

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 4th July 2016 at 7.45pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), John Bye, Ken Humphris and Jean Lobley, District Councillor Kevin Lancaster, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from County and District Councillor Nick Cotton, District Councillor Mel Mackie and PCSO Mandy Coleman.

**16/51 Public participation:** None.

**16/52 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**16/53 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Humphris declared an interest in any matters relating to B4RN and Councillor Lobley declared an interest in planning application SL/2016/0530 (Woodside, Casterton).

**16/54 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2016, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**16/55 Casual Vacancies:**

SLDC had notified the Council that there had been no requests from electors in the parish for an Election, so the Council is now free to co-opt in order to fill the vacancy. The Clerk reported that there had been no expressions of interest received as yet.

**16/56 County and District matters:**

*Councillor Lancaster reported as follows:*

- a. There had been considerably less problems arising from the Appleby Fair this year.
- b. There had been no letter received from SLDC in relation to planning application (SL/2015/0004 Barn conversion near Devil's Bridge) as promised and Councillor Lancaster will follow this up.

**16/57 Police Report:**

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been two logs of note for the Casterton area, one was when an HGV caused damage to two properties in the village and the other was a report of a gang of youths fighting on 3rd July.

**16/58 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:**

- a. The various 'banners' on the railings at Devil's Bridge have been removed but one still remains. The Clerk will contact SLDC Enforcement again.

- b. No reply has been received from SLDC enforcement about the installation of the shelters at the golf course (minute 16/41h refers). Councillor Lancaster said that a similar installation elsewhere (Burneside) was deemed acceptable as the items were on wheels ie. mobile and not permanent structures. He undertook to follow this up with SLDC but felt that enforcement action probably could not be taken.
- c. A plaque for the War Memorial in cast bronze, approximately 18x13 inches, with raised lettering divided in the middle and names from both wars on either side will be in the region of £600 + VAT. It was resolved to apply to the Casterton Community Trust for a grant towards this.
- d. As the cubs have now booked the Village Hall every Monday evening, it was felt that a change of meeting day might be necessary. It was agreed to hold the next meeting on the planned date but to commence at 7.45pm, and to review the situation again at the next meeting, in the light of whether the Council is back to full strength by then.
- e. Bridge on Footpath 509008 (minute 16/42a refers). The Clerk had been in touch with Guy Timperley and he believed the bridge to be safe, but only from what he had been told by Henry Armitage. The Chairman will check further.
- f. Website security. Plans were put in hand to make the website minutes, etc, more secure and in future the draft minutes will be clearly marked as such.

#### **16/59 Officer's Reports:**

- a. **Public Rights of Way.** Laitha Lane is becoming very overgrown and the Chairman has contacted Guy Timperley at CCC for help. She will also approach the caravan park to enquire if they are able to help.
- b. **Highways.** Councillor Bye reported that surface dressing had taken place on North Heads Lane and this was very satisfactory. The Chairman had contacted Joanne Parker to ask for weed killer to be applied, as grass was already beginning to appear on the new surfaces. The Clerk will contact Peter Hosking regarding outstanding issues following the works being completed and send a copy to Councillor Cotton.
- c. **Village Hall.** Councillor Lobley reported that the AGM had been held on 25th May. The finances are healthy and the building is in good condition but new committee members are needed, as long-standing ones retire and there is currently a vacancy for a Bookings Secretary. A presentation had been made to Ken Humphris, the longest serving officer.
- d. **B4RN.** Councillor Humphris reported that the community project continues to make rapid progress with many properties now connected to it by conduit. The Fun day fundraising event at Casterton Grange yesterday was well attended and raised over £1500 towards the cost of the project.

#### **16/60 Community-Led Plans:**

There was a very disappointing response to the questionnaires delivered to every house in the village. Only 39 had hard copy/email responses were received and some of these may have been duplicates from some individuals, giving a response rate of less than 15% (This compares with about 65% for the 2012 Parish Plan questionnaire). In addition, the responses contained very few issues of substance that had not been identified in the previous plan.

The Chairman and five other members of the working group considered that the size and nature of the responses undermined the credibility and usefulness of the process, and believe that it is best if the process starts afresh, with new people and preferably with no Parish Councillors involved. All six resigned from the working group.

The remaining three working group members intend to progress the gathering of information from the community.

#### **16/61 Street lights:**

The Council is waiting for Electricity North West to connect the new column. The procedure, whereby electricity is calculated and how this is paid in the future has been established and the appropriate forms were available for completion.

#### **16/62 Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority:**

The new extension area encompasses quite a wide variety of landscape types and settlement types - more varied than the 'original' park area. Partly in recognition of this, all NPA employees are making visits to the new area to aid familiarization. A group of 16 (including the Chief Executive) made a whole day walk led by a local volunteer last week, starting from Leck to Bullpot, back over Brownthwaite and returning to Devil's Bridge via the Fell Foot Road and Laitha Lane. A further group of eight from Bainbridge will undertake the same walk next week. Members of the Planning Department have been undertaking visits to different parts of the new extension area to start to appreciate the diversity of landscape and environments.

It was understood that hard copies of planning applications would not be sent to Parish Councils after 1st August but the Clerk agreed to ask if these could be provided upon request. The future manner of dealing with applications may need to involve a projector and an Internet connection in the Village Hall.

#### **16/63 Neighbourhood Watch signs:**

It has been established that these signs are exempt from planning regulations and it was agreed to site the two remaining signs at Chapel House Lane (Kirkby Lonsdale end) and School Lane.

#### **16/64 New Financial Regulations:**

The new Financial Regulations had been circulated and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **16/65 Finance:**

*a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Casterton PCC	£81.00	Church clock servicing contribution
HMRC	£214.80	PAYE
K M Price	£172.22	Quarterly expenses to 30th June Including use of home office and travel.

Jones Lighting	£999.86	Street lighting project
Ian Johnson	£33.00	Parish Newsletter printing
Ken Humphris	£29.95	Reimbursement of Community-Led Plan expenses
Society of Local Council Clerks	£24.20	Subscription (11% of £220.00)

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Honorarium paid to those who maintain the Village Green was reviewed and increased from £125 each to £150 each.

**16/66 Planning:**

- a. *The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority, since the last meeting, on the Clerk's delegated authority, were confirmed:*

SL/2016/0489 Bees Nest farm. Agricultural building for livestock and general agricultural storage. Approval recommended providing the height of the new building is no higher than existing barn. (There were no measurements on the plans from the website)

SL/2016/0486 Field Edge. Erection of detached plant and poolroom annexe. Approval recommended.

SL/2016/0260 Casterton Golf Club. Extension of clubhouse and first floor flat. Approval recommended.

- b. *The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

SL/2016/0359 Laitha Cottage, High Casterton. Single storey extension. Granted.

SL/2016/0377 Loftwood, Casterton. Two-storey rear extension, front porch and a replacement attached garage to the side. Approval recommended, with conditions.

SL/2016/0312 The Stables, Wandaes Lane. Single storey extension. Granted.

- c. *The following applications were considered:*

SL/2016/0566 Folly Farm, Casterton. Variation of conditions 1-10 in Planning Permission SL/2014/0218 Approval recommended.

SL/2016/0530 Woodside, Casterton. Single storey extensions to front and side elevations. Approval recommended.

CU/2016/0010 Barn at Casterton Grange, Casterton. Change of use of agricultural building into a single dwelling with associated curtilage and installation of septic tank/filtration system. No comment.

**16/67 Future agenda items:**

These can be sent to the Clerk up to two weeks prior to the meeting.

**16/68 Date of next meeting:**

*Monday 5th September 2016 at Casterton Village Hall at 7.45pm.*

*The meeting closed at 9.10pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*

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