

Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mrs Jaki Porter

VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs Kay Farmbrough

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF CASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2020
BY ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL at 7.30 pm**

Councillor's present:- Jaki Porter, Kay Farmbrough, Frank Brown, Brian Brooker, Michele Grimsditch

Others present:- None

Also present:- 2 Members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cook and Chapman.

2. To approve the Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Monday 6 July 2020

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6 July 2020 be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Farmbrough and seconded by Cllr Brown. All voted in favour.

The Chairman closed the meeting to permit participation from the public.

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

A member of the public raised an interest in relation to item 6A, planning application 3PL/2020/0262/O and wished to hear the Council's views on the same. The Chairman advised that the opinions of the Council had been submitted to Breckland Council and were available online. The matter remains on the Agenda until it is concluded. It was further advised that the District Councillor was of the view that this matter should be called before the Planning Committee for a decision to be made. The date for submitting comments has now passed and a decision is awaited or notification that it is to be heard before a Committee.

4. Guest Speakers

None.

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

5. To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members.

None.

6. Planning Applications

A. **3PL/2020/0262/O** – Land to the North of School View NR17 1DD – Erection of 4no. Two storey dwelling with associated car parking, landscaping and access. It was noted that this matter remains undecided.

B. **3PL/2020/0443/F** – Land at the rear of 5 School View – Change of use from land currently designated as paddock to garden. Removal of post and rail fence between points A and B on the location and site plans. It was noted that this matter remains undecided.

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

- A. To ratify payment to Plusnet for Broadband at the Village Hall in respect of invoice number 00004758344-012 in the sum of £34.20 (incl VAT).
- B. To ratify payment to 1&1 Internet Limited in respect of invoice number 203022301586 in the sum of £7.20 (incl VAT).
- C. To approve the salary payment including holiday allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the month of July 2020 in the sum of £216.75.
- D. To approve payment to RG Maintenance Services Ltd for grass cutting in respect of invoice number 2243884 for the month of June in the sum of £271.20 (incl VAT).
- E. To approve payment to RG Maintenance Services Ltd for grass cutting in respect of invoice number 2244008 for the month of July in the sum of £406.80 (incl VAT).

All of the above payments were proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Farmbrough, all voted in favour.

8. To discuss propose and vote on the following subjects

None.

9. Matters to Report

A. Financial Balances

The Clerk reported the current balances to the meeting.

B. Matters for the Rangers

The current position with regards to the Rangers is unknown. Clerk to chase Cllr Bowes in this regard.

C. Cell Phone Coverage Survey

Cllr Porter provided Cllr Grimsditch with the Google Docs which had collated the responses from residents. There has been a 20% response rate to the survey with varying views. Cllr Grimsditch asked whether a reminder could be placed on the website to encourage more responses, it was agreed this should be done. It appears there are local black holes which receive no signal, even with a booster. Cllr Grimsditch to continue seeking further data.

D. Purchase of SAM2

Cllr Porter and the Clerk to liaise re purchase of the same.

E. Parish Council archive files/shredding

The Clerk advised that this was an ongoing project and she would report further once concluded.

F. First Responder Scheme (proposal from Cllr Grimsditch)

Cllr Grimsditch has done some more research into a scheme called Goodsam. This works in conjunction with the East of England Ambulance Service.

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There are designated Goodsam volunteers on the ground (with a medical background) who are notified of an emergency in their vicinity and are alerted to assist an emergency situation. We would need to identify if there are any Goodsam volunteers in the village currently and/or whether anybody would be interested in becoming a volunteer.

Cllr Porter enquired what would be required of the Parish Council. Cllr Grimsditch advised that there would be no costs or requests, but knowledge and help to spread the word.

It was agreed that Cllr Grimsditch will set up a working party to research the matter further and will report back to the Council once she has concluded the same.

It was noted this scheme is widely adopted in the UK.

G. Parish Partnership Scheme.

No projects were identified at the present time.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. To agree the next meeting date

7 September 2020

The Chairman closed the meeting to permit public discussion.

12. Participation and questions from the public – session 2

It was noted that the slide at the Play Area had been cleaned as there was a lot of pigeon faeces on it. A discussion took place as to whether it would be worth considering purchasing a pigeon repellent. It was agreed that the Play Area volunteers should look into this.

A member of public advised that the WI had agreed to pay for two further volunteers to receive training for the Play Area inspections.

It was noted that Speedwatch hopes to resume duties in the next couple of weeks.

Buses – it appears that buses have not been seen going through the village. It was felt it may be because of the schools being closed and these may resume once they are back.

Remembrance Book – this has been replaced in the Church.

13. Matters for future discussion to be noted

Nothing further than listed above.

Meeting closed at 8.42 pm

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