



Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN:- Mr. David Blincow VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mrs. Kay Farmbrough

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2018

LITTLE ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

Councillor's present:- David Blincow, Kay Farmbrough, Frank Brown, Brian Brooker, Peter Chapman, Jackie Porter, Rob Lond-Caulk, District Councillor Cowen.

Also present:- Members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence:** None.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8 January 2018, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. All voted in favour.

The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

3. **Participation and questions from the public, session 1:** None.
4. **Guest Speakers:** District Councillor Cowen provided an update in relation to the Local Plan which is now with the Planning Inspectorate. It is anticipated that the Local Plan, if accepted, should be adopted in the Autumn of 2018.

DC Cowen reported that there is a meeting on 6 February to present estimates for the budget for 2018. It is proposed that there will be a 9 pence increase in Council Tax contributions in respect of the District Council for a Band D property (to £1.61 per week). The balance of the Council Tax is made up by the County Council, fire, Police etc. The District Council generates other income from business rates, fees and charges, licensing and property investments.

The Chairman moved Agenda item 8c to enable DC Cowen to provide an update.

- 8c. **3PL/2017/1267/O – Land adjacent to Caston Primary School – erection of five dwellings and car park for Caston Primary School**

DC Cowen advised that the above application was being taken to Committee with recommendation for approval on Monday 12 February. It was noted that the Parish Council had not been notified of this Committee Meeting.

DC Cowen has written to Planning for representation at Committee as he is unable to attend.

DC Cowen reiterated the content of his email. This is the wrong location for such a development. If approved, the development will exacerbate the current problems in relation to flooding and parking. The recent steady rainfall had caused a significant flood in the village, outside of the school, this location will continue to flood and further properties will cause further significant run off from the properties.

DC Cowen recommended that the Parish Council should be represented at the Committee Meeting to reinforce his comments and submit photographs of the recent flooding that has occurred.

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DATED:

5. **Caston Speed Watch Report by Co-ordinator Colin Bearne – Contact 01953 483961**

“Because of the inclement weather there have been only 2 sessions since the last council meeting. 287 vehicles were observed and we were able to record 6 of these as speeding.

Because of the works being carried out on the village hall our efforts have been concentrated on the Attleborough Road at Coronation Terrace.

Our new style improved speed gun is proving both more flexible and easier to handle.

Please join us if you are concerned about speeding in the village. It takes only 1-2 hours of your time every alternate week. We are still critically short of volunteers.”

6. **Caston Neighbourhood Watch Report by Co-ordinator Colin Bearne – Contact 01953 483961**

“Happily there is nothing to record this month.

When you go out on these still dark evening make sure that you leave at least one house light on.

For Neighbourhood Watch ring 483961. For reporting suspicious activity and seeking advice use 101.”

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

7. **Declarations of Interest**:- Cllr Lond-Caulk, item 8A. Cllr Farmbrough, item 8C.
Dispensations from Council Members: - None

8. **Planning Applications**:-

A. **3PL/2015/1080/F** – The Barn, Dukes Lane. Cllr Lond-Caulk advised that the Application to relocate the building to Carbrooke had been approved. Pre-start conditions have been imposed which need to be satisfied before the building can be erected in Carbrooke. The Chairman pressed Cllr Lond-Caulk for confirmation of when he anticipates that the move can be completed. Cllr Lond-Caulk said it was difficult to confirm but at the latest by the end of September.

B. **3PL/2017/1466/HOU** – Highfields, Stow Bedon Road, Caston, NR17 1DP. Application has been approved.

C. **3PL/2017/1267/0** – Land adjacent to Caston Primary School, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD – as reported above this application has been referred to Committee with recommendation for approval on Monday 12 February.

The Council discussed this matter further in relation to the flooding issues and also concerns regarding security as some of the properties would overlook the school playground.

Cllr Blincow will attend the meeting on Monday, the Clerk to notify Planning of request.

D. **3PL/2017/1045/0 (Appeal Reference APP/F2605/W/17/3186309)** – Land adjacent Old Rectory Cottage, Attleborough Road, NR17 1DL – residential development (two dwellings). The Parish Council has submitted their comments to the Planning Inspectorate and await decision.

E. **3PL/2018/0080/VAR** – Former White House, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD – Removal of Condition 4 on pp 3PL/2016/0519/VAR (contamination). The Parish Council have no objections to this Application.

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9. **To discuss propose and vote on the following subjects:-**

A. **Breckland Outdoor Sport and Play Equipment Grant**

The Clerk advised that one Parish Council had refused the recent offer of the Grant payment. This had resulted in an increase in the Grant to £5,196. It was therefore agreed to accept this Grant. The Clerk to submit the necessary request.

10. **Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure**

Payment of the following items was proposed:-

- A. To approve the salary payment, including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of January 2018, in the sum of £211.77. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough, seconded by Cllr Brown. All voted in favour.

11. **Matters to Report**

A. **Flood at school/White House development – response from developer**

The Clerk reported the recent response from the developer. The ditch is now clear.

B. **Update on original Village Cross repairs.**

The Clerk advised that she had submitted the Application Form to Historic England and a decision would be made on 12 February. **Item for next Agenda.**

C. **Financial Balances.**

The Clerk reported the financial balances to the Council.

D. **Update on telephone boxes.**

There is no current update. **Item for next Agenda.**

E. **Matters for the Rangers/update from Claire Bowes.**

The Clerk updated the Council by reading an email received from County Councillor Claire Bowes. Further details are awaited. **Item for next Agenda.**

F. **Provision of a Childrens' Play Area Facility.**

Cllr Lond-Caulk advised the meeting that due to work commitments he does not currently have the time to progress this matter further. Cllr Farmbrough advised that she was happy to assist but would be unable to progress this matter on her own. It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the May Agenda and an email/advert in Waylander/social media/letter to school parents would be published to encourage young families to attend and drive this matter forward. Cllr Porter to assist in this process. **Item for May Agenda.**

G. **Update from Claire Bowes re 20mph flashing signs outside the school.**

CC Bowes had reported to the Clerk that she is in discussions with Highways and will update the Council as soon as possible.

H. **Update on Village Hall refurbishment project.**

Cllr Blincow provided an update as to the progress of the Village Hall refurbishments.

The hall committee are hopeful of a 1 April open date.

The kitchen deposit has been paid and delivery is hopefully the week beginning 8 March. The balance to be paid 28 days before delivery. Cllr Brown to arrange payment of the balance.

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I. **Update re letter to Police & Crime Commissioner.**

The Clerk advised that to date no response has been received. It was agreed that a chasing letter would be sent.

J. **Distribution of Welcome Packs**

There is no formal scheme in place for distribution of the Welcome Packs. If anyone hears of a new neighbour a Welcome Pack is to be provided. Welcome Packs will also be available in the Village Hall once it is reopened.

12. **Correspondence from:**

The Clerk updated the Council on correspondence received.

Any correspondence and associated information added to the Councillors' Folder for circulation, Public Information notices posted to the village noticeboards and websites.

13. The next meeting date is **Monday 5 March 2018 at Little Ellingham Village Hall.**

The Chairman closed the meeting to permit public discussion.

14. **Participation and questions from the public – session 2:** None.

The Chairman reopened the Council Meeting.

15. **Matters for future discussion:** Items for next Agenda as above. Play Area – May Agenda.

The Parish Council Meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

Joanne Blackman
Parish Clerk
16 February 2018

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DATED: