

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 10th October 2016, at 2pm.

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

16/88 Public participation:

A question was raised regarding the Council's plans to apply for funding for the renovation of names on the War Memorial. The Chairman explained that the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Memorial and the War Memorial Trust will take eight to ten weeks to response to the pre- application for funding; when this is available, the Council will inform the District Church Council.

The WMT suggested that the site is updated with more recent photographs and a statement made that funding has been requested. This has now been done.

16/89 Requests for Dispensations: None.

16/90 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

16/91 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16/92 County and District matters:

Councillor Mackie reported that the bridge at Casterton Beck has been repaired.

Councillor Lancaster said that the parish's Representative on the YDNPA is Ian McPherson. The Clerk agreed to include him in the circulation of agendas and minutes.

16/93 Police Report:

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had only been one log of note for this area and this was a fail to stop road traffic collision, reported at the Pheasant Inn, where a vehicle had been damaged.

16/94 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. There has been no response from YDNPA yet on the mobile shelters on the golf course (minute 16/76b refers).
- b. No letter has yet been received from SLDC as requested by Councillor Lancaster (minute 16/76c refers).
- c. The Pinfold still included in the site details of the old school with Davis & Bowring's advertising (minute 16/76g refers).
- d. The water leak on North Heads Lane has been reported to United Utilities
- e. Councillor Humphris attended the CALC meeting held on 8th September at Gilpin Bridge. Peter McColl (Police and Crime Commissioner) gave a presentation, and told the meeting he wants more Special Constables and PCSOs to be recruited. Most crime is falling, the exceptions being domestic violence, child sexual exploitation and Internet crime, and he has initiatives in place to address the first two of these. The issue of the non-attendance of SLDC/CCC Councillors at Parish/Town Council meetings was raised, and this seems to be widespread. The next CALC meeting will have CCC representatives present and this issue will be raised with them.
- f. Councillor Hastings attended the Respect meeting held on 15th September in Sedbergh. The conclusion from those attending was that it had been a successful Fair this year; again there was reduced numbers of travellers and fewer problems.
- g. Councillor Hastings attended the LAP meeting on 21st September in Sedbergh. Topics included changing electricity supplier from SLDC to a chosen supplier and managing public amenities i.e. Public Toilets.
- h. Gill Holmes, Community Development Officer Public Health and Community Team, will be sending out maps to all Councils requesting drains and culverts be identified in order that CCC can help keep them clear.

16/95 Reports:

a. Public Rights of Way:

The response was read out from Guy Timperley to the issues raised at the last meeting:

- i. FP 509023 - the hole in the road near Ghyll Cottage has been inspected and is not thought to be an issue for pedestrians.
- ii. The Bridge over Casterton Beck is privately owned by Underley Estates and is their responsibility.
- iii. The metal gate across the end of BW 509021, which begins on Chapel House Lane and then goes towards Whoop Hall, has come adrift from its hinges and is basically lying horizontally. This is the landowner's responsibility unless it is obstructing the Bridleway alignment
- iv. The Council is thanked for the update on footpath FP 509007

Cumbria County Council remains the body responsible for PROW until a decision is made at cabinet level to hand over to YDNPA.

b. Highways:

The Chairman reported that a response to the reports made at the last meeting is still awaited. The Clerk will ask Councillor Stan Collins, Chairman of the Planning Committee, to follow this up.

A request had been made for the treatment of weeds growing up the middle of lanes following the chip and tar work. North Heads and Chapel House lanes were treated but not Colliers. A reminder has been sent.

There is damage to the recently resurfaced Gateheads Lane from the railway bridge to Owl Barn caused by a contractor's JCB tractor unit working for B4RN (steel caterpillar tracks were not protected with rubber covers).

c. Village Hall:

Councillor Lobley reported that the Committee had met on 14th September, together with representatives of other village organisations. No events are planned at present but there may be a French evening in February. A new gas meter had been fitted and the damp in the cellar has been inspected. White lines have been painted on the steps and a 'boon morning' is planned for November.

16/96 Street lights:

The Chairman reported that all the lamps/columns have now been upgraded and the Council is waiting for ENW to connect the new column. The forms have been completed and the new MPAN registered from 29th September to enable the Council to pay for electricity directly to EON instead of via SLDC and there will be a significant saving (£83.30 instead of £444 per annum). An interim invoice from SLDC is expected.

16/97 War Memorial:

This had been covered in 'Public Participation' (agenda item 16/88).

16/98 Community Defibrillator:

Application has been made to BT to adopt the redundant telephone kiosk opposite the Village Hall in order to house a defibrillator. The result of this is awaited. It was noted that at present there is no such facility nearby. Funding for this initiative is being investigated and it was agreed Cumbria Community Grants and Casterton Community Trust should be approached. The Parish Council would also contribute.

16/99 Finance:

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

HMRC	£229.20	PAYE
Ian Johnson	£66.00	Printing Newsletter
K M Price	£230.14	Quarterly expenses to 30th September Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

16/100 Planning: None.

16/101 Future agenda items:

The following were noted:

- a. Survey of drains in the parish.
- b. Response to the consultation on a possible Referendum where significant increases in precept are proposed.
- c. Precept 2017-18
- d. Meeting dates for 2017.

(Agenda items may also be submitted to the Clerk up to 14 days prior to the next meeting)

16/102 Date of next meeting:

Monday 21st November 2016 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: