

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 5.30pm.

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

17/40 Public participation: None.

17/41 Requests for Dispensations: None.

17/42 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/43 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/44 County and District matters: None.

17/45 Police Report: None.

17/46 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. The Chairman had attended the CALC meeting on 9th March at Gilpin Bridge. An update of the measures taken regarding the flooding in the area was given.
- b. ENW requested consent for trimming a tree on the Village Green to prevent interference with overhead lines, which has been given. The work will be done on 6th and 7th July when the entire village will have their electricity cut off.
- c. A farmer's flood group request had been received from Paul Barnes (Braithwaite) and it was resolved to wish the project well.
- d. Parish Councillor survey – this has been circulated and individuals are encouraged to complete it.
- e. Older Person's Housing Strategy – email details have been sent to all Councillors.
- f. BT payphone – still no confirmation, although the Council has been requested twice to confirm the application for adoption and has received due acknowledgement.

17/47 Declaration of Casual Vacancy:

The Clerk reported that Councillor John Bye had resigned as a Parish Councillor, due to ill health. Tribute was made to Councillor Bye's excellent service over the past six years, five of these as Vice-Chairman. The Clerk will respond appropriately.

The Vacancy will now be advertised, both locally and by SLDC. If 10 Electors of the parish do not claim an Election within 14 working days the Council will be free to fill the Vacancy by co-option. The Chairman will approach *The Westmorland Gazette* to request some coverage.

17/48 Reports:

- a. **Highways.** No details are available yet regarding a road closure date for Wandales Lane. Some work has been done on the culvert there and in the opposite field where the soak away is sited. HIMs has been launched which is a new reporting 'on line system' and the Chairman will look into this.
- b. **Village Hall.** Councillor Lobley said the AGM of the Village Hall will be on 25th April at 7.30pm and will be followed by wine and nibbles.

17/49 Spring Litter pick:

The Spring Litter Pick was 'rained off' on the original date, but completed by three residents on the following weekend. The 'ad hoc' litter collection by residents throughout the year is appreciated.

17/50 Community Emergency Plan:

The information of the proposed plan was highlighted in the recent Newsletter, which has been distributed. An initial meeting has been arranged on 2nd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It was agreed to send flyers out the week before and to put notices on boards

17/51 Yorkshire Dales National Park:

The first meeting of the newly formed Parish Forum will be held at Orton Market Hall at 7pm on Monday 8th May. The Chairman will attend, and Councillor Lobley if possible.

A letter from Steve Hastie, Park Ranger, had been circulated to all Councillors, asking for Councils to list their future priorities. As this had already been done by this Council, it was resolved to ask if the points raised need to be sent again.

It was noted that the YDNPA now has responsibility for maintaining Public Rights of Way.

17/52 War Memorial:

The Chairman and Councillor Talbot attended the AGM of the DCC at the end of last month and agreement was reached that in future the Council and the DCC would jointly share responsibility for the maintenance and funding of any work required relating to the War Memorial. Quotations have been obtained from local stonemasons and grant applications made to the War Memorial Trust and Casterton Community Trust. The Council and the DCC have each agreed to donate £100 towards the cost of the improvements and it is hoped the work will be carried out in the summer holidays.

17/53 Finance:

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

Casterton Village Hall	£120.00	Hire of hall (noted)
HMRC	£195.00	PAYE (noted)
Casterton PCC	£81.00	Church clock maintenance
Cumbria CVS	£20.00	Councillor training
K M Price	£157.68	Quarterly expenses to 31st March including use of home office and travel

- b. It was resolved to amend the bank standing orders paid to the Clerk, in order to reflect the 1% nationally agreed increase in salaries.
- c. The Clerk presented the provisional accounts for 2016-17. These were noted and will now proceed to audit.

17/54 Planning:

a. *The following applications were discussed:*

S/05/12 Land off Wandales Lane, Casterton. Erection of silage building.
S/05/12A Land off Wandales Lane, Casterton. Erection of agricultural building for livestock and general agricultural storage.

The Council recommends refusal for the following reasons:

The site is close to the high point of the former Roman Road between Cowan Bridge and Barbon. Any structure will therefore be prominent in the landscape when viewed from any direction.

SL/2016/0489 gave permission for a second agricultural building, alongside and behind the original (when viewed from the road) with a similar construction and a ridge height of just under 6m. Although this was a further intrusion on the visual amenity of this otherwise unspoilt area, the effect was relatively limited.

S/05/12A purports to merely shift the position of this building away from the front (farmyard end), but this is not correct.

S/05/12 proposes a silage store alongside the building in S/05/12A with a ridge height of about 8m, some 2m greater than either of the other 2 buildings, and in addition includes a roof extending from the eaves of the original, to the new higher ridge of the silage building, to also encompass the new storage building.

The result would be a building some 40m wide at the north end, with a roof rising over a distance of 18m to a ridge of about 8m. Such a large mass would be very intrusive in the landscape of this newly designated area of the National Park.

The Council believes that any further development on this site should be:

- a. Limited to the height of the present building
- b. Designed in such a way as to reduce the impact on the landscape. This could include using different roof/wall materials/colours to break up the large mass.
- c. Be accompanied by a detailed proposal for screening with local native species on ALL sides, including that abutting Wandales Lane.

b. The following comments, made since the last meeting, on the Clerk's delegated authority, were confirmed:

SD624800 Grange Lodge Casterton. Removal of existing double garage and single storey utility extension and erection of two-storey side extension. Approval recommended.

17/55 Future agenda items:

The following were noted, but additional items may be sent to the Clerk up to 14 days before the next meeting:

- a. Newsletter - future organisation
- b. Governance document received via CALC - to note new sections
- c. Payroll administration - the Clerk will circulate details with the agenda

17/56 Date of next meeting:

***Wednesday 31st May 2017 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall
(This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: