

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), Ken Humphris and Jean Loble, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Ann Irving, and were also received from District Councillors Sheila Capstick, Kevin Lancaster and Ian Mitchell.

Hugh St Lawrence, of Red Rose Cavers, gave a brief overview of what is happening in the investigation into the causes of the flooding on Wandales Lane and at the Langthwaite cross roads (minute 18/53d refers). This was accompanied by slides and a number of questions were asked. The Chairman thanked him for his presentation and for the work he and his colleagues are doing.

**18/68 Public participation:** None.

**18/69 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**18/70 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**18/71 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2018 having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**18/72 County and District matters:** None.

**18/73 Police Report:**

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been 71 incidents reported, resulting in 16 crimes being submitted, but none of these relate to Casterton parish. The only incident in Casterton was on 30th June, when two suspicious males were reported going door to door allegedly linking to breast cancer awareness. Both had left the area prior to officers attending.

**18/74 Chairman's Report:**

- a. Five of the posters displayed on the railings at Devil's Bridge were removed but two remain. Further contact has been made with Planning Enforcement at YDNP, but progress is very slow.
- b. The tarmac has been repaired on Wandales Lane where the lane had 'dropped' due to work done last year.

- c. A visitor reported to 101 that vehicles were parked on the double yellow lines on A683 on Sunday for most of the day, causing a dangerous situation. Police cannot take any action as this is viewed as 'non- criminal' offence and the responsibility of CCC. The Chairman had contacted CCC today and they are responsible for any parking on A683 – and promised to include the Bridges at weekends whilst this weather continues. Even if vehicles are ticketed they cannot be removed and could remain there for 24 hours.

#### **18/75 Public Rights of Way:**

Claire Wildsmith, the Council's PROW reporter has met the new YDNPA Ranger who is aware of all the current issues. Laitha Lane has been strimmed by the staff from the Golf Club, and a letter of thanks was sent from the Council.

#### **18/76 Highways:**

The estimated cost of the school crossing road improvements is £11,240.00, which CCC Highways cannot fund. It was resolved to continue discussions with the school so that a priority plan can be agreed. The warning signs are clearly a first priority and these will cost £5,515 and the school suggest we use money they already give to the Community Trust. CCC Highways suggest we apply to Councillor Cotton (his fund is £6000). The Council could possibly contribute and the Clerk will check with CALC if Council funds can be used for this purpose.

#### **18/77 Proposed Road Traffic Regulation:**

A letter had been sent immediately following the last meeting (when it was not an agenda item) and a site meeting had taken place with Victoria Upton of CCC, who had walked the lane with Councillors Hastings and Humphris. It was resolved to send a further letter outlining the Council's objections to this proposal, the deadline for comments having been extended to allow the Council to discuss the matter. A number of residents have also sent letters of objection.

#### **18/78 Correspondence:**

SLDC - Litter bin emptying. During May and June the two bins have not required emptying. Due to the very low invoice value for the first quarter it would seem sensible to wait until the end of Q2 and raise the invoice for the first six months of the year then.

The Council resolved to accept this suggestion.

#### **18/79 War Memorial:**

The work is now finished, and new flags have been laid, in the same stone as the war memorial. The final report has been submitted and funding is awaited from the War Memorials Trust, where there is a backlog, so payment may be delayed.

Recently, a vehicle hit the corner of the wall and moved it, cracking all the pointing – a temporary job has been done by the stonemason but further review/work will be required.

## 18/80 Travellers to Appleby Fair:

There were major problems in Kirkby Lonsdale, Kirkby Stephen and Sedbergh. In Casterton, their early arrival before the Bank Holiday caused parking problems at Devil's Bridge on the Bank Holiday Monday, causing the public to park illegally/ dangerously on both sides of the A683 toward Sedbergh. The Chairman attended the Respect meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May and the Public Meeting with Peter McCall (Police and Crime Commissioner) on 6<sup>th</sup> June, from whom a letter has been received. There has been a further 'drop in' meeting in Sedbergh.

## 18/81 Finance:

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

Ian Johnson	£18.48	Printing Newsletter
HMRC	£228.60	PAYE
Able Memorials Ltd	£1626.00	Refurbishment of war memorial
Able Memorials Ltd	£108.00	Replacing flags and pointing
K M Price	£157.82	Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel
Society of Local Council Clerks		
	£28.20	Annual subscription (10% of £282)
T Flitcroft	£75.00	Payroll administration (annual payment)
Casterton PCC	£93.00	Church clock servicing (donation)

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's account for 2017-18 was presented. This is now on the website, together with all the other documents required under the new Transparency regulations.
- d. The Council's annual registration fee with the ICO is due and it was agreed to pay this now and in future years by Direct Debit. The fee this year is £40 but there is a £5 reduction for Councils paying by Direct Debit.

## 18/82 Planning:

a. *The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority since the last meeting, under the Clerk's delegated authority, were noted:*

S/05/21A/LB Toll Bar Cottage, Casterton. Re-roof property and replace defective slates with recycled slates; renew timbers where required; replace guttering and repair and re-paint windows Approval recommended.

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

S/05/25 1 Chapel Garth, Casterton. Replace existing lean-to porch with stone porch extension.

**18/83 Future agenda items:**

Possibility of hiring a mini-digger for the use of the Red Rose Cavers - if CCC are not able to do this.

Other items may be sent to the Clerk up to 14 days prior to the next meeting.

**18/84 Digest of Council minutes for any publication:**

Councillor Hastings agreed to be responsible for this.

**18/85 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 3rd September 2018 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 9.25pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*