



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 4th April 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: - Mr. J. Chapman - Chairman, Mr. P. Hall - Vice Chairman, Mr A. Bunn, Mr. D Blincow, Mr. P. Chapman, Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)
Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - none.
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 7th March 2011
The minutes were handed out to the public and Councillors as Draft. It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting could be signed by the Chairman, as a true and correct record after two corrections were made on items 3. And item 5.C.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: -
Mr A. Bunn - Items 4.D, ~~5.A~~, Mr. J. Chapman - Item 4.A, Mr. P. Chapman - Item 4.A,
Mrs. J. Horner - Item 4.D & (5.A) correction
4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
Planning Decisions: -
 - A. 3PL/2010/0063/TL Mr. P. Chapman, Hall Farm, Caston - Extension of time limit on pp 3PL/2007/1709/F Permission from Breckland Council on 02.03.2011.
 - 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. Letter sent to Councillors folder for Councillors to read.
 - C. 3PL/2011/0175/F Mr. D. Burdett, Mere House, Mere Road, Stow Bedon - erection of fence on East and West boundaries of property.
 - D. 3PL/2010/0812/F Mr. A. Bunn, Fallowfield, Northacre, Caston - Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to planning inspectorate ref no: APP/F2605/A/11/2146708/WF.
 - E. 3PL/2010/0763/F Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - New detached house with garage. Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to planning inspectorate ref no : APP/F2605/A/11/2148368/NWF
 - F. 3PL/2010/0762/F Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - Two new detached houses with garages - Resubmission. Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to planning inspectorate ref no : APP/F2605/A/11/2148366/
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
 - A. A donation of £400.00 to Caston Holy Cross Church churchyard maintenance funds. In budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Hall and seconded by Mr. D. Blincow.
 - B. The fees of £50.00 for use of Village Hall for Parish Council meetings 04.04.11 to 31.03.2012. In budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Hall and seconded by Mr. P. Chapman.
 - C. Clerk wages and expenses for November 1st 2010 to 31st March 2011. In budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Chapman and seconded by Mr. D. Blincow. The invoice for wages and expenses was sent to the Councillors folder for their information.
 - D. Village sign for Stow Bedon Road. This item is to be added to the next Agenda.
 - E. Subscription to Norfolk Association of Local Councils - 2011/2012 for £107.76. In budget. Proposed by Mr. D. Blincow and seconded by Mr. P. Chapman.
 - F. EXTRA item to Agenda. Payment to RGM for cutting the grass in March £79.20. In budget. Proposed by Mr. P. Hall and seconded by Mrs. K. Farmbrough.
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
 - A. BT phone boxes. The clerk reported on the phone call with BT regarding the maintenance of the phone boxes in the village. It was clearly pointed out that they need painting so that they can continue to be used as safety service to the village. The village will not be given permission to paint the phone boxes themselves as they are BT property. According to the customer services operator, the BT maintenance team is small and starts in the north of Scotland and works its way down the country.

An email followed asking the clerk to photograph the paintwork for the manager of the BT maintenance teams' reference. The work could then be added to their schedule. A completion date is not known. It was suggested that the local MP should be informed of the service from BT. It was also decided by the parish council that "adopting" the phone boxes was not a cost effective alternative to leaving the phone boxes in the ownership of BT. "Adopting" them could mean the loss of the phone service in the village boxes unless they were used a lot more often.

- B. Road signs on the entrance to Stow Bedon Road. The Highways engineer has requested more information about the position of the new sign and type of sign. The clerk is to reply.

7. Correspondence from: -

- A. Wayland Radio - a letter from Wayland radio thanked the Council for their subscription. It also informed them of the benefits available to them through the radio service.
 B. SNAP meeting - an meeting was due to be held
 C. Parish crime figures - there were no crimes in Caston during February.
 D. The Councillors were invited to the Caston School Royal wedding and sandwich meal after in the Church and the school.
 E. The Henderson Quiz, for invited competing teams, is to be held on 20th May 2011 in the Village Hall. The Parish Council will be sending a team to challenge the current quiz champions.
 Items sent to The Councillors' folder is to be circulated for information only.
 Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.

8. Caston Speed Watch Team report. 7th March to 4th April. The team held two sessions in March which produced a number of motorists driving with excessive speed. In one location this amounted to 20% of the vehicles counted during the session. The 7th March session was abandoned due to bad weather. A session for the first week of April is already planned.

9. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne to report. There have been two thefts of oil in the village and a further two in Stow Bedon. Residents should be very vigilant about their oil but also take note of any unmarked vans which are "cruising" the village, or any oil deliveries being made at properties where the occupants are absent. Precautionary time switches for lights, outdoor lighting and asking a neighbour to keep an eye on your property if you are due to go Away would all help. Or inform the Homewatch co-ordinator on 48396. Report any unusual happening to the Police.

10. Matters for future discussion to be noted. The village Jubilee celebrations 2012. Items already noted.

Councillor's folder circulated for information only

The next meeting will be Monday 9th May 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

CHAIRMAN: -

DATE: -

District & County Councillor report and public participation: - Councillor John Rogers

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 4th April 2011

Report from Councillor John Rogers

The County Council will have £6.9 million to spend on repairing the pot holes in the County. The teams will be working on a circuit treating the worst affected areas first. If you know of any major pot holes around please let Mr. Rogers know. The roundabout on Norwich Road Watton will start soon and the approaching roads will be resurfaced to blend in. The waste incinerator at Kings Lynn is still a contentious issue.

Public Participation -

Mr. Blincow stated that the Friday coffee mornings were extremely successful and all ages including men, mothers and children, retired and single people were coming along to the drop in for 50p coffee, food, a chat and a 30p book exchange. Last week Tonya the local Police Community Support Officer came along to give advice to villagers. The event is entirely staffed by volunteers so it is important to support it in order to raise funds for the village hall upkeep and refurbishment. A questionnaire has been sent out to all members of the village to find out what they would like in the village hall.

The highway rangers would be visiting the village on 6th June and again in September to complete small repair works, sweeping, siding out of verges, cleaning gullies, etc, If anyone has any requests please let the clerk know on 483466.