

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 2pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), Ann Irving, Ken Humphris, 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 County and District Councillor Nick Cotton and CSO Mandy Coleman.

17/143 Public participation:

The following matters were raised:

- a. The new street light is not on yet. (This is because the connection to the supply by ENW is awaited). The Chairman emphasised the need for this light.
- b. Comment was made as to the necessity of the proposed kerbing at Colliers Lane cross roads. It was suggested flooding is due to the 'soak away' on the Golf Course.
- c. The wording on the new YDNPA boundary marker at Devil's Bridge was queried. This is not within the remit of the Parish Council and should be taken up with the YDNPA.

17/144 Requests for Dispensations: None.

17/145 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/146 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2017, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/147 County and District matters:

Councillor Lancaster reported on the closing of New Road car park in Kendal and its eventual use as a public garden. He commented upon the Inspector's recent decision in upholding the Planning Appeal by Eight Property Ltd (see Chairman's Report).

17/148 Police Report:

The Clerk read the Police Report. In the early hours of 24th September, a vehicle was reported causing a nuisance by revving its engine. It was checked out and discovered that a car rally was taking place.

It was reported in the surrounding areas that off-road motorcycles are becoming a problem using Bridleways as access to roads. The informant has informed the Ranger and the Police will also monitor it, but residents are asked to phone in if any scramblers are seen in the area using Bridleways/off road lanes etc. Please try to obtain the registration number.

A couple of suspicious vehicles were reported in the surrounding areas, but these were checked and were in order.

17/149 Chairman's Report:

a. Diary Dates:

12 th November	Remembrance Sunday
18 th November	CALC AGM at the Race Course Carlisle (Apologies to be sent)

b. The Chairman attended the CALC meeting on 21st September at Gilpin Bridge. There was a presentation by Dr Jim Hacking on the progress of the new NHS Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group which was formed on 1st April 2017

This group includes 365,000 Patients in 38 member practices, six in North Lancashire and 32 in South Lakeland. Meetings are held bi-monthly with GPs and hospital doctors making joint decisions to reflect the requirements of local communities. Groups of small practices work together.

There is a new initiative from the Commissioning Group. Redundant walking aids can now be returned to physiotherapy departments at local hospitals, WGH and LRI. No councillors (attending the meeting) except ours, were aware of this and it was suggested this should be communicated to all Clerks in the area.

c. YDNPA enforcement was contacted after the last Parish Council meeting, and a request was made for the removal of three banners (two were purely commercial advertising) from the railings at Devils Bridge. YDNPA has sent letters to the owners of the banners requesting removal within seven days. Two banners were removed, but one advertising the snack bar remains and two new ones have been attached. YDNPA will follow up letters by a visit to advertisers requesting the banners are removed.

d. Cameron Yazdi of SLDC attended the CALC meeting, and was asked about the progress with BT to agree the adoption of redundant BT kiosks. He agreed to contact BT again to try and resolve this issue. Since then, the Clerk has received a contract for the adoption of the kiosk and it was resolved that he should sign it on behalf of the Council.

e. The Planning Appeal by Eight Property Ltd for the school development has been upheld (SL/2016/0016 Conversion of former boarding school to provide 20 dwellings, net increase of 17 dwellings).

f. A request has been received to support Royal Air Force Centenary Celebrations from 1st April to the end of September 2018 by taking part in 'Royal Air Force in Bloom', where a flower bed in the village could be used to display the RAF colours or celebrate the RAF in some way. Next year 2018, will be 100 years since the end of the First World War and there will be various national events in which Casterton may wish to take part. It was agreed to make this an agenda item at the January Meeting.

17/150 Public Rights of Way:

It was reported that a number of stiles and footpaths are to be upgraded within the next five years. It was resolved to ask Graham Pye, YDNPA Ranger, to attend a future meeting of the Council.

17/151 Village Hall:

Councillor Lobley said that a new cleaner for the hall had been recently appointed. The talk on steam railways on 22nd September had been most interesting and well attended. Other events are planned for the winter and spring.

17/152 Highways:

CCC Highways has identified the problems on Wandales Lane and other areas of flooding have been reported through HIMS. Councillor Talbot reported on his recent meeting with Councillor Cotton, which had been thorough and useful, but no finance was available for kerbing at Colliers Lane cross roads.

The Clerk had received a reply from Peter Hosking at CCC, stating that there was no likelihood of a roundabout being provided at the junction of the A683 with the A65 at Devil's Bridge (minute 17/135 refers).

17/153 Community Emergency Plan:

A further meeting of the group had been held and a revised address map of the village had been produced. A list of emergency telephone numbers is being collected and a possible telephone system, providing a point of contact in case of an emergency occurring, is being investigated.

17/154 YDNPA:

The Parish Forum for the Western Dales parishes on 11th September had been very well attended. Various groups are involved in the management plan for the next five years, and there is serious public involvement taking place too. Councillor Talbot said he was pleased to see plenty of coverage of YDNPA issues in the Newsletter.

17/155 Lanes:

In 2015, it had been ascertained that a number of the lanes in Casterton had names but there was no signage. A sign was erected at Laitha Lane then and it was felt that other signs could be provided for the lanes leading off the A683 and A65 to assist the emergency services and deliveries. Councillor Humphris has requested a list of all existing lane names and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

17/156 Newsletter:

56 residents have requested a digital copy of the Newsletter and 12 have requested hard copies. This is an encouraging response.

17/157 Correspondence: None.

17/158 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

BT Payphones	£1.00	Adoption of telephone kiosk
HMRC	£224.20	PAYE
Enid Hastings	£25.99	Printer supplies
BDO	£120.00	External Audit
K M Price	£172.84	Quarterly expenses to 30 th September Including use of home office and travel

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. It was agreed to query an invoice from SLDC for £503.45 in respect of street lighting as the Council has already made arrangements to use its own supplier.

d. The report from the External Auditor (BDO) in respect of the Council's accounts for 2016-17 was presented. A couple of minor issues had been raised but these did not affect the auditor's opinion. The Certificate of Conclusion of Audit will now be displayed on the Council's notice board.

e. The transfer of the Council's accounts from the Nat West Bank to the Cumberland Building Society is almost complete. A cheque book is still awaited and the cheques authorised at this meeting will be issued as soon as this is received, including the September standing orders.

17/159 Planning:

a. The following applications were considered and approval recommended:

S/05/11A Grange Lodge, Casterton Grange. Removal of existing double garage and attached single storey building; and erection of two storey side extension.

S/05/18 Owls Barn, Casterton. Erection of single storey lounge extension

b. The following was noted:

S/05/9/LDC Woodclose Caravan Park, High Casterton. Certificate of lawfulness for use of land for siting holiday static caravans with no restriction on numbers or layout.

17/160 Future agenda items:

- a. 2018 Council Meetings – to consider meeting dates for 2018.
- b. Provision of parish defibrillator (January agenda)
- c. RAF Centenary celebrations (January agenda)
- d. Lanes in Casterton – consider further signs for lanes in the parish.

17/161 Date of next meeting:

Monday 13th November 2017 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: