

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 5th September 2016, at 7.30pm.

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

16/69 Public participation:

- a. Laraine Sullivan, Co-ordinator of Ingleton's Community Defibrillator, gave an interesting talk and demonstration on defibrillators. It was resolved to make this an agenda item for the next meeting in order to investigate the possibility of providing one or more defibrillators in the parish.
- b. Comment was made as to whether the B4RN report in the minutes of the last meeting was the prerogative of the Council or not. The Council, however, believes this is information of public interest and it is therefore not inappropriate for it to be reported. The resident making the comment was asked to request B4RN to submit an official report to future Council meetings if they wished to.
- c. Councillor Humphris informed the meeting that he had declared an interest in minute 16/53 as a shareholder in B4RN.

16/70 Requests for Dispensations: None.

16/71 Declarations of Interest:

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

16/72 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2016, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the minutes are now put on the website as 'draft' and minutes of former meetings are to be converted to pdf files, in the interests of website security.

16/73 Casual Vacancy:

The Casual Vacancy had been advertised and SLDC had notified the Council that there had been no requests for an Election. Only one expression of interest had been received and Kevin Talbot was therefore co-opted to the Council. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

16/74 County and District matters:

Councillor Mackie said the new blue bags for recycling should be delivered soon. He also said that the bridge over Casterton Beck should be repaired within the next four weeks and the rubbish surrounding it cleared up.

16/75 Police Report: None.

16/76 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. One 'banner' still remains on the railings at Devil's Bridge. The Clerk has contacted SLDC Enforcement Officer and will do so again.
- b. No response has been received from SLDC regarding the mobile shelters at the Golf Club. The Clerk will contact YDNPA.
- c. The letter from SLDC (minute 16/56b refers), requested by Councillor Lancaster, has not been received and will be followed up again.
- d. The Clerk has updated the Council's website security.
- e. The Clerk has confirmed with YDNPA that he will receive hard copy of planning applications.
- f. Councillor Humphris has placed the two new Neighbourhood Watch signs at the agreed sites.
- g. The Clerk and Chairman are looking into the registration of the land at the Pinfold and the Village Green.
- h. The Pinfold has been included in the site details of the Old School with Davis & Bowring. The Estate Agents have been contacted and asked to clarify this with Sedbergh/Casterton School.
- i. The next CALC meeting will be on Thursday 8th September at 7pm at Gilpin Bridge.
- j. The next Respect meeting will be on Thursday 15th September at 2pm at Sedbergh Peoples Hall.
- k. The next LAP meeting will be on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm at Sedbergh Peoples Hall

16/77 Reports:

a. Public Rights of Way.

Laitha Lane was strimmed by the staff from Woodside Caravan Site and a letter of thanks has been sent to the manager

The Clerk agreed to report the following matters:

Footpath 509023 - a hole in the road has appeared near Ghyll Cottage. The ownership of the road is thought to be Underley Estates.

Work was being carried out on the bridge over Casterton Beck last week, as apparently the first repairs have been washed away. The site is very untidy.

The metal gate across the end of Footpath 509021 - the bridleway which begins on Chapel House Lane and then goes towards Whoop Hall, has come adrift from its hinges and is lying horizontally, so would be difficult to move

The footpath 509007 from the garage that goes alongside the Hazlett's property is fairly narrow all the way up but it is so overgrown at the top with conifers that it is almost impossible to get round the corner.

(Cumbria County Council remains the body responsible until a decision is made at Cabinet level to hand Rights of Way matters to YDNPA).

b. Highways:

The Chairman contacted CCC Highways regarding 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). This was reported to CCC Highways but there has been no response to date.

c. Village Hall.

The next meeting of the Committee is on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm

16/78 Street lights:

The Council is waiting for ENW to connect the new column. The forms have been completed and returned to Shared Services ENW to start the process of transferring payments from SLDC to the chosen supplier.

16/79 War Memorial

The War Memorial Fund has been contacted and the Council has been advised to submit a pre-application for funding. This will take 8-10 weeks for a response. Work must not commence before a funding decision has been made. The War Memorial Fund suggests that the Casterton War Memorial site be updated with more recent photographs and a statement made that funding has been requested.

16/80 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following account:

Enid Hastings	£59.99	Printer cartridges
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b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's accounts for 2015-16 was presented. There were no matters raised for the Council's attention.

d. The report from the External Auditor on the Council's Accounts for 2015-16 was presented. A minor issue regarding the separation of the SLDC Precept from the Community Support Grant in the accounts was the only matter that was raised.

- e. It was resolved to add Councillor Talbot's name to the Bank Mandate as a signatory on the Council's account.
- f. It was agreed to purchase a remembrance wreath for the Remembrance Sunday service and Tom Herd agreed to be responsible for this. The Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church, Casterton, will be approached regarding arrangements for a bugler to play at the service as last year.

16/81 New Financial Regulations:

The amended draft of the new Financial Regulations, having been circulated, was approved.

16/82 Planning:

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

SL/2016/0408 Bee Nest Farm, Casterton. Demolition of existing extension/shed and erection of single storey extension. Non-determination.

CU/2016/0008 Agricultural barn at Fell Yeat, Casterton. Conversion of agricultural building to form a single dwelling house. Granted.

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. Granted.

SL/2016/0489 Bee 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. Granted.

SL/2016/0401 Bee Nest Farm, Casterton. Demolition of existing cowshed / slurry pit/tank, silage clamp and erection of two dwellings; Demolition of existing extension/shed and erection of new extension to existing farmhouse and erection of stone boundary wall/gate to define curtilage of existing dwelling. Not progressed.

SL/2016/0394 Crookenden House & Garner House, Casterton Lower School. Conversion of former boarding school premises to provide 4 dwellings (net increase 2 dwellings). Granted.

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

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

SL/2016/0364 Land adjacent to The Grange, Casterton. Agricultural livestock building. Granted.

- b. *The following comments, submitted by the Clerk since the last meeting, were confirmed:*

SL/2016/0691 Newlands, Casterton. Dwelling house. Refusal recommended for the following reasons:

It is not a barn development, but a new building partly on the footprint of a long-demolished barn

The design is not in sympathy with the architecture of the locality or the adjacent house

Its position on the very edge of the highway is intrusive in a narrow lane

The parking area is rather small, with very difficult sight lines onto the lane

No provision appears to have been made for a septic tank

Access to all the houses in Casterton is by narrow lanes with few passing places and any new build will increase the existing volume of traffic.

- c. *The following application was considered:*

5/02/2 Bronte House, Crookenden House and Garner House, Lower School, Casterton. Conversion of former boarding school to provide 17 additional dwellings, (giving a total of 20). The Council's previous comments still stand but it was agreed to ask if the school's right of pedestrian access over the road would be transferred by the developer to the owners of the new properties in Bronte House in due course.

16/83 Future agenda items:

The Clerk said that future items for the agenda can be sent to him up to 14 days before the meeting date.

16/84 Date of next meeting:

Monday 10th October 2016 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.

16/85 Resolution to exclude the public and press:

It was resolved to exclude the public and press, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

PART 2:

16/87 Following the recent Clerk's Annual Appraisal, it was resolved that he should progress to point SCP28 on the recommended Salary Scale, to be backdated to 1st April 2016.

The Council will assure itself, as required by the Financial Regulations, that any PAYE and National Insurance obligations are being met.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: