

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Chris Benson, County Councillor Nick Cotton, District Councillor Kevin Lancaster (forming the Parish Council), District Councillor Suzie Pye, eight members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Ian Mitchell.

Former Chairman, Enid Hastings, took the Chair for the first item on the agenda:

18/50 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Nick Cotton was elected to serve as Chairman until such time as the Council is again quorate.

18/51 Public participation:

A question was asked regarding the Council's accounts. The Clerk said that the provisional accounts were noted at the last meeting, the date for the completion of the Internal Audit and for the supporting documents to be placed on the Council website is 30th June, so there will be a full update at the next meeting.

18/52 Requests for Dispensations: None.

18/53 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Lancaster declared an interest in the one planning application to be considered and took no part in the discussion.

18/54 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18/55 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Kevin Lancaster was appointed to serve as Vice-Chairman until such time as the Council is again quorate.

18/56 Chairman's comments:

Councillor Cotton explained that, as there was only one nomination in the recent Parish Council Election, SLDC had made an Order, appointing County Councillor Cotton, and District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Ian Mitchell as Parish Councillors on a temporary basis, the Order being in force for a six month period.

A further Election has been called for 13th June and the closing date for nominations to be received at SLDC is Thursday 16th May at 4pm. Nomination packs are available from the Clerk or from SLDC.

18/57 Finance:

- a. There were no outstanding accounts requiring attention.
- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement (after this had been carefully considered, all Councillors having a copy of it) and the Accounting Statements.

18/58 Parish Council website:

Someone is required to take over the running of the website if it is to continue as a Village website. The Clerk will continue to upload agendas and minutes as at present. Because of the legal requirement for the accounts documentation to be published on the website by 30th June, it was agreed to pay for help from a nearby Council in order to fulfil this.

18/59 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

S/05/28/LB Whelprigg Lodge, Casterton. Listed building consent for works to roof.

18/60 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

(This is dependent upon new Councillors being forthcoming - otherwise the date may be changed).

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

Dated: