

Minutes of the meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 8th January 2018 at 2pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), Ken Humphris, Ann Irving and Jean Lobley, nine 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 Mandy Coleman.

**18/1 Public participation:**

*The following matters were raised:*

- a. It was questioned whether it is appropriate for the Parish Council to organise a commemoration of the Centenary of the ending of World War 1. The Chairman confirmed the community and organisations of Casterton will be invited to contribute to all events in 2018.
- b. Dog fouling is again a problem, now occurring on residents' property. It was agreed this will be reported in the next newsletter.
- c. Some residents are against any further street signs being installed and believe delivery drivers use satnavs and do not require lanes to be named.
- d. Afternoon meetings cannot be attended by some residents. The Clerk confirmed there was no difference in public attendance between afternoon or evening meetings.
- e. There are still flooding problems at Wandales Lane. The Chairman confirmed that this is a different problem from the original one and has been reported to CCC Highways.
- f. It was pointed out that some of the financial information on the Council's website is upside down. The Clerk said this was a technical problem and was being addressed.
- g. There is concern that the A683 approaches to the school crossing are reviewed and made safer. SIDs were proposed as well as a reduction of foliage

**18/2 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**18/3 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**18/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**18/5 County and District matters:** None.

### **18/6 Police Report:**

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been no logs of note for Casterton since the last meeting. Advice was given regarding winter driving and security.

### **18/7 Chairman's Report:**

- a. Councillor Kevin Talbot has tendered his resignation. On behalf of the herself, the other Councillors and the Clerk, the Chairman has thanked him for his contributions and time and wished him well in the future. SLDC has been informed and the 'waiting period' expires on 24th January 2018, after which the Clerk will be notified if there is to be a Bye-Election or if the vacancy is to be filled by co-option. Notices will be placed on the website and in the notice boards
- b. The work on the War Memorial is almost complete – just the flags and a small piece of stone to be replaced as soon as a matching piece is available. A date for the rededication service will be at the discretion of the Rector.
- c. The banners on the railings at the Bridges have now been removed
- d. Details of the request from the Police Commissioner, Peter McCall, to complete a survey asking for the views from the public on increasing Council Tax by approximately £1 per month will be included in the next newsletter.
- e. The first Newsletter for 2018 will be out this week

### **18/8 Public Rights of Way:**

The Vice Chairman said that Graham Pye, YDNPA Ranger, would be attending the next meeting to discuss issues surrounding Public Rights of Way.

### **18/9 Village Hall:**

The next Committee meeting will be in February.

### **18/10 Highways:**

- a. Flooding on Wandales Lane. Water is coming out of the manhole cover on the lane towards Barbon and has been reported. Recent frost has frozen the surface water making driving extremely dangerous.
- b. Water is flooding from two BT manhole covers onto the A683. When this water freezes the road surface becomes hazardous.

It was agreed to report the above issues to Peter Hosking at CCC Highways, together with the frequent requests for gulley cleaning. County Councillor Nick Cotton will be copied into this correspondence.

- c. School crossing. Mr Will Newman (Headmaster Casterton School) had raised his concerns with the Council of the danger posed to children using the school crossing, signs are obliterated by trees and the 30mph sign is faded. He suggested the addition of SIDS would remind motorists to slow down. CCC Highways has agreed to an early meeting with the school and Council representative to discuss all these issues.

### **18/11 Community Defibrillator:**

The former BT phone kiosk is now in the ownership of the Parish Council. Community Heartbeat Trust has been contacted regarding funding and options for a defibrillator and has suggested applying to the National Lottery for Funding. The working group will progress the funding applications.

### **18/12 Lane names:**

It was resolved to provide street signs for the two principal lanes leading off the A683, Colliers Lane and Chapel House Lane. All residents had been asked for comments by the newsletter and notice boards, and only one negative response had been received. Residents living on Chapel House lane confirmed they were in favour of a name. It is believed the cost will be borne by SLDC but if the 'old' cast iron name plates are required then there may be a small cost to the Council.

### **18/13 YDNPA:**

- a. Boundary marker. Residents will be consulted via the next newsletter for the wording to be changed from 'Casterton' to 'Lune Valley'
- b. A meeting had been held with National Park Rangers on a number of issues, including the provision of a better walking route to Kirkby Lonsdale, and their suggestions are now awaited. Work on the repair of the surface of Laitha Lane damaged by flood water and improved drainage will be completed as soon as possible.
- c. Councillor Humphris reported on the well-attended YDNPA meeting for Parish Councillors in Ingleton on 27th November. There was an update on the current status of the Park's Management Plan for the next 5 years, followed by discussion in topic groups of the main issues to be addressed in the Plan. The output from these discussions will inform the final Plan, and there will be a final public consultation on the draft final document in 2018/19. Second homes/holiday homes and affordable housing remain key issues. The whole Strategic planning process does seem to be very open and transparent
- d. The Council resolved to nominate Councillor Humphris for appointment to the Yorkshire Dales Western Area committee.

### **18/14 Commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War 1:**

This year, 2018, marks the centenary for a number of events including the end of the First World War. A re-dedication of the refurbished War Memorial is to be arranged by the Rector. The Parish Council has been contacted by a number of organisations, asking whether there will be some kind of commemoration of the centenary in the village. It was agreed the Clerk will write to village organisations asking for their thoughts and ideas and the Council is willing to arrange a meeting of these interested parties to share and progress proposals.

## 18/15 SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel Report 2018-19:

The Report and supporting documentation has been circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk clarified the details and the Council resolved to keep the present system and review annually.

## 18/16 Correspondence:

- a. There will no longer be a routine External Audit of the Council's accounts from 1st April this year and the Council will then be able to declare itself exempt from this. There are, however, requirements for information to be available on the Council's website in order to fulfil the requirements of the Transparency Code. The Clerk will ensure the Council is fully compliant.
- b. The new Data Protection Regulations will become law in May this year. It is unsure as yet exactly how this will affect Parish Councils but it is understood that each Council will need to appoint a Data Protection Officer and it may be necessary for the Council to use an outside agency. It was agreed that a sum of £200 should be identified in the Precept for 2018-19 in case this is required. CALC is arranging training in March and representatives of this Council will attend.

## 18/17 Finance:

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

Great North Air Ambulance	£100.00	Donation
Ken Humphris	£36.00	Reimbursement for website renewal
K M Price	£152.44	Quarterly expenses to 31st December including use of home office and travel.
HMRC	£224.40	PAYE
Casterton Village Hall	£224.00	Hire of hall

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. After consideration of the Budget Report it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £9,108 for the financial year 2018-19. This is a 6% reduction from the current year.

## 18/18 Planning:

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

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. Granted.

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

S/05/12B Land off Wandales Lane, Casterton. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission SL/2016/0489 for revision to building location. Granted.

*b. The following application was considered and approval recommended.:*

S/05/4A The Barn, Norwood Farm Cottages, High Casterton. Alterations to existing residential property and for siting of garden studio within residential garden curtilage.

**18/19 Future agenda items:**

Casterton Community Trust - nomination of a new trustee to represent the Parish Council.

Any other agenda items may be sent to the Clerk by the end of February.

**18/20 Digest of Council minutes for any publication:**

The Chairman agreed to compile the digest of the minutes for publication.

**18/21 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 12th March 2018 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.***  
(Graham Pye, YDNPA Ranger, will attend and speak)

*The meeting closed at 3.50pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*