

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, at 2pm.

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

**17/1 Public participation:** None.

**17/2 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**17/3 Declarations of Interest:**

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

Councillor said he would make a Declaration of Interest should matters connected with B4RN be discussed.

**17/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**17/5 County and District matters:** None.

**17/6 Police Report:**

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been two incidents over the past month relating to Casterton, neither of which were crimes. With lambing season approaching, please note that dogs should be kept on leads and under control when using a public footpath across a field.

**17/7 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:**

The Chairman had attended the CALC meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**17/8 Reports:**

**a. Public Rights of Way:**

It was reported that Footpaths 509008 and 509009 which cross land belonging to Casterton Grange have become extremely muddy because of the cows and one of the gates across the path is locked.

**b. Highways:**

The flooding on Wandales Lane is still serious and a reply is awaited from CCC Highways.

**c. Village Hall:**

The next event at the Hall is a French evening on 24<sup>th</sup> February. The B4RN connection to the Hall is now in place.

**d. LAP:**

Councillor Talbot reported on his attendance at the recent LAP meeting, when there had been a report on the first East Integrated Care Community (ICC) public event. The aim of the first event was to explain the Better Care Together concept and the vision of Integrated Care Communities and Community Development.

The Chairman recommended that should any future communications be received from this group, the Council should ask what role Parish Councils can play in it, and if there is no identified role, then it should be ignored.

The next LAP meeting has yet to be fixed in May – Councillor Talbot will attend.

**17/9 Street lights:**

Much work has gone on behind the scenes, but the Council still awaits the best route to be found to bring the power to the lamps.

**17/10 Resilience Plan:**

The Council feels this should be a community effort. Councillors will meet informally before the next meeting to consider the way forward. The Clerk to circulate the draft plan from Ireby with Leck Parish Council.

**17/11 Community Defibrillator:**

The Council awaits a decision on its request to purchase the BT phone kiosk before this can proceed. Councillor Lancaster said that further consultation to take place regarding redundant kiosks around the area.

Community Grants are available to a maximum of £1,500 and Gillian Holmes of CCC will assist in any application.

**17/12 War Memorial:**

A response is awaited from the District Church Council (minute 16/114 refers) and it is understood there is a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January. The Chairman will speak to the War Memorials Trust as to whether grants may be available if the Memorial was free-standing.

### **17/13 Councillor Training:**

Both Barbon Parish Council and Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council are agreeable to a joint training event and CALC has asked for possible dates. Mondays seem to be the best option for most of those concerned and the Clerk will ask CALC for available Mondays.

### **17/14 Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority:**

a. Three Councillors had met Steve Hastie, Park Ranger, YDNPA, and agreed on the site and design for a YDNPA sign at the Park's border, just up the river from Devil's Bridge, and this should be erected by the end of March.

b. Parish Forums are being set up to meet twice in 2016, at Orton and Sedbergh. The Council sees a potential benefit in these Forums and will try to ensure at least one Councillor attends future meetings.

c. The YDNPA Local Plan 2025/30 has now been adopted; in the meantime the SLDC Local Plan is still in force.

d. Correspondence relating to Article 4 Directive had arrived too late to be included on the agenda. It was agreed Councillors will consider this and the Clerk will respond, on his delegated authority.

### **17/15 Finance:**

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

Ian Johnson	£91.00	Printing Newsletter
Ken Humphris	£36.00	Reimbursement – Website subscription
K M Price	£181.79	Quarterly expenses to 31 <sup>st</sup> December, Including use of home office and travel

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. Financial assistance towards an internet connection at the Village Hall was discussed. It was reported that some villages have had free service from B4RN so it was resolved to await the outcome of this, but in principle the Council is willing to assist if requested.

### **17/16 Planning:**

*a. The following applications have been commented upon by the Council since the last meeting:*

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

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. Approval recommended. (This has since been 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. Approval recommended. (This has since been granted).

5/05/8 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. Refusal recommended.

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

SL/2016/0401 and 0408 Bee Nest Farm, Casterton. Demolition of existing extension/shed and erection of garage and stone boundary wall/gate to define curtilage of existing dwelling. Granted. (This Council recommended approval)

S/05/2 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), Granted.

#### **17/17 Correspondence:**

It was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Duncan Hamlett, former Parish Councillor, who has been awarded a BEM for his charitable work and services to the community.

#### **17/18 Future agenda items:**

a. Steve Hastie, Park Ranger YDNPA, will be attending the next meeting and Claire Wildsmith (Public Rights of Way Officer) will be invited to attend.

b. Casterton Community Trust is approaching its third anniversary and will require a nomination for a Council-appointed Trustee.

#### **17/19 Date of next meeting:**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.**

*The meeting closed at 3.20pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*