



Caston Parish Council

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018

CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

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

Also present:- Members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence:** Claire Bowes, County Councillor.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 March 2018, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brooker. All voted in favour.

The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

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3. **Participation and questions from the public, session 1:**

A member of the public suggested that a weight restriction sign be installed on the Village Green as the Green is being damaged by vehicles who may be taking the wrong turn. The Council believe a weight restriction would have limited effect. Cllr Porter agreed to speak with Highways to see if they have any suggestions in this regard.

The Parish Council were asked whether they would like the village sign to be repainted. It was agreed that the village sign should be repainted and it will be dismantled and delivered for repainting accordingly.

A request was made to install boards on the Village Green, in November, to commemorate the end of the war. This was agreed.

A further request was made for large poppies to be placed on the village gates, also in November. It was agreed that this would be acceptable between the end of October and 15 November and the time restrictions would also apply to the boards on the Village Green.

A member of the public asked whether it was possible to install "Caution Pedestrians" signs in Northacre. Vehicles travelling in Northacre often approach pedestrians very quickly and leave them feeling vulnerable. Cllr Porter agreed to speak to Highways regarding the same to see if they have any suggestions.

4. **Guest Speakers:** None.

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

"There have been 5 sessions since the last council meeting. 628 vehicles were observed of which we were able to record 18 as speeding. We are particularly concerned at the number of prison staff observed speeding and think that a renewed approach to the Prison Governor is called for. In this respect we have prepared a poster for display in the prison staff rest room.

We are also aware of the continuing threat to pedestrians from fast traffic in Northacre where there is no pavement and the traffic flow is not insignificant. We feel there is a need for additional signage.

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DATED:

CLERK: Joanne Blackman, Westcroft, Watton Road, Ashill, Norfolk, IP25 7AQ

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We are pleased to say that we may have gained 2 more recruits

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 again nothing to record this month.

Little bursts of spring are tempting us out into the garden. Please take care of your garden implements and keep them secure.

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 and 8F. Cllr Farmbrough, item 8B. Cllr Porter, item 8C.

Dispensations from Council Members: - None

8. **Planning Applications:-**

A. **3PL/2015/1080/F** – The Barn, Dukes Lane. Nothing to report.

B. **3PL/2017/1267/0** – Land adjacent to Caston Primary School – erection of five dwellings and car park for Caston Primary School. This matter remains undecided. (Deferred).

C. **3PL/2018/0114/HOU** – Lupin Cottage, The Street, Caston, NR17 – Single Storey Side Extension. Permission has been granted.

D. **3PL/2015/0080/VAR** – Former White House, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD – Removal of Condition 4 on pp 3PL/2016/0519/VAR (contamination). Permission has been granted.

E. **3PL/2017/1045/0 (Appeal Reference APP/F2605/W/17/3186309)** – Land adjacent Old Rectory Cottage, Attleborough Road, NR17 1DL – residential development (two dwellings). Cllr Porter advised that this appeal has been dismissed.

F. **3PL/2017/1125/F (Appeal Reference APP/F2605/W/17/3191440)** – Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD - Conversion of garage to one and a half storey cottage. Appealed. (26 March). This matter remains undecided.

G. **3PL/2018/0027/F** – Development of Cattle Roundhouse, Thompson Road, Griston, IP25 6PX – erection of 1 no organic free range egg laying unit with connected packing area. This matter remains undecided.

9. Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure:-

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

B. To approve payment to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for Data Protection Registration in the sum of £35.00. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Lond-Caulk. All voted in favour.

C. To approve payment to RG Maintenance Services Limited for grass cutting to the Village Green and Coronation Terrace (inv 2239576 – March) in the sum of £114.00 (incl VAT). Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Lond-Caulk. All voted in favour.

D. To approve payment to Norfolk ALC for 2018/19 Membership Subscription in the sum of £128.77. Proposed by Cllr Porter and seconded by Cllr Farmbrough. All voted in favour.

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

A. To consider installation of bollards on the Green at Coronation Terrace.

A discussion took place to the benefit of installing collapsible bollards on the Green at Coronation Terrace to prevent damage being caused by vehicles driving/parking across the Green. It was felt that this damage may have been caused by the refuse truck. It was agreed that Cllr Farmbrough will investigate the costs of extending the hedge on the Green. **Item for next Agenda.**

B. To consider the purchase of a 'Tommy' Statue to commemorate the end of WW1.

The Chairman explained that a member of the public had put forward a suggestion to the Parish Council and to the Parochial Church Council that consideration be given to the jointly funded purchase of a "There But Not There" charity 'Tommy' Statue in the sum of £750 to commemorate the fallen soldiers of Caston. The charity will distribute funds raised to five military connected charities. The Parochial Church Council had suggested that this was a matter for the Parish Council and further suggested a collection from parishioners for the purchase of the same.

A discussion took place as to whether the village would like a statue, location site and funding possibilities.

Cllr Brown agreed that he would draft a letter to be placed on the Village Website to enquire of parishioners whether [a] this is something that they would like to see in the village and [b] whether they would be prepared to contribute to the purchase of the same. The Clerk will check the Statutory Powers to ensure that the Council are able to contribute to the purchase. **Item for next Agenda.**

11. **Matters to Report**

A. Update on original Village Cross repairs.

The Clerk advised she was still awaiting the formal offer letter from Historic England but the tender documentation had been prepared and once received these would be sent to the three selected qualified businesses to invite them to tender. Historic England have confirmed that the formal offer is for a sum of £4,750.00. **Item for next Agenda.**

B. Financial Balances.

The Clerk reported the current account balances. **Item for next Agenda.**

C. Update on telephone boxes.

No update was available. **Item for next Agenda.**

D. Matters for the Rangers/update from Claire Bowes.

The Clerk advised that the Rangers are currently busy repairing potholes in the County but would be returning to village visits shortly. **Item for next Agenda.**

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

The Clerk advised that Claire Bowes was still awaiting details from Highways as to when these are likely to be installed. **Item for next Agenda.**

F. Complaint letter to Leader of the Council in respect of Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 February 2018 re 3PL/2017/1267/0 – Land adjacent to Caston Primary School – erection of five dwellings and car park for Caston Primary School.

The Clerk reported that other than the initial acknowledgement, no further response has been received. Cllr Brown agreed to write a further chasing letter. **Item for next Agenda.**

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G. Update from Highways re No Stopping Signs

The Clerk confirmed that she had not received any further details from Highways in relation to these signs but had requested an update. Cllr Porter agreed to raise this with Highways when she discusses the other items above. **Item for next Agenda.**

12. Correspondence from:-

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

The Clerk advised of a Road Closure Notification in Northacre between 23 and 25 April 2018 which has been placed on the Council website.

13. To agree the next meeting date Monday 14 May 2018 at **Caston Village Hall to include the **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.****

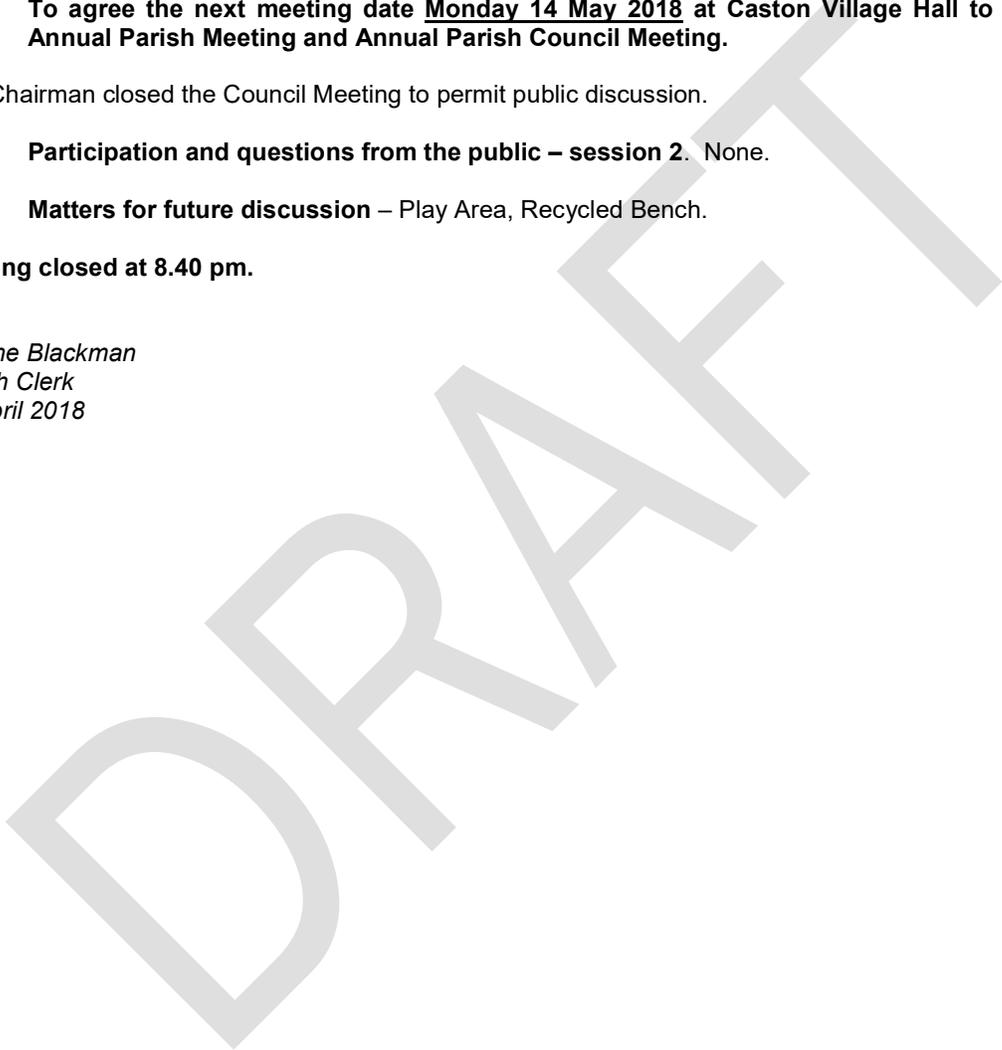
The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

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

15. Matters for future discussion – Play Area, Recycled Bench.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

*Joanne Blackman
Parish Clerk
18 April 2018*



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DATED: