

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 4th September 2017, at 2pm.

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

17/126 Public participation:

Concern was expressed at the three advertising banners that have been displayed for a considerable time close to Devil's Bridge. The Clerk has been in touch with SLDC to ask for their removal but it could well be the responsibility of YDNPA. The Chairman agreed to make further enquiries.

17/127 Requests for Dispensations:

There were no Requests for Dispensations and the Clerk said that, following the discussion at the last meeting (minute 17/107 refers) he had spoken to the Monitoring Officer at SLDC, who advised that Dispensations need not be applied for in these cases, but Councillors were advised to add these concerns to their Declarations of Interest, in order to keep them updated.

17/128 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/129 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17/130 County and District matters:

Councillor Mackie reported that there is still broken fencing at Devil's bridge and the Chairman agreed to follow this up with CCC Highways.

17/131 Police Report: None.

17/132 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave the following diary dates:

11th September - YDNP Autumn Forum Meeting - 7pm Sedbergh People's Hall - Councillor Humphris will attend.

21st September - CALC Meeting - 7pm Gilpin Bridge - The Chairman will attend.

3rd October - Data Protection Course - Carlisle - the Clerk may attend or wait for training by CALC at a later date.

18th November - CALC AGM - Carlisle Racecourse

Other Items

- a. Three banners (two adverts) on railings at Devils Bridge, YDNPA to be contacted and a request made for removal.
- b. The Remembrance Service is on 12th November. Councillor Irving will confirm the wreath has been ordered. The Bugler from last year has offered his services and the Council agreed to pay the honorarium of £25. The Clerk will confirm this in a letter to the Churchwardens and DCC Secretary.
- c. It was agreed if funding is already allocated to 'Contingencies', this can be used if necessary for emergencies identified in the Community Emergency Plan.

17/133 Public Rights of Way:

Problems with two ladder stiles have been noted.

17/134 Village Hall:

Councillor Lobley said there is a committee meeting this evening. The next event is a talk on steam railways on 22nd September.

17/135 Highways:

County Councillor Nick Cotton has contacted Councillor Talbot regarding a highways issue in the parish and a meeting is to be arranged between them. The cost of possible kerbing (minute 17/114biii refers) at Colliers Lane cross roads could be around £3,000 and a meeting is going to take place on site, in order to progress this matter.

It was agreed that a roundabout at the junction of the A65 with the A683 was a long-term goal and the Clerk agreed to contact Peter Hosking at CCC Highways to request a study into the matter.

17136 Newsletter:

A second flyer has been distributed with details of how residents can request a Newsletter. There has been a good response so far and the next edition will go out at the beginning of October.

17/137 YDNPA:

The Chairman and Councillor Humphris had met an officer from YDNPA and discussed a possible interpretation board being erected at the Village Green. It was agreed to assess the opinions of residents, via the Newsletter, and the Clerk agreed to be the contact point for responses.

17/138 Correspondence: None.

17/139 Finance:

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

CALC	£35.00	Councillor training
T Flitcroft	£75.00	Payroll Administration (annual)

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The transfer of the Council's banking arrangements from the Nat West to the Cumberland Building Society are still in hand. Two Councillors have yet to visit a branch and produce their identification which will be done shortly. It was resolved that, once the account is fully operative, to add Councillor Ann Irving to the mandate as a signatory.

17/140 Planning:

The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:

S/05/16 Elm Tree Cottage, Casterton. Alterations to existing rear extension together with erection of a garden room extension to the south gable. **Granted.**

17/141 Future agenda items:

Community Emergency Plan

(Any other items can be sent to the Clerk up to 14 days prior to the next meeting).

17/142 Date of next meeting:

Monday 2nd October 2017 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: