

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 27th February 2017 at 2pm.

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

The Chairman welcomed Steve Hastie, Area Manager for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Ranger Service within the Cumbrian part of the Dales, who is based at Orton. On 1st August 2016 the National Park increased in area by 24% and now includes most of Casterton parish.

Casterton Councillors have already had a meeting and discussions with Steve about erecting new National Park Boundary markers near to the new boundary, on the A683. The purpose is not only to mark the boundary, but also to highlight to people they are entering a very special area, an area of national importance.

Much information was passed on to the Council and a general discussion was most useful, especially with relation to stiles and gates and the duties of landowners. It was resolved to invite a representative of YDNPA to the Annual Parish Meeting.

17/20 Public participation: None.

17/21 Requests for Dispensations: None.

17/22 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/24 County and District matters: None.

17/25 Police Report:

The Clerk had received the Police Report by email and this was noted. There were no incidents of note for the Casterton area.

17/26 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. Following an appeal from the Village Hall Committee, B4RN directors have agreed to waive the £30 monthly charge to the Hall and there is now live Internet connection for users of the hall.

- b. Two local residents have generously offered to take over the maintenance of the verge on the corner of the A683 and the lane down to Becksde, as it is getting very overgrown and beginning to obscure the vision, both leaving and turning into the lane. They suggest removing the conifers, cutting back/removing the cotoneaster and planting low growing shrubs. The Council accepted this proposal and a letter of thanks is to be sent.
- c. The Council has received information and entry forms for Cumbria in Bloom – the parish has not entered for many years.
- d. CALC informs the Council a whole day training event (10.30am to 4.30pm) is to take place in May/June on 'Common Land and Village Greens'. The speaker is Roger Taylor, senior partner of Hedleys Solicitors, Surrey, that has an extensive practice dealing with Parish and Town Councils. It was resolved not to attend this event.
- e. There has been an invitation from Bruno Peek Pageant Master to join with more than 320 towns and parish councils to take part in the commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war, by lighting a beacon 11th November 2018. The Council is not against this proposal but the landowner would need to arrange the transport of the wood to Brownthwaite.
- f. The next CALC meeting is on Thursday 9th March at Gilpin Bridge and the Chairman will attend.

17/27 Reports:

- a. **Highways:** *The Chairman reported as follows:*
 - i. The culvert at Wandales lane is still overflowing and work is confirmed to start when a road closure notice is obtained, as the pipe under the road needs replacing.
 - ii. A request has been made for the white lining to be replaced at the top of Well Lane.
 - iii. All the drains have been cleared but there is still flooding at times due to mud and debris.
- b. **Village Hall:** *Councillor Lobley reported as follows:*
 - i. The committee met on 8th February.
 - ii. A letter is to be sent to the Directors of B4RN re the monthly fee
 - iii. The boon day has been held.
 - iv. The electrical installation has been checked.
 - v. The boiler needs to be replaced and several quotations have been obtained and a further one expected
 - vi. A key safe is to be purchased and installed
 - vii. A series of talks is planned for autumn.
 - viii. There will be a coffee morning and plant sale on 29th April.
 - ix. The French evening had been a great success, both socially with an attendance of 56, and financially.

17/28 Spring Litter Pick:

It was resolved to hold this event on Sunday 19th March from 10am to 12 noon. The Chairman will contact SLDC regarding the equipment required. Advertising the event will be by posters, the website and flyers will be delivered to houses in the village.

17/29 Resilience Plan:

The Clerk had circulated copies of similar plans in his other Councils and information had been obtained from ACT. It is recognised that there is a need to get a working group together and this will be advertised in the April Newsletter and on the website.

17/30 War Memorials:

The Conservation Officer for the War Memorials Trust is to inspect the Memorial and advise accordingly. A response had been received from the District Church Council and it was resolved to respond, saying that the Council is happy to join in a 50% partnership for the future maintenance of the memorial, as undoubtedly further funding will be required in subsequent years.

17/31 Councillor Training:

There had been delays in obtaining a response from both CALC and the trainer, due to leave etc, and in the meantime a training course 'The Good Councillor' had been announced by CALC to take place in Kendal on Monday 3rd April from 6 to 8.30pm. It was resolved to ask for three places to be reserved on this course.

17/32 Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority:

After discussion, it was resolved that this Council supports the Article 4 Directive, which will prevent developments taking place without planning permission.

17/33 Casterton Community Trust:

Councillor Kevin Talbot was nominated as the Council's Representative on the Casterton Community Trust for a three-year term.

17/34 Finance:

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

J Hartley & Sons £537.60 Maintenance

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Clerk agreed to check the level of insurance cover on the Pinfold, prior to the renewal date of 1st June 2017.

17/35 Planning:

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

S/05/6 Casterton School, Casterton. Variation of Condition 2 of SL/2016/0041 to design and payout. Granted.

S/05/7/LB Casterton Old Hall, Casterton. Listed building consent to demolish part of existing stone boundary wall to widen vehicular access to new garage. Granted.

S/05/5 Bull Pot Farm, Fell Road, Casterton. Erection of stone lean-to store for caving equipment and siting of 4 water storage tanks to provide grey water system for toilets, surrounded by a wooden screen. Granted.

S/05/2 Bronte House, Crookenden House and Garner House, Lower School, Casterton. Full planning permission for conversion of former boarding school to provide 17 additional dwellings (giving a total of 20). Granted.

- b. *The following application had arrived too late for inclusion on the agenda and it was resolved the Clerk should submit comments, on his delegated authority:*

S/05/8 Newlands, Casterton. Use of existing garage as home office; conversion of former stables to residential annex; erection of new garage and relocation of access gates.

17/36 Future Agenda items:

These may be sent to the Clerk no less than 14 days prior to the next meeting.

17/37 Risk Assessment:

The Risk Assessment had been circulated and this was updated and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

17/38 Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting:

This will be held at 7pm on Thursday 13th April 2017 at Casterton Village Hall. Refreshments will be served at 6.45pm and the AGM of Casterton Community Trust will be held at 8pm, following the Parish Council Meeting which commences at 5.30pm.

17/39 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 13th April 2017 at 5.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm

Signed:

Dated: