



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 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.  
Also present: - Mr. C. Bearne (Home Watch & Speed Watch)

1. To accept apologies for absence: - Mr. J. Rogers (Breckland & County), PCSO Tonya Winsley
2. The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 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 corrections.
3. Declarations of Interest from members, in any item to be discussed were noted: - Item 5A - Alan Bunn, Jane Horner. Item 6 C - John Chapman, David Blincow, Kay Farmbrough. Item 6 D - Jane Horner.
4. Request from Caston Village School to approve a new school Governor. The Chairman read a letter from the secretary of the school. Mr. Reynolds, the proposed new Governor, sent his apologies for absence. The councillors decided that as they had not yet met Mr. Reynolds they could not approve him. It was decided that as he should be invited to the next meeting to meet the councillors, meanwhile he could attend the next governors meeting for an approved probationary period until accepted by the councillors.
5. Planning. The following decisions were noted:-  
Planning Decisions: -
  - A. 3PL/2010/0812/F Mr. A. Bunn, Fallowfield, Northacre, Caston - Appeal on planning decision by Breckland Council to the Planning Inspectorate Ref no: APP/F2605/A/11/2146708/WF. This application was refused by the planning inspectorate. Letter sent to the councillor's folder for information.
  - B. 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 the Planning Inspectorate Ref no: APP/F2605/A/11/2148368. This application was refused by the planning inspectorate. Letter added to the councillor's folder for information.
  - C. 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 the Planning Inspectorate This application was refused by the planning inspectorate. Letter added to the councillor's folder for information.  
Ref no: APP/F2605/A/11/2148366 Co-Dunkall Ltd - Proposal to name a street "Ellena Way" on the development at Allcrest, The Street, Caston. This was approved by Breckland Council "by default" as although the comments from Caston Parish Council were with Breckland on time, a "blue form report" had to be written. This was then sent to the Committee for consideration, but there was not enough time for the Breckland committee to accept the report within the guideline timescales. Information on this has been added to the councillor's folder for information.
  - D. 3PL/2011/0607/F Co-Dunkall Ltd, Bilhams Cottage, The Street, Caston - Erection of a detached one and half storey bungalow & double garage & double garage to Bilhams Cottage. This was to be decided by the Breckland Planning Committee meeting today. The published outcome has not yet been received by the Parish Council.
  - E. 3PL/2011/0772F Mr. & Mrs. Medlock, Walnut Cottage, Northacre - Works to extend the house at the rear and to replace an outbuilding and small lean-to. Currently being considered by Breckland Council.
  - F. 3PL/2011/0939/F Breckland Council, Land at Coronation terrace, Caston - Erection of 2 no.2 bed dwellings. This is currently being considered by the Parish Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45pm for a public participation about the planning application 3PL/2011/0939/F for land at Coronation Terrace. The plans were made available for the public to view. Fourteen residents of the Parish of Caston each spoke about the proposal and the potential loss of a green space and play area in the village. The Parish Council advised the residents that each member of the public should write individual comments on the Breckland Council comments page for this application. It would not be advised to send in a collective petition when replying to the application. The residents needed to coordinate a campaign group. The Clerk could advise on any information they needed. There are many concerns about the application including:-

- The loss of one of Caston's' only green spaces.

- The loss of the trees which were planted to commemorate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer.
- The loss of a safe play area for the children of the village.
- The restriction of visibility when leaving the access road onto Attleborough Road.
- The limited space for delivery vehicles, emergency services and dust bin lorries negotiating the cul-de-sac of Coronation Terrace. This has already been experienced by one resident with the fire engines not being able to get close to her house when there was a fire.
- Not enough car parking has been allocated for the new properties. 4 people would possibly use more than one car per household.
- Properties too small for comfortable living.
- Fencing the area will not add to the green look of the village
- The houses will spoil the look of Coronation Terrace and dominate entrance to the village.
- The BT exchange building was wrongly described the plans.
- The BT technicians need constant access to the exchange for work. The BT vans would not have anywhere to park in the future.

A parishioner asked why the land had not been registered as a village green. The Chairman replied that this had been considered last year. The Parish Council were not given any information as to when a planning application would be submitted by Breckland. The Parish Council had decided to not take further action at that time. The clerk explained that in July this year a parishioner had informed the PC that Breckland Council workers were viewing the land. The clerk contacted Breckland to ask if this was true and asked if plans were being drawn up for the area next to the BT exchange. The PC members were immediately informed about the possibility of plans being created in the future. On 31.08.2011 the PC received plans from Breckland Council proposing to build a single pair of semi-detached houses on this land.

The parishioners requested that the PC join Open Spaces Society immediately. The discussion continued. The parishioners agreed to contact the media including the parish magazine, local and national press, the local TV and radio stations, Mr. George Freeman MP, and BT, to inform them of Breckland Council's proposal. It could be proved that the green areas at Coronation Terrace had been used for recreational purposes since the properties were built. The residents would collect statements from residents of Coronation Terrace past and present, Caston residents, inhabitants of the surrounding area, to state that the land had been used by them, their children and friends for lawful recreation since the early 1950's.

The clerk would look for the original plans and any other historical information about Coronation Terrace.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.30pm.

It was Resolved to join Open Spaces Society and to begin the process of registering the land as a village green.

The clerk is to ask Breckland for an extension on the comments return date so that councillors have enough time to view the plans.

6. Finance: It was RESOLVED that the following payments could be made:-
  - A. Both council signatories signed the CAF bank accounts updated information form.
  - B. Payment of £79.20 inc. VAT to RGM for July and August grass mowing in the village. In budget. The August invoice for £79.20 inc VAT was just received so added to this. Proposed by Peter Hall Seconded by Peter Chapman.
  - C. Request from Caston Village Hall Committee to make a donation towards the costs of the Village hall insurance policy. In budget at £485. Proposed by Peter Hall Seconded by Peter Chapman.
  - D. Request from Caston Parochial Church Council to make a donation towards the repair of stonework on the churchyard wall. Not enough information was available to respond so the clerk is to write to request this.
  - E. Request for a donation from Vitalise disabled people and carers breaks organisation. This is not in the budget for this year.
  - F. Request for a donation from NORSLAR - Search and Rescue Norfolk. This is not in the budget for this year.
  - G. Clerks' wages and expenses from April 2011 to August 2011. In budget. Proposed by Peter Hall Seconded by Peter Chapman. Added to councillor's folder for information.
  
7. Matters to report: - Clerk
  - A. Coronation Terrace - land next the telephone exchange. Moved to planning.
  - B. Bus shelter vandalism. The Police have found the two people who did the vandalism. One owned up so the Police have requested that they can publicly apologise to the PC. The case is in process of being resolved but one person may have to go to court as other offences need to be considered elsewhere. The Councillors agreed to the apology process. The Police will keep the PC informed.
  - C. Letter from resident regarding pig lorry passing through the village. This was added to the previous councillors folders and as the roundabout on Norwich Road, Carbrooke is now open it is not thought that the lorry will pass through the village again.
  - D. BT phone boxes. No reply as yet. The clerk will write to them again.
  - E. Sign for Stow Bedon Road. The Highways dept. contact has been on holiday so has not yet read the letter

form the council.

F. Jubilee 2112 village celebrations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.55pm for public participation about the Jubilee Celebrations.

Discussions topics included: -

- The proposed date.
- Whether to have a yard sale; a street party; other sort of event not mentioned on the list sent to each household.
- Whether to extend the fete in to night.
- It was asked if there is enough enthusiasm form the village; who would organise the event as the fete organisers were already fully involved in the fete.
- The admin would be complex.
- How would it be funded?
- Could an event be tied up with a happening in the school?
- Some parishioners volunteered to form a committee.

The meeting was reconvened at 9.05pm

The Councillors decided that the Waylander, web site and notice boards should have one last advert requesting if villagers were interested.

It was noted that funding would be available form a car boot donation, profits from a previous event some years ago and a donation form the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the event should not rely entirely on the stalwarts of the village who are already engaged in the fete. A special committee is needed to regularly meet and organise the chosen event. It was suggested that volunteers visit each house in the village to see if the residents are interested. This information together with the information the clerk has already gathered would determine the viability of an event.

This item is to be added to the next Agenda for a final decision.

G. Community rangers. They are due to come in September and have been informed that paths need sweeping in the village.

8. Correspondence from: -

A. Letter from the CPRE asking for support. It was proposed and seconded that this should be done.

B. Wayland Radio. The Chairman read a letter explaining that the radio station had closed and thanking the PC for their support.

C. Training for councillors. The councillors have previously been on this course.

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.

9. Caston Speed Watch Team monthly report. See attached sheet. A councillor had received complaints form a parishioner about a mini motorbike being illegally ridden in the village. This also had been causing a disturbance late night/ early morning by driving around the village at speed.

10. Caston Home Watch co-ordinator Mr. C. Bearne monthly report. See attached sheet.

11. Matters for future discussion to be noted.

Could the village PCSO Tonya, attend any coffee mornings in the Village Hall?

Speed restrictions for Stow Bedon Road, Northacre as well. A chicane was suggested.

**The next meeting will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2011 in Caston Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**CHAIRMAN: -**

**DATE: -**

CLERK:- Alison Skipper

**District/County Councillor to report-** Mr Rogers had sent his apologies as he was at a planning conference.

**Participation & questions from the public-**

A resident living on the corner of Griston Road Caston would like the Police monitor the traffic, which takes the corner at great speed. This was worst at 6.30 - 7.00am and pm and 7.30 - 8.00 am. Several cars had been seen to mount the verge as they negotiated this corner. The clerk would contact the Police. Mr. Bearne was also informed. The speed limit outside the school should be 20mph. Could this be checked out.