

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 7th August 2017 at 2pm.

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

17/106 Public Participation: None.

17/107 Requests for Dispensations:

Councillor Lancaster said that it could be advisable if Councillors request a Dispensation to allow them to discuss and take part in progressing B4RN in the parish. It is understood that the Clerk can grant Dispensations, and he agreed to check this procedure with Debbie Storr at SLDC. As a majority of Parish Councillors also sit on the Village Hall committee, a Dispensation in respect of this will also be included.

17/108 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/109 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

County and District Councillor Nick Cotton had sent the following note regarding the minutes:

'With regard to Agenda Item 11, Traffic Islands, I think there may be some confusion. A study will be carried out for the Biggins Road / A65 / Biggins Lane junction to examine the possibility of installing a traffic island to allow pedestrians (including schoolchildren) to cross the A65 more safely to and from Low Biggins. There is not the same pedestrian demand for crossing the A65 from the south side to the north side of Stanley Bridge. Where Robraine (the Whittington Road) joins the A65 there are traffic islands in place already as there is a clear demand for pedestrians to cross at this point.'

It was resolved to progress this to the next meeting and to invite Councillor Cotton to attend in order to discuss this and other highways issues.

17/110 Casual Vacancy:

SLDC had notified the Council that there had been no requests for an Election and therefore the Council was free to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Mrs Ann Irving was co-opted to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

17/111 Police Report:

PCSO Martin Boak had sent a report on behalf of PCSO Mandy Coleman who is on leave. Within the wider area that the parish falls, in the last month there have been 32 incidents reported, resulting in four crimes being recorded. In Casterton, on 16th July there was a report of a large number of noisy cyclists around the parish. It would seem this was an organized triathlon arranged by Casterton School and on the same day there was a report of a power cable, dangerously low, overhanging the road, but Officers attending were unable to locate any such cable.

17/112 County and District matters:

Councillor Lancaster pointed out there is only one 30mph speed limit sign on entering the village from the north. The Chairman will report this to CCC Highways. He also said that the lane from the Loop Road to Chapel House Lane is badly overgrown and should be dealt with as a proper road. Councillor Talbot agreed to speak to Joanne Parker at CCC Highways about this.

Councillor Mackie said that the footpath from Devil's Bridge to Casterton needs strimming and is full of nettles. The Chairman has already brought this to the attention of Joanne Parker. He also complimented the Council on the recent renovation of the War Memorial.

17/113 Chairman's Report:

- a. The next CALC meeting is on 21st September at 7pm at Gilpin Bridge – Councillor Humphris will attend.
- b. The YDNPA Autumn Forum Meeting is at 7pm at Sedbergh People's Hall on 11th September.
- c. BT payphone – there have been further confusing emails but still no confirmation of the phone box adoption.
- d. The Ash Tag is now sited on the Ash Tree on Caton House land, close to the lane.
- e. Two banners remain on the railings at Devils Bridge. The Clerk will request their removal.
- f. Dementia Courses from SLDC being held locally – the details are in the notice boards and will be put on the website.

17/114 Officer's Reports:

- a. **Public Rights of Way:** Some nettles were cut back on Laitha Lane by QES staff, prior to the annual walk by pupils. The lane has now all been strimmed by YDNPA Rangers. There are rungs missing from a stile in Laitha Lane (it has been reported that two residents had fallen over it). The hedge close to the stile by the garage needs trimming and the barbed wire on the top of the wire fence may be hazardous for persons using this stile.

b. Highways:

- i. CCC currently has a drainage engineer working for them and he is looking into alternative outfalls for the water flowing down Wandales Lane. He has contacted the landowners on the lane to discuss possible pipe routes. There is a capital scheme in this financial year, meaning money is available and committed to the project.
- ii. Fencing on A683. Two panels are broken and CCC will repair them and trim verges when in the area.
- iii. Kerbing by Colliers Lane cross roads. CCC confirms it is possible to do this at a cost of approx £3000, but is unable to meet the total cost. The Parish Council and Councillor Cotton (from his budget) may be asked to contribute.
- iv. Drains. Flooding has occurred on Well Lane, Chapel House Lane and the cross roads at Collers Lane. The contractor is to clear the drains again and to clear culverts as necessary.
- v. Fern Croft road has pot holes and the surface is lifting. This has been reported to CCC.

c. Village Hall: None.

17/115 Traffic Islands:

It is felt that a roundabout is required at the junction of the A683 with the A65. This, together with a number of CCC issues, will be discussed with Councillor Cotton at a future meeting.

17/116 Community Emergency Plan:

A representative from ACT attended the last meeting of the working group with some useful advice. The next meeting will be in September

17/117 War Memorial:

The War Memorial has been steam cleaned and photographs of the lettering sent to the War Memorials Trust for assessment of the etching required. The renovation is expected to be completed soon.

17/118 Newsletter:

A poster for the notice boards and a flyer is to be distributed to remind residents they must confirm with the Clerk (by email or paper copy as appropriate) if they wish to continue receiving future editions.

17/119 YDNPA:

A meeting is to be held with Paul Whittaker on 17th August to discuss the possibility of erecting an interpretation board, its contents, siting and the possible grants that might be available.

The Boundary Marker is now in place, just north of Devil's Bridge.

17/120 Correspondence:

- a. SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel. It was resolved that this Council does not wish to seek recommendations from the Panel in relation to allowances for 2018-19.
- b. Matt Hough, regarding Ivy Cottage (minute 17/95c refers). The Clerk had received a reply, saying that an additional bin had already been requested from SLDC but that he would now ask again.
- c. Correspondence had been received from a resident complaining of the mess outside one of the homes at Fern Croft. The Clerk agreed to contact South Lakes Housing about this.
- d. Councillor Lobley reported serious problems with the drains outside her home, resulting in flooding into her property, with tree roots under the road. It was agreed this situation should be closely monitored

17/121 Information Commissions Office:

Following discussion, the Council agreed the Clerk should register the Council with the Information Commissions Office, the cost being £35.

17/122 Finance:

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

Ian Johnson	£85.50	Printing Newsletter (noted)
Duncan Hamlett	£25.00	Internal Audit - honorarium
K M Price	£156.45	Quarterly expenses to 30th June including use of home office and travel

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. Arrangements for the transfer of the Council's banking arrangements from the Nat West to the Cumberland Building Society are in hand. All Councillors are required to produce identification at one of the Cumberland's offices. £10,000 has been transferred in readiness to open the account. When any outstanding cheques have been cleared the transfer will take place.
- d. The Internal Audit of the Council's accounts for 2017-18 had been completed by Duncan Hamlett and there were no issues raised for the Council to consider.

17/123 Planning:

- a. *The following comments, submitted by the Clerk since the last meeting, on his delegated authority, were confirmed:*

S/05/16 Elm Tree Cottage. Alterations to existing rear extension together with internal alterations and replacement of front porch with garden room extension. No objections.

S/05/15 Field Edge, Casterton. Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission SL/2016/0486 to re-site proposed plant and pool room annexe and proposed swimming pool location. (This has now been granted).

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

S/05/12 Land off Wandales Lane, Casterton. Erection of silage building. Refused.

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

S/05/13 Casterton School, Casterton. Erection of a 4 bedroom dwelling (re-design of dwelling (House 2) approved by SLDC Ref: SL/2016/0041). (Withdrawn/final disposal).

17/124 Future agenda items:

Items for the agenda may be sent to the Clerk up to 14 days prior to the next meeting. The following have already been noted:

- a. Funding for kerbing (minute 17/114b iii refers).
b. Bank Mandate update.
c. Standing Orders.

17/125 Date of next meeting:

Monday 4th September 2017 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 3.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: