

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Thursday 6th September 2018 at 2pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), Ken Humphris, Ann Irving and Jean Lobley, District Councillor Sheila Capstick, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Nick Cotton and District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

18/86 Public participation:

Mr Terry Simpkin spoke, as a member of the CRASH committee, regarding agenda item 10 (reducing speeding on the A683). He will send the Clerk a summary of his comments and other information, and these will be appended to the minutes in the file.

18/87 Requests for Dispensations: None.

18/88 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/89 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2018, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18/90 County and District matters:

Councillor Capstick confirmed that the Respect meeting has been arranged for 24th September.

18/91 Police Report:

In the wider area there had been 33 incidents reported, resulting in eight crimes being submitted. Only one incident related to Casterton, when a mobile phone was reported stolen from youths on 19th August. It was noted that PCSO Martin Boak is now covering Casterton and Kirkby Lonsdale.

18/92 Chairman's Report:

Diary Dates:

CALC meeting Thursday 20th September at Gilpin Bridge 7pm
(Councillors Humphris and Irving will attend)

YDNP Forum meeting Wednesday 10th October at Barbon Village Hall 7pm.

CALC AGM Saturday 10th November 10am at Newbiggin Village Hall, Penrith.

A successful application was made to the Rotary Club of Lunesdale for spring bulbs. These will be planted as a purple circle of crocus bulbs to mark the financial support Rotary has given to the eradication of polio, worldwide, on the Village Green and a further supply of mixed iris, narcissus and tulips will be used in the planters. A letter of thanks has been sent.

CCC has agreed to fund the hire of a mini digger for cavers to clear out the area in Radcliffe's field.

Sustainable Furniture has agreed to replace a picnic table on the Village Green as some of the wood is rotting and it has a 15 year guarantee.

18/93 Public Rights of Way:

There are no further issues to report and the Council is waiting for YDNPA to action the work identified.

18/94 Highways:

As there is no funding available from CCC Highways or the School for the proposed 'highways improvement plan' for A683, another alternative to help reduce speeding through the village would be SIDS – sited at either end of the village - before the garage and before the school playing field. Parish Councils in Endmoor and Milnthorpe have sited 'smiley face ones' and report they are very effective in getting motorists to reduce their speed.

Pandora of Milnthorpe has inspected and given an estimate for each SID:

PTSC 906 Radar speed sign with 'SLOW DOWN/THANK YOU' and smiley/sad face £2395.00 + vat

PTSC 823 Solar power system £475.00 + vat
Total for 2 - £5740 + vat

(Mr Terry Simpkin agreed to take the details to the meeting of the CRASH team next Tuesday)

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18/95 Correspondence:

- a. Letters from two residents of the parish were read. These were objecting to any use of monies from Casterton Community Trust to provide a crossing for the school; also asking why the Council objected to a 6'6" advisory sign on North Heads Lane. These comments were noted.
- b. CALC. Casual Vacancy on the CALC Executive Committee. Details have been circulated to all Councillors.
- c. CALC. Membership Subscriptions Review 2018. It was resolved not to object to the proposed changes.

- d. SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel. It was resolved that this Council does not wish to ask the Panel to consider the issue of allowances or expenses for its members.

18/96 Rededication of War Memorial and Exhibition:

The service of rededication will be led by the Bishop of Carlisle, The Rt. Revd. James Newcome in Holy Trinity Church Casterton on Friday 21st September at 10am. Families of those who fought in WW1 will be attending as well as pupils from Casterton Sedbergh School and the residents of Casterton and a wreath will be laid by a family member - the Parish Council agreed to pay for this.

There will be an exhibition in the Church of the men whose names are on the War Memorial and another exhibition in the Village Hall with photos and history of those men who fought in the war and returned home, as well as informative pictures and details of village places, buildings and the people who lived here in the early 1900s.

There will also be interesting family histories from residents now living in Casterton and the descriptive pictures of the RAF during that time.

Both exhibitions will be stewarded and available to view from 11 am – 3pm on Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September. Light refreshments will be available in the Hall. There will no charge to view the exhibitions or for the refreshments

On Friday 21st at 7.30pm - 'Remembering KL' a video film by John Hamlett will be shown in the Village Hall. Posters and Tickets will be available this week and there will be a raffle in aid of the British Legion.

18/97 Road Traffic Order:

The Kirkby Lonsdale Area Traffic Regulation Order 2018 - Proposed width restriction North Heads Lane, Casterton, was decided by the Decision of Local Committee on 19th July 2018. All comments and responses received during the consultation were then reported to the committee.

The Committee decided that the proposals for a width restriction at North Heads Lane, Casterton should not go ahead, having considered the comments which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement procedure.

A copy of the report and decision can be found on the Cumbria County Council website by searching for South Lakeland Local Committee meetings and then the meeting of 19th July 2018.

The Chairman said that the overhanging hedge at the 'pinch point' has been trimmed back to the wall improving this part of the lane.

18/98 Casterton Resilience Plan:

The working group has completed the planning and a name, information leaflet and new contact telephone system has been agreed. Final testing of the system is to be completed before the plan is launched at the beginning of October.

It was resolved that the Council will contribute £300 towards the costs.

18/99 Community Defibrillators:

The two defibrillators have been ordered and expected delivery is the end of September. Community Heart Beat Trust offer two dates for free community training, one will be a weekday evening and the other on a Saturday morning.

ALL Casterton households will receive further details once the dates are confirmed as everyone should know how to use a defibrillator and families with children are welcome to attend these training sessions too.

18/100 Finance:

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

J Hartley and Sons	£64.80	Maintenance
Enid Hastings	£143.59	Reimbursement for WW1 events
Duncan Hamlett	£25.00	Internal audit - honorarium

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. Vandalism of village seat. An estimate for the replacement of the existing wood slates with hardwood has been obtained: The wood including notching/plugs/dowels from will cost £388 + VAT, plus £65 + VAT for the protective finish and £100 for the joiner to fit, total £453, without fitting and VAT. It was agreed to have the new wood fitted, a financial contribution has been offered from a local resident

18/101 Planning:

a. *The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning 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. Granted.

S/05/6B Site of old Medical Centre, Casterton School. Erection of garage. Granted.

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

b. The following application was considered and approval recommended:

S/05/10 Casterton Sedbergh Prep School. Installation of outdoor roped climbing unit.

18/102 Future agenda items:

- a. SLDC Community Governance Review.
- b. War Memorial insurance - the Clerk will contact Holy Trinity Church Treasurer.

18/103 Digest of Council minutes for any publication:

Council Hastings agreed to be responsible for the digest of the minutes.

18/104 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 8th October 2018 at 2pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Signed:

Dated: