



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 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. Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County)

Also present: -

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mrs. K. Farmbrough, Mrs. J. Horner, Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 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 changes to Item 6C - 2011 not 2012.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Mr A. Bunn Item 4B
4. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-
  - A. 3PL/2011/0175/F Mr. D. Burdett, Mere House, Mere Road, Stow Bedon - erection of fence on East and West boundaries of property. Refused by Breckland Council.
  - B. 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. Waiting for decision
  - C. 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. Waiting for decision
  - D. 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/. Waiting for decision
  - E. 3PL/2011/0326/F Dunkall Ltd, land at Bilhams Cottage, The Street Caston - Erection of a single detached 1½ storey chalet bungalow & double garage & double garage for Bilhams Cottage. Withdrawn by applicant.
  - F. Co-Dunkall Ltd - Proposal to name a street "Ellena Way" on the development at Allcrest, The Street, Caston. Waiting for decision
5. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
  - A. It was RESOLVED to adopt the 2010/11 accounts of the Parish Council. These have been audited by the PC auditor. After discussion it was agreed to keep all the existing bank accounts and not merge them into one or two accounts. Money could easily be earmarked for specific projects when needed.
  - B. Payment of £39.60 including VAT to RGM for April grass mowing in the village. In budget. Proposed by David Blincow seconded by Peter Hall.
  - C. Payment for the Parish Council Insurance policy for 2011/12. By slightly adjusting the policy and changing to a new insurance provider, Came & Company (Aviva), the clerk explained that the PC had saved £328.25 on the annual policy fee. A copy of the policy has been added to the Councillors Folder for their information.
  - D. Payment to Roger Canwell internal auditor for the Parish Council. In budget. To be added to the next agenda as the invoice has not been received.
  - E. Additional item, Payment to Mrs. Horner of £38.90 for purchasing plants for the planters for the summer. Proposed by David Blincow seconded by Peter Hall
6. Matters to report: - Clerk
  - A. BT phone boxes. No news as yet.
  - B. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. The Chairman read the letter from Highways at NCC regarding the costs of the installation of a new sign and the alternative types of sign. After discussion the clerk was asked to talk to then further about the options involved and related costs.
  - C. Jubilee 2112 village celebrations. So far the suggestions include; - a flotilla up The Street, Celebration mugs for the school children, and the offer of help from Prof. Pell and members of his martial arts school. More suggestions of type of event are needed from the village. There could also be a similar

event to that in the village for the last Royal celebration but organisers and helpers would be needed.  
D. Sewage smell, Griston Road. Breckland Council Environmental Health services were notified and replied saying that; “the smell has to have “an unreasonable effect” and due to the short duration of the smell i.e. not constantly there every day, this is not the case. A nuisance diary sheet needs to be made of the times and dates of when the smell occurs to establish a pattern. Breckland Council could then discuss the matter further with Anglian Water. The dosing system installed by Anglian Water was thought to be working, but due to the lack of rain and low number of homes attached to the sewer in that area the pumping station the sewer does not empty quick enough.”

7. Correspondence from: -

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Public information notices have been posted to the village notice boards and web sites.

- A. Mr. Rogers requested that the PC write to George Freeman MP to find out if he can help in encouraging the MoD to close the agreements with the land owners so that the new cycle/footpath between Griston and Watton could start being made. It was feared that the grant from Sustrans may run out before work could begin. This would mean a safer access to Watton as the main road around Wayland wood is dangerous for cyclists and walkers.

8. Speed Watch: - The team has had 3 sessions during May. In one 30mph location it produced motor cycles and other vehicles driving in the 40’s. There is another session booked for this week and more in June. If you wish to volunteer to help please contact the Parish Clerk or tel: 483961

9. Home Watch: - If residents are going away on holiday please inform the Home Watch co-ordinator tel: 483961 and any neighbours so that they can keep an eye on your property for you. Using time delayed switches and lights may also help.

10. Matters for future discussion to be noted. Items for the next agenda: - As above

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**The next meeting will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

**CHAIRMAN: -**

**DATE: -**

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

CLERK: - Alison Skipper 06.06.2011

Report from Councillor John Rogers

Traffic lights on the Norwich Road Watton would be in place until the roundabout had been completed. Resurfacing of this road would then take place.

Mr. Rogers is the District Councillor for Caston and welcomes questions from members of the public. Please come to the next PC meeting or contact him on [john.rogers@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:john.rogers@norfolk.gov.uk)

Public Participation -

A new volunteer gardener is needed for the Church Lane planters. What is involved? Checking they are looking good, simple hand weeding, dead heading and occasional re -planting of fresh plants with a hand trowel. This is not heavy gardening as the planters are tall and not too big! Please let the PC know if you can help.