

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Wednesday 28th June 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

17/78 Public participation: None.

17/79 Requests for Dispensations: None.

17/80 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/81 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/82 Casual Vacancy:

The Chairman reported that Ann Irving has expressed an interest to be co-opted to fill this vacancy but she is away at present. This will therefore be an agenda item for the next meeting.

17/83 County and District matters:

Councillor Mackie reported that contact is being maintained with both CCC and YDNPA regarding the cutting of hedges and verges in the lanes around the parish. Councillor Talbot, as highways representative, is also keeping an eye on things. It is realised that the cutting schedule is arranged around the protection of flora and fauna.

It had been reported in AKL that a traffic island might be installed at the Biggins junction in Kirkby Lonsdale and it was suggested that something similar might be suitable at Devil's Bridge, to assist traffic exiting from the A683 on to the A65. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting and to invite the County Councillor, Nick Cotton, to attend and advise.

17/84 Police Report: None.

17/95 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. The sale of the School House does include the Pinfold and this should now be removed from the Council's responsibility.
- b. The next Code of Conduct briefing will be on 5th July.
- c. It was pointed out that the grey bin at Ivy Cottage is often overflowing after the property has been let. The Clerk agreed to contact the owners and suggest that they request an additional bin from SLDC.

- d. ENW has confirmed the required wayleaves have now been obtained for the necessary connection to the new street light.

17/96 Officer's Reports:

- a. Public Rights of Way: None.
- b. Highways: The Chairman is liaising with Councillors Humphris and Talbot regarding outstanding issues.
- c. Village Hall: None.

17/97 Community Emergency Plan:

A further meeting of the working group has been held and reasonable progress made, using the ACT template. The next meeting is on 10th July at 7pm, after which the plan will become public.

Copies of the new Household Emergency Plan leaflet from ACT were circulated to all Councillors.

17/98 War Memorial:

The Chairman reported that all the necessary paperwork had been completed and it is expected that work will commence during the middle week of July. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask the Churchwardens for permission to connect to the Church's electricity while the work is carried out. It was also pointed out that the war memorial should be covered by the Church's insurance policy and not the Council's.

17/99 Newsletter:

The change to an e-newsletter will now take place but there will still be an option for residents to request a hard copy. Requests specifying whether by email or hard copy should be made to the Clerk.

17/100 YDNPA:

The Chairman reported on three issues:

- a. The boundary marker will be erected soon, near Devil's Bridge.
- b. The strimming of Laitha Lane is on the list of jobs to be carried out.
- c. The signage from Laitha Lane to the A683 is not helpful and is being looked at.

It was resolved to place 'interpretation board or parish map on the agenda for the next meeting.

The following contacts in YDNPA were noted:

Area Ranger (Cumbria) Paul Wilkinson (signage, projects, grants)

01539-626104 or 07800-975620 paul.wilkinson@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Access Ranger (Cumbria) Graham Pye (maintenance, broken stiles)

01969-666228 or 07818-048758 graham.pye@yorkshiredales.org.uk

17/101 Correspondence:

- a. The Clerk confirmed that he had completed the required Declaration of Compliance for the Pensions Regulator and had received an acknowledgement of this.
- b. CALC Satisfaction Survey. The Clerk has completed his section of this survey and Councillor Humphris agreed to complete the Council's section and return it to CALC.

17/102 Finance:

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

HMRC	£224.20	PAYE
Kevin Talbot	£12.60	Travelling expenses – training.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. It was resolved to transfer the Council's banking arrangements to the Cumberland Building Society and the necessary forms were signed, to enable both a current account and a deposit account to be opened. All the present Councillors will be signatories, any two to sign.

17/103 Planning:

- a. As the following application arrived too late for inclusion on the agenda, it was resolved that the Clerk will comment, using his delegated authority:
- b. The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:

S/05/4 The Barn, Norwood Farm Cottages. Erection of single storey extension to west elevation, internal alterations to layout incorporating integral garage, store into living accommodation and erection of garden studio.
Granted.

17/104 Future agenda items:

These can be sent to the Clerk up to 14 days prior to the next meeting.

17/105 Date of next meeting:

Monday 7th August 2017 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Dated: