



Caston Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: - Mr. J. Chapman VICE CHAIRMAN: - Mr. P. Hall

MEETING OF THE CASTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr A. Bunn, Mr. D Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. J. Horner.
Mr. J. Rogers (County & Breckland)

Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mrs. K. Farnbrough both absent for family reasons.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 7th February 2011 were handed out to the public and councillors in draft format. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting were a true and correct record and could be signed by the Chairman.
3. Declarations of interest from parish council members in any item to be discussed were noted: - Mr. J. Chapman & Mr. P. Chapman - item 4.A , Mr A. Bunn - item 4.D, Mrs Horner - item 4.D.
4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
 - A. 3PL/2010/0063/TL Mr. P. Chapman, Hall Farm, Caston - Extension of time limit on pp 3PL/2007/1709/F Awaiting a decision from Breckland Council.
 - B. 3PL/2011/0085/F Red Lion Partners, Red lion, Caston - Minor alterations to the PP 3PL/2010/0108/F in respect of minor changes to the approved design. Awaiting a decision from Breckland Council. The owners of the pub have been given a £99,625.00 Rural Development Programme for England grant towards refurbishment of the pub as an amenity for the village.
 - C. 3PL/2011/0175/F Mr. D. Burdett, Mere House, Mere Road, Stow Bedon - erection of fence on East and West boundaries of property. Under consideration.
 - D. 3PL/2010/0812/F Mr. A. Bunn, Fallowfield, Northacre, Caston - Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to planning inspectorate ref no: AAA/F2605/A/11/2146708/WF. Under consideration.
5. Finance - It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. Donation to Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind £50.00 - in budget. Proposed by Mrs. J. Horner and seconded by Mr. P. Chapman.
 - B. Donation to Wayland First Response £100 - in budget. Proposed by Mr. D Blincow and seconded by Mrs. J. Horner.
 - C. Payment for photo for Remembrance Book - Mrs. Horner provided the invoice for £29.78. Proposed by Mr A. Bunn and seconded by Mr. P. Chapman.
 - D. Wayland radio donation request. Proposed by Mr. D Blincow and seconded by Mr. P. Chapman.
 - E. The clerk was told to attend the course and to talk to Mrs. L. Welbelove.
6. Matters to report - Clerk
 - A. LDF site specifics. This item was discussed at the meeting and information was sent to councillors.
 - B. BT phone boxes. To be added to the next agenda as there had been no reply to requests to remove dull glass and re-glaze the phone box and also for permission to paint the box near the school.
 - C. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. Item to be added to the next agenda as the company had not yet replied.
 - D. Parking. The residents in question are now complying with the request from the Parish Council to park more carefully and comply with road safety laws.
 - E. Hedges. The Chairman read a letter from Mr. A. Porter regarding his hedge and management of it in the future. The Council discussed the speed of vehicles on the corner near to Lupin Cottage and asked the clerk to contact NCC Highways Dept to ask about the camber on the road and if it could be adjusted to stop the speeding.
 - F. Diamond Jubilee celebrations 2012 - to discuss. The clerk was asked to find out if any funding for an event would be available from any sources. Refer to the 2002 celebration information. Item to be added to the May agenda for further discussion.
7. Correspondence from: -
 - A. Mr. Porter, Lupin Cottage, Caston. The clerk is to reply to Mr. Porter's letter. See above info.

- B. Late addition - The Chairman read out a letter from The Big Lottery Fund which signed off the "Bootify Caston" project. The clerk is to find out how soon a new application for funds can be made.
- C. Late addition - Nomination forms for prospective parish councillor were handed out. Information has also been posted to the three notice boards in the village.

Various items have been sent to The Councillors' folder which is to be circulated for information only. Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.

8. Caston Speed Team report: -
- The speed watch team has had 4 one hour sessions in the last month. A fifth had to be cancelled due to bad weather. The sessions produced a number of motorists driving at excessive speed, with a significantly higher proportion of offenders on the Stow Bedon Road. The position of the 30mph road sign along the road was discussed. The Chairman consulted Mr Rogers for advice. He said that "it is not likely that this sign could be moved because the open field gap between Caston village and Folgate is too great".
 - Drivers approaching the 30mph sign do not slow down until they have entered the 30mph zone. They are not aware that there are many concealed entrances on the road either. A new Caston village sign at this point may help to alleviate this problem.
10. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne to report: -
Nothing to report since the last meeting.
If you wish to contact the Home Watch coordinator for advice please telephone Colin on 01953 483961.
11. Matters for future discussion to be noted: - As mentioned above.

To agree the next meeting date Monday 4th April 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

**CHAIRMAN
TO SIGN**

DATE: -

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 7th March 2011

District/County Councillor Mr. John Rogers to report: -

- NCC has received monies from the various developers of nearby housing on Norwich Road, Watton. The work on the new roundabout is due to start on April 4th 2011.
- Breckland Council will not be cutting any services unlike other councils who are working on austerity measures due to cuts in their Govt funding. However next year they will be £1.2million short so cuts may be made then. The Griston to Watton cycle route/footpath is on track but some private gardens alongside the route need to be purchased to complete it. There will be a "Toucan road crossing" near the Wayland Garage.
- Land from the sale of the old RAF Watton site is to be sold back to the farmers who own land before it belonged to the Ministry of Defence.

Participation & questions from the public: -

- Whilst on a walk around the village please can dog owners be more responsible by clearing up after their dog. Please take a special bag with you and either take the full doggie bags home or place them in one of Caston's specialist dog bins along Northacre, outside the Village Hall or on The Green. Please do not leave them in a tree, in a hedge or on the verge as this is not a healthy option. Scented dog poop bags are easily available from supermarkets and Wilkinson's, plus off the internet if you need lots! Thank you for keeping Caston clean.