

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Wednesday 17th April 2019, at 10am.

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

18/40 Public participation: None.

18/41 Requests for Dispensations: None.

18/42 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/43 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18/44 Chairman's and Councillor's comments:

- a. The YDNPA Spring Parish Meeting is this evening at Barbon Village Hall at 7pm. Councillor Humphris will be attending.
- b. Work has been completed on the wall by the sheepfold and the wall around the War Memorial has been repaired and the stone replaced
- c. The bus shelter has been painted and both notice boards have been varnished. The branches obscuring the street light have been removed
- d. Public Rights of Way. YDNPA confirms that, following discussions with Underley estate, work on the paths has now started.
- e. The pole with the information sign opposite the garage has still not been restored – this will be investigated.
- f. Further work on the A683 is planned for 2nd/3rd May at night.
- g. The tarmac outside the Village Hall on the A683 is starting to break up.
- h. The Council will be continuing the present arrangements for the emptying of the litter bins, which has reduced costs.

18/45 Village Hall:

Councillor Loble reported that there will be a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on 3rd May and the AGM will be held on 15th May.

18/46 Correspondence:

Debbie Storr, Monitoring Officer at SLDC, had discussed with the Clerk the procedures to be followed as the Council will be inquorate from 7th May, due to there being only one nomination received for the five Council seats,

The County and District Councillors for this Ward will be approached by SLDC, in order to ascertain if they are willing to be appointed on a temporary basis to fill the vacancies, until such time as co-options can be made, or until SLDC calls a further Election.

18/47 Finance - and Clerk's delegations:

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

CALC	£119.66	Annual subscription
EON	£107.95	Electricity
K M Price	£132.25	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel.

It was agreed to pay the Insurance premium to Zurich Municipal when the invoice arrives, to pay the £30 honorarium to the Internal Auditor when the accounts are completed, to pay the annual contribution towards the maintenance of the clock at Holy Trinity Church, and to pay the forthcoming invoice for the Newsletter.

Standing Orders will be set up to pay those who maintain the Village Green and other areas, and also for VETS.

It was resolved to add the Clerk as a signatory to the Council's accounts.

Clerk's salaries are increased this month by 2.5% and it was agreed to sign the change to standing orders. The Clerk is employed for 6 hours each week, on Scale SCP22, formerly numbered SCP28.

A new webmaster will be required and Councillor Mitchell said that Dent Parish Council pay £250 annually for this service.

- b. The Provisional Accounts for 2018-19 were noted. These will now proceed to audit. It was resolved that the outgoing Chairman should sign the Certificate of Exemption when required.

18/48 Planning:

A planning application had arrived too late to be included on the agenda and this will be responded to by the Clerk, under his delegated authority.

18/49 Closing remarks:

The Chairman thanked Parish Councillors, District Councillors, and members of the public for their support during the past eight years. This has been a proactive and keen Council and many projects have been brought to fruition.

Councillor Humphris thanked the Chairman for her work in leading the Council through this period and said he had enjoyed his time as a Councillor, working with other Councillors and the Clerk.

Councillor Capstick thanked the Council for welcoming her to the meetings during the past year and for all the achievements of recent years.

The Clerk thanked Councillors for their loyalty and support and said it had been a delight to work with this Council, by far the busiest of his smaller Councils.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

Signed:

Dated: