the Clerk could authorise the work to start for up to the value of £250.00 + materials, with a ceiling of £400.00, if the volunteers could not help. A cheque would be issued before they next PC meeting if needed. It was also agreed that to finish off the boundary two concrete gate posts should be re-instated at the Attleborough end of the grass, just passed the end of the remaining old piece of hedge. Peter would supply the posts and Norse could concrete them in if possible. Highways have been consulted about the visual splay and the clerk has a diagram of this. The new hedge is to follow the line of the original ancient hedge where possible so that it joins onto the current hedge at the Attleborough end.
7. Correspondence from: - Breckland Council, police, NCC and others, including local events etc. to be read out and public

information notices to be posted to the village notice boards and web sites. It was noted that funding for Town and Parish councils has changed and the council tax benefit grant given by Breckland this year will not be available in 2014/15 and may affect the Precept request for this year. Also future election costs will need to be budgeted for by the PC. Items sent to The Councillors' Folder - to be circulated for information only.

- 8 Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. Only had 2 sessions during 8.10.13 and 4.11.13 one was cancelled due to lack of people to help and one due to rain. 184 vehicles were recorded and 11 were speeding. The speed they were travelling was unusually high. "Slow down in our village" stickers are still available. £1.10 each. Tel: 483961.
- 9 Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne monthly report. One theft was reported in the village. Christmas is approaching - do not leave your presents on display in cars or in the house. Check you locks and alarms regularly. Have a crime free festive season.
- 10 Matters for future discussion noted. Precept.
- 11 The next meeting date is agreed as Monday 2nd December 2013 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 04.11.13

- 12 County Councillor Mr. Hebborn to report. Absent. To be invited so that Councillors can meet him.
- 13 District Councillor Mr. John Rogers to report. Mr. Rogers said that there was to be a "peer revue" inspection to make sure that the members are doing their job correctly. The investment in Towns in the Breckland area showed that Watton's amount is very low compared to other towns. There is more investment needed in the future to keep standards up.
- 14 Participation & questions from the public: - Ivy at Flaxmoor House is covering the path in places. Rangers to visit to do sign washing, siding out and gulley cleaning where needed. Breckland to do sweeping and mend the sign on The Green.