

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 25th February 2019 at 2pm.

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

19/19 Public participation: None.

19/20 Requests for Dispensations: None.

19/21 Declarations of Interest:

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

19/22 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/23 County and District matters:

Councillor Lancaster reported as follows:

- a. He had attended the recent Respect meeting, with the Chairman.
- b. There is much concern regarding the inspection of private water supplies in the upland areas and the charges arising from these.
- c. The 30mph signs on entering Casterton from Sedbergh have finally been replaced.

19/24 Police Report:

PCSO Martin Boak had emailed his report. Within the wider area there had been 37 incidents reported, resulting in eight crimes being submitted. There had been two shoplifting incidents, the passing of fake £20 notes, and a break-in at Booths in Kirkby Lonsdale. Three sheep (Tups) had been stolen from land at Middleton. Residents are reminded to check their security, especially outbuildings, in the light of recent cross-border crime increasing.

19/25 Chairman's Report:

- a. The YDNPA Spring Parish Forum Meeting is on 17th April at 7pm at Barbon Village Hall – Councillor Humphris is booked to attend.
- b. Parish Council Elections take place on 2nd May 2019. Advertisements have been placed in AKL and the Casterton Newsletter, together with posters in notice boards.

- c. There has been a request from the Location Manager of a film company, currently working on a feature film called "1917", who is looking for a bridge to do a composite of. Devil's Bridge, architecturally, is favourite. He would like to photograph and scan the bridge which would allow them to digitally recreate the bridge and add it into their set-in post production which will be a French town. He would need to access the bridge and both sides of the river bank both upstream and downstream. This would involve still cameras and a Lidar scanner, both of which sit on a tripod and will be operated by one of the four-man team that would be present. They do not need any control or to change anything and this would have no affect on people going about their business. The proposed date is 1st March and they would expect to be there for the day. A photograph indicates roughly the areas that they would need to access along the riverbank, they would of course be able to provide all the necessary RAMS and insurances and would be happy to pay a fee for any administration costs relating to the granting of permission.

The Council resolved to accept this and the Chairman will suggest an appropriate fee to be levied.

- d. Filled dog waste bags have been left hanging on the hedges, on the lane from the School towards the railway bridge. SLDC has been informed.
- e. The purple crocus bulbs donated by the Rotary Club of Lunesdale were planted in a circle on the Village Green last autumn, to support the campaign by Rotary in the fight against Polio worldwide. These are now flowering and the Clerk agreed to write to Richard Parsons, thanking him for his help. The Chairman will enquire as to the possibility of placing a small plaque nearby.
- f. The Chairman attended the recent Respect meeting – a greater Police presence will be available this year, and the TRO on the loop road will be enforced.
- g. The loop road has been resurfaced and white lined.
- h. The grit bin opposite the School entrance has been replaced and all bins filled with grit.
- i. A cemented area has replaced a patch of tarmac in the path in the church yard.
- j. A resident had suggested a mirror should be placed at the top of Well Lane. Councillor Lancaster advised that CCC policy is firmly against such proposals.
- k. The next Newsletter will be distributed this week.

19/26 Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting:

This will be held on Thursday 11th April at 7pm at Casterton Village Hall and it was agreed to invite representatives from all Village organisations. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting of Casterton Community Trust at (approximately) 7.45pm

19/27 Public Rights of Way:

A report from Claire Wildsmith had been submitted, together with emails from two other residents, and verbal complaints noted from others, regarding the condition of some of the footpaths in the parish. It was resolved to forward these communications to Steven Hastie at YDNPA.

19/28 Highways:

- a. Councillor Cotton continues to add support for the Council 's request to CCC to resolve the problems with water coming from the BT manhole cover on the A683. He has also started litter picking on the A683 between 0700 and 0900 on Sunday mornings. The Clerk will thank him on behalf of the Council.
- b. The road surface on Chapel House lane is breaking up and drains are blocked. Bill Hartley has been asked to clear the drains again.
- c. A road sweeper has cleared one side of Colliers Lane and North Heads Lane, but nowhere else in the village.
- d. Outstanding issues include the pole with information sign which is still down, opposite the garage, overhanging branches on the Fell Road, and tarmac needing replacing on Wandales Lane

19/29 Correspondence:

Owen Lodge regarding village nameplates, especially the desirability of having one installed on the lane through the village. The Council resolved to thank him for his letter and to consider the suggestions therein.

19/30 Village maintenance:

Following estimates, it was resolved to deal with outstanding small jobs in the parish before the end of this financial year.

The replacement bench for the Village Green is in storage and will be erected in the spring.

19/31 Casterton Neighbours:

The volunteers will all be provided with Hi-vis vests and lanterns, recently purchased.

19/32 Community Defibrillators:

The solar defibrillator is on order and the pole for it has now been delivered. Two plaques to record the donations and grant funding have been ordered and a second training day is to be arranged shortly.

19/33 SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel:

The Panel's Report having been circulated it was resolved that the Council adopts the recommendations therein.

19/34 Gateshead Brow:

Councillor Humphris had submitted a sketch of the area to Peter Hosking at CCC Highways but had received no reply to date. The Clerk agreed to make contact.

19/35 Finance:

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

Ken Humphris	£24.50	Photocopying
Ken Humphris	£36.00	Website subscription
Ken Humphris	£37.98	Plaques
Enid Hastings	£148.90	Lanterns
Enid Hastings	£98.16	Jackets

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. Councillor Humphris had obtained a quotation for the repair of the sheepfold (minute 19/8 refers) which, together with repairs to the notice boards, is a total cost of £466. The Council resolved to accept this.

19/36 Planning:

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

S/05/26 Casterton Hall. Erection of one standard model "Rhino" ultimate greenhouse adjacent to the vegetable garden. Granted.

S/05/6C Folly House Casterton. Section 73 application for variation of condition 9 of SL/2016/0041 relating to landscaping and terrace. Granted.

19/37 Future agenda items:

These can be sent to the Clerk up to 14 days before the next meeting.

19/38 Digest of Council minutes for any publication:

The Chairman agreed to be responsible for this.

19/39 Date of the next meetings:

***Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7pm Casterton Village Hall
(Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting)***

***Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall
(Annual Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Signed:

Dated