



Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN:- Mr. David Blincow VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mrs. Jaki Porter

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

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

Also present:- 9 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** received from DC Cowen and CC Claire Bowes.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2 July 2018, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Porter. All voted in favour.

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

None.

4. **Guest Speakers:** None.

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

"There have been 6 sessions since the last council meeting. 622 vehicles were observed of which we were able to log 92 as speeding. This is an unusually high proportion and reflects the fact that despite our best efforts we are failing to persuade drivers to treat the village with respect by observing the legal speed limit. Obviously other measures need to be taken in addition.

Our human resources are still fragile some weeks and we are still in desperate need of fresh volunteers.

Please join us if you are concerned about speeding in the village. It takes only 1-2 hours of your time every alternate week."

Cllr Porter gave a brief outline of the data which has recently been extracted from the SAM2 sign. Cllr Porter suggested that the data is collated over the next few months and the matter be placed on the December Agenda for further discussion. ***Item for December Agenda.***

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

"There is nothing to report this month

With the onset of autumn many of you will be ordering heating oil. Please make sure that what you order does not get taken. Invest in good quality locks, alarms and security lights. If you are going to be away for any period, however short, lock and secure your possessions

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

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED:

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7. **Declarations of Interest**:- Cllr Farmbrough, item 8B, Cllr Lond-Caulk, item 8A.
Dispensations from Council Members: - None
8. **Planning Applications**:-
- A. **3PL/2015/1080/F** – The Barn, Dukes Lane. Cllr Lond-Caulk advised that the building was three quarters dismantled and would be down by Friday 6 September 2018.
- B. **3PL/2017/1267/0** – Land adjacent to Caston Primary School – erection of five dwellings and car park for Caston Primary School. It was reported that Lanpro had submitted further documents primarily a response to the objections previously raised by the Parish Council. Cllr Brown stated that he remains disappointed that those District Councillors who originally refused the application were not able to explain their reasons for doing so. The main concerns of the Parish Council remain flooding, lack of sustainability, density, traffic, the car park and child protection. It was agreed that a further letter of response would be drafted by the Clerk to be submitted to Breckland Planning Department by the deadline of 18 September 2018.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public.

A member of the public agreed that the flood risk is a major concern. Cllr Farmbrough suggested that a notice should be placed on the Council website advising the residents of the deadline for further submissions to be made.

It was noted that in this application a developer is again using the lack of a District 5 year housing plan as principal reason to justify approval.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

- C. **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 was before the Breckland Planning Committee today and was approved unanimously despite many objections having been received and presented. Cllr Porter advised that several conditions had been placed on the approval and the Parish Council should monitor and ensure that all conditions are met and fulfilled.
- D. **3PL/2018/0862/HOU** - Post Box Bungalow Northacre Caston NR17 1DG - Single storey extensions to front, side and rear of bungalow with new pitched roof over existing adjoined garage. Undecided.
- E. **3PL/2018/0853/VAR** - Land adjacent Walnut Tree Cottage Attleborough Road Caston NR17 1DJ - Variation of condition 2 on pp 3PL/2017/0438/F - repositioning of garage/carports and discharge of conditions 3, 5, 6, 7 and 16. 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 July and August 2018 in the sum of £425.04. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Porter, all voted in favour.
- B. To approve payment to RG Maintenance Limited for grass cutting for the months of June and July in the sum of £342.00 (invoice numbers 2240267 (1 cut in July) and 2240365 (2 cuts in August)). Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Chapman, all voted in favour.
- C. To approve payment to Caston Village Hall for hall hire for the months of April to September in the sum of £25.00. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Lond-Caulk, all voted in favour.

To approve and report the following additional item of expenditure:-

- D. To approve payment to D & Y Nurseries for maintenance of the planters in the sum of £450. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Brooker, all voted in favour.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED:

To discuss propose and vote on the following subjects:

A. Insurance renewal for village hall in the sum of £659.08.

The Clerk advised that this sum was included in the budget for this current precept year. Cllr Farmbrough advised she has reservations about making this payment as it used to be the case that the same sum was paid to the church and this is now not the case. Cllr Chapman suggested that it was a prime village amenity and the Parish Council should pay for the insurance. Cllr Lond Caulk suggested that as the sum is in the current approved precept budget we should reimburse the village hall and review the matter again at the next precept budget review.

Cllr Chapman proposed that this payment should be made, seconded by Cllr Lond-Caulk. A vote was taken with 6 in favour and 1 abstention. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the village hall be reimbursed the cost of 2018 insurance renewal in the sum of £659.08-

10. Matters to Report

A. Update on original Village Cross repairs.

The Clerk reported that the contractor would hopefully be on site towards the end of September. There may be times when preparation work is carried out in his workshop and therefore the contractor may not be on site every day. The contractor is expecting his first child in the middle of September so these dates may be subject to a slight change. This has been reported to Historic England and they are happy with the situation. **Item for next Agenda.**

B. Financial Balances.

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

C. Update on telephone boxes.

It was noted that the telephone box nearest to the school had been painted but the one nearest to the church was still to be done. **Item for next Agenda.**

D. Matters for the Rangers

The Clerk advised that all matters had been reported to the Rangers but was requested to again report siding out, pavement sweeping and blocked drains. **Item for next Agenda.**

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

CC Bowes had notified the Clerk that the signs had been ordered but she did not have an installation date but would keep us informed. **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.

A discussion took place regarding the letter advising the outcome of the Stage 2 investigation into our complaint. It was generally felt that the letter was a “whitewash” and disingenuous and the anticipated response. Consequently the Parish Council has to consider whether it was worth pursuing this matter any further. Cllr Porter suggested that we should be given the opportunity to review the sound recorded minutes of the meeting and it was therefore agreed that the Clerk would write with a request for this to be provided by Breckland Council before the next steps to be taken by the Parish Council, if any, are decided. **Item for next Agenda.**

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DATED:

- G. **Update re Play Area**
Cllr Porter advised that she and Cllr Lond-Caulk had looked at indicative budgets and the ongoing costs. Investigations into funding had already been made with various options available. Consideration had also been given to ongoing insurance costs, maintenance, inspections etc. There were some concerns regarding the time limit for use of the Breckland grant. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Breckland to enquire whether there would be a possibility to extend the timescale, if required. **Item for next Agenda.**
- H. **Update from Highways re No Stopping Signs**
The Clerk advised that this matter had been resolved as Highways were monitoring the situation. Cllr Farmbrough advised that to her knowledge this had not been resolved as a resident was in direct discussions with Highways regarding the same. The Clerk advised that as far as the Parish Council was concerned Highways had concluded their investigations. **Item for next Agenda.**
- I. **Update re possible purchase of a second SAM2 sign**
Cllr Porter advised that she had been unable to make progress in this regard and it was agreed that this would be placed on the next Agenda. **Item for next Agenda.**
- J. **Flytipping at Carbrooke Road**
The Clerk was advised that the bulk of the fly tipping had been removed but a piece of ceiling board had been left behind. The Clerk to follow up. **Item for next Agenda.**
- K. **Encryption for websites by way of an SSL Certificate**
Cllr Brooker explained that if a website is not encrypted then it is danger of being hacked. This has become more of a problem lately with main operators such as Google etc placing a padlock on the address line to indicate whether a site is safe. We currently have three websites, the Parish Council, Village Hall and Caston On-line. To encrypt a website it would cost £30 per annum on top of the hosting costs. Cllr Brooker advised that the website could benefit from updating and suggested that it may be more beneficial to create a new website which would cost £72 per annum but would include the certificate. This would also involve moving the hosting. Cllr Brooker advised that he would be prepared to undertake the creation of new websites. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Blincow that new websites would be created by Cllr Brooker to include SSL Certificates. All voted in favour. **Item for next Agenda.**
11. **Correspondence from:-**
Any correspondence and associated information added to the Councillors' Folder for circulation. Public Information notices posted to the village noticeboards and websites.

12. **To agree the next meeting date Monday 1st October.**

The Chairman closed the Council Meeting to permit public discussion.

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

14. **Matters for future discussion.**
- Play area
 - Parking outside the Ju Jitsu Centre.

Joanne Blackman
Parish Clerk
18 September 2018

CHAIRMAN..... DATED: