



Caston Parish Council

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2019

CASTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 pm

Councillor's present:- David Blincow, Jaki Porter, Kay Farmbrough, Frank Brown and Peter Chapman

Also present:- 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** Brian Brooker and Rob Lond-Caulk.
2. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018, be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Farmbrough. 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**
Nothing to report this month.
6. **Caston Neighbourhood Watch Report by Co-ordinator Colin Bearne – Contact 01953 483961**
Nothing to report this month.

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

7. **Declarations of Interest:-** None
Dispensations from Council Members: - None
8. **Planning Applications:-**
The Clerk advised that she had today received notification of a new planning application at land adjacent to Old Rectory Cottage. It was acknowledged that this matter could not be discussed at this meeting as the procedures for notification of the same had not been met and therefore a request for an extension of time to file the comments of the Parish Council would be sought.
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 December 2018 in the sum of £212.52. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown, all voted in favour.
 - B. To approve payment to Spanglefish for hosting of Caston Online (invoice no. 467/2018) in the sum of £29.95. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown, all voted in favour.
 - C. To approve payment of an additional item of expenditure to Brian Brooker in reimbursement of invoice number 4631756 to Paragon Internet Group t/a Tsohost in respect of the mailbox for Caston On-Line. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown, all voted in favour.

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

A. **Grass cutting contract**

The Clerk presented the two quotes provided, one from R G Maintenance Limited and one from Groundscape. A discussion took place regarding the grass cutting contract and removal of cuttings from site. The Council have been satisfied with the services provided by R G Maintenance Limited to date. It was noted that Groundscape use a ride-on rotary contract mulch mower and it was felt that the finished result would not be as aesthetically pleasing as the current contractor. With this in mind, it was proposed that the current contract with R G Maintenance Limited continue with a 4/1 majority. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the grass cutting contract for 2019 be awarded to R G Maintenance Limited.

11. **Matters to Report**

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

The Clerk reported that the works had been completed and that a visit would be made by Historic England to inspect the same in due course. **Item for next Agenda.**

B. **Financial Balances.**

The Clerk reported the current account balances. The Clerk advised that Cambridge & Counties Bank offer bonds for Parish Councils. These were discussed but it was agreed that the Parish Council would not commit themselves to a bond at this time and that the situation may be reviewed once the new Council is elected in May. **Item for next Agenda.**

C. **Update on telephone boxes.**

The Clerk provided a brief maintenance update from Phil Wells. There is no update in relation to the intended use of the same. **Item for next Agenda.**

D. **Matters for the Rangers**

A vehicle has gone into the hedge on the corner at Griston Road, Clerk to Report. **Item for next Agenda.**

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

The Clerk advised that CC Bowes had said that the signs have been ordered but there is still no news on an installation date. **Item for next Agenda.**

F. **Update re possible purchase of a second SAM2 sign**

As previously advised, Cllr Porter reiterated that we will not learn whether our grant application has been approved until around mid March. **Item for March Agenda.**

G. **Parish Council Website**

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

H. **Defibrillator training**

The Clerk advised that she had made enquiries of Norfolk Accident Rescue Service re possible training and had been advised the request had been passed on to the relevant department. It was suggested that we may consider an approved video presentation be arranged via You Tube. Cllr Porter to make enquiries and revert. **Item for next Agenda.**

I. **Parking at Jujitsu Centre**

It was agreed that this matter should now be removed from the Agenda and the situation monitored.

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J. Update re proposed play area

Cllr Porter advised that there was little further to report. Four grant applications had been submitted and results are awaited. Cllr Lond-Caulk is dealing with the consultation with the children. There is a possibility that Section 106 monies may be available, the Clerk to make enquiries re the same. **Item for next Agenda.**

K. Update re riparian ownership of ditches

Cllr Blinco and the Clerk have compiled a list of properties to be written to. **Item for next Agenda.**

L. Update re Community Cars

No update available. **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.

13. To agree the next meeting date Monday 4th February 2019. Agreed.

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. Elections – the Clerk advised that she was attending a course the following day and would update the Council accordingly thereafter.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

*Joanne Blackman
Parish Clerk*

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DATED: