

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall, on Monday 13th November 2017 at 2pm.

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

**17/162 Public participation:**

A request was made as to how much had been transferred from the Council's accounts held at Nat West Bank to the Cumberland Building Society (minute 17/158e refers). The Clerk explained that £10,000 had been transferred to the new Savings Account and would now earn interest, and the remaining funds of around £8,800 had been transferred to the new Current Account, where a lower rate of interest would be earned. The Nat West accounts have now been closed.

**17/163 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**17/164 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**17/165 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**17/166 County and District matters:** None.

**17/167 Police Report:**

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been 25 incidents reported in the wider area but none related to Casterton parish. Details of nearby incidents were given. Following a number of thefts of vehicles being broken into in the South Lakes area and tools being stolen, drivers are reminded not to leave these in vehicles overnight.

**17/168 Chairman's Report:**

Diary Dates: 23rd November (1 to 4pm). Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan - Annual Forum at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton. Councillor Humphris will attend.

30<sup>th</sup> November. CALC meeting at Gilpin Bridge. Apologies have been sent.

- a. The Chairman and Councillor Humphris held the annual appraisal with the Clerk, Kevin Price, last month. The Chairman thanked our Clerk for his support, advice and efficient service to this Council, and he confirmed he will be continuing as our Clerk.

- b. ENW has now connected the new street light opposite the Church and it is providing excellent light for the lane. Street lights are programmed to go off at midnight. The Council's light improvement program is now complete and it was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to ENW.
- c. CCC hired contractors to install a new drainage system to resolve the serious flooding problems on Wandales Lane. The work has now been completed and the lane should be clear of water and ice. A letter of thanks will be sent to CCC.
- d. The Parish Council now owns the redundant BT telephone kiosk opposite the Village Hall, all necessary paper work having been completed and BT has removed all their equipment from it. A working group will consider the various options to obtain a community defibrillator which will be housed in the kiosk.
- e. The work on the War Memorial is almost complete – just the flags and a small piece of stone to be replaced as soon as weather permits. A date for the rededication service will be confirmed by the Rector in due course, probably in January or February.
- f. The Remembrance Service was well attended and the bugler played very well. The Chairman laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish.
- g. YDNPA Enforcement Officer has visited the advertisers who have placed banners on the railings at Devil's Bridge and requested the banners be removed. The officer will follow up as necessary.
- h. The reports of Council meetings in the '*Westmorland Gazette*' are out of date and it was resolved that a short summary of each meeting is produced and submitted to the local reporter.
- i. There is a request from The Police Commissioner, Peter McCall, to complete a survey. It was agreed to include the details in the next newsletter and invite residents to comment individually.

#### **17/169 Public Rights of Way:**

The Chairman had contacted Claire Wildsmith, the PROW officer, who had said that Laitha Lane has a ridge developing down it and it was also reported that the path behind Casterton Garage is full of mud. Councillor Humphris said that officers from YDNPA were visiting the parish on 19th December and their advice will be sought on these issues. Graham Pye of YDNPA had agreed to attend the next meeting of the Council.

#### **17/170 Village Hall:**

Councillor Loble said that Bill Hastings had cleaned up the banking outside the hall and it was agreed to record the Council's thanks to him.

### **17/171 Highways:**

Councillor Talbot thanked the Chairman for her work in making considerable progress with highways issues and he reported on his recent correspondence with Councillor Cotton. Lack of finance seems to be the problem when it comes to addressing some of the long-term problems in the parish. Water is running down the A683 from a BT manhole cover and it was agreed that CCC Highways should be contacted about it. Councillor Talbot will speak to Councillor Cotton about this and the Clerk will report it to CCC Highways. It was noted that regular contact has now been established between Councillor Cotton and Councillor Talbot.

### **17/172 Community Emergency Plan:**

Two further meetings have been held and another is to be held this week, good progress is being made.

### **17/173 Former BT Kiosk:**

Options are now being considered for the provision of a parish defibrillator, whether this should be hired or purchased. The Chairman and Councillor Irving will look into these options.

### **17/174 Interpretation Board:**

It was resolved that nothing further could be done at present until the visit of YDNPA officers on 19th December to consider various related issues.

### **17/175 Lanes:**

Councillor Humphris circulated a list of all the street names in the parish. It was resolved that Chapelhouse Lane and Colliers Lane should be dealt with first, and it was agreed to consult neighbours in those areas to ascertain their opinion regarding the proposals. This would be done through the Newsletter and the parish notice board, responses to be sent to the Clerk. SLDC had been contacted and the standard sign would be supplied, whereas a 'heritage sign' may cost more.

### **17/176 Correspondence:**

- a. Great North Air Ambulance, requesting funding. It was resolved to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. SLDC. Parish Council Precepts and Council Tax base for 2018-19. The Precept forms are to be issued before the end of December 2017 and are to be returned by 26th January 2018 at the latest.
- c. May Mackie had contacted the Clerk regarding the constant flooding on Chapelhouse Lane. The Council's contractor had carried out work on the drains and it was agreed to send a letter to the land owner bordering the lane.
- d. Graham Keeler had requested the minutes of recent Council meetings where the issue he had raised regarding the services beneath and around the tree on North Heads Lane were discussed. The Clerk had directed him to the website and there had been no further enquiry.

## 17/177 Finance:

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

Ken Humphris	£14.39	Re-imbusement for website domain renewal
TRBL Poppy Appeal	£25.00	Remembrance wreath

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Clerk is still negotiating with SLDC regarding the street lighting invoice (minute 17/158c refers).

## 17/178 Planning:

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

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

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

b. *The following comments, sent by the Clerk on his delegated authority since the last meeting, were noted:*

S/05/13A Casterton School. erection of 1 no. four bedroom dwelling with double garage (re-submission of S/05/13)

The following comments were made, whilst not objecting to the proposal:

- i. The proposal is to build the property close to the road, and the Council is concerned about the visual impact, especially as it replaces a former single story (school) building. The Council appreciates the site is not level, but in the Council's view the appearance of the lane would be less constricted if the building could be moved a few metres further back from the lane.
- ii. The wall materials are stated as zinc cladding and stone, but the drawings appears to shows a rendered finish to all elevations. the Council is happy with either render or stone, as both are commonly used throughout the village, but the yellow shade on the drawing would be out of place. It should be white or 'natural'.
- iii. Zinc cladding is not used locally, but, assuming it is light or dark grey in colour, the Council feels that the different shade and texture would add interest to the design of this modern building.

- iv. The material shown on the drawing above the French windows on the north elevation, appears to be timber. The Council feels this is out of character with the building, and the local vernacular, and an alternative should be used.

SL/2016/0489 Land off Wandales Lane, Casterton. Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission SL/2016/0489 for revision to building location. Approval recommended, providing the same building, with no alterations to size or design, is simply moved to the proposed new location.

- c. *The following application was considered and approval was recommended:*

S/05/16A Elm Tree Cottage, Casterton. Alterations to existing rear extension together with internal alterations, replacement of front porch and erection of garden room extension to south gable.

**17/179 Future agenda items:**

- a. Provision of parish defibrillator.
- b. RAF Centenary celebrations.
- c. Great North Air Ambulance - funding
- d. Digest of Council minutes - to nominate a Councillor each month to deal with this.

**17/180 Dates for meetings during 2018:**

*The following were agreed:*

Monday 8th January	2pm	Precept Meeting
Monday 12th March	2pm	
Thursday 19th April	7pm	Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting
Wednesday 30th May	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 2nd July	7.30pm	
Monday 3rd September	2pm	
Monday 8th October	2pm	
Monday 12th November	2pm	

*The meeting closed at 3.45pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*