

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Chris Benson (Chairman), Steve Bentley, Martin Coombs, Stephen Evans and Stephen Wilman, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Nick Cotton, and District Councillors Kevin Lancaster and Ian Mitchell.

19/76 Public participation: None.

19/77 Requests for Dispensations: None.

19/78 Declarations of Interest:

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

19/79 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/80 Correspondence: None.

19/81 Reports:

- a. **Police:** None, but the Clerk agreed to check who the PCSO is covering this parish.
- b. **County Councillor:** None.
- c. **District Councillors:** None.

19/82 Finance:

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

CALC	£20.00	Good Councillor Guides
T Flitcroft	£75.00	Payroll Administration (annual payment)

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The signatories to the Council's account have now been ratified and cheques can be issued again within two weeks. It was resolved to reimburse the Clerk for the HMRC payment made following the last meeting.

19/83 Casterton Village Hall:

The Clerk made the Council aware of its responsibilities as Holding Trustees for the Village Hall. Councillor Coombs was appointed as the Council Representative on the committee. There are two meetings each year, plus the Annual Meeting.

19/84 Casterton Community Trust:

Councillors Benson and Coombs were appointed to share attendance of meetings of Casterton Community Trust.

19/85 Defibrillator post at High Casterton:

Shortly after the last meeting, a site meeting had been held with Joanne Parker of CCC Highways, who confirmed that the location proposed for the defibrillator to be sited in High Casterton is the best outcome; given road visibility, direction of the sun and lack of sight being blighted for neighbouring houses. CCC Highways have agreed the siting, although given the defibrillator and pole are not owned by CCC a standard Agreement had been signed between the Parish Council and CCC Highways - with any potential liability covered by the Council's existing insurance policy. The Clerk will check if the work can now go ahead. (minute 18/64b refers).

19/86 General maintenance:

Village Green – Verge opposite the Church - War Memorial:

A Boon Day is to be arranged on Saturday 2nd November from 10am until lunchtime. The Clerk will check on the availability of the Village Hall. The Chairman will arrange for litter picking equipment from SLDC. Refreshments will be served. Councillor Coombs will arrange for some publicity, posters etc, and Ken Humphris will advertise the day on the website.

Discussion took place as to whether the verge should be planted with wildflowers or if Councillor Evans should make arrangements for his contractor to cut it.

It was pointed out that one of the picnic tables on the Village Green is rotten and a replacement has been supplied, which requires fixing.

A different site for the notice referred to at the last meeting (minute 18/64a refers) is to be found.

Bus shelter: The Chairman agreed to sweep this out periodically.

Grit bins - Councillor Bentley agreed to monitor the grit bins and to arrange for them to be re-filled as required.

Drains in the parish – A list will be compiled for the next meeting, when it will be an agenda item. CCC or Hartley & Son will then be asked to clear them out..

Posting of minutes and agendas, etc on the notice boards: Councillor Bentley will be responsible for this.

19/87 Remembrance Sunday service:

The Chairman agreed to contact June Peckston for the ordering of the wreath and he will lay it at the Remembrance Sunday service on 10th November.

19/88 Special events:

75th Anniversary of VE Day and 80th Anniversary of the start of World War Two.

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

19/89 Planning:

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

S/05/24 Land near A683 Devil's Bridge. Conversion and extension of existing barn to form one two-bedroom dwelling and erection of one four-bedroom dwelling with associated residential curtilage, parking and access and installation of package treatment plant. Refused.

S/05/24A Land near A683 Devil's Bridge. Conversion and extension of existing barn to form one eco passivhaus low carbon dwelling. Refused.

S/05/32 The Grange, Casterton. Creation of access track to Casterton Barn (retrospective). Granted.

19/90 Casterton Newsletter:

The Council asked Ken Humphris if he would be prepared to carry on producing the Parish Newsletter and he indicated he would communicate his decision to the Council soon.

19/91 Respect Meeting:

Councillor Bentley agreed to attend the Respect Meeting on Wednesday 25th September at Sedbergh at 2pm.

19/92 Autumn YDNPA Western Parish Forum Meeting:

Councillor Coombs agreed to attend this meeting at Orton Market Hall on Thursday 17th October at 7pm.

19/93 Issues at Gateheads Brow and Wandaes Lane:

The issues at Gateheads Brow had been investigated by the previous Council, and photographs had been requested by CCC Highways, which had been supplied. After that, nothing else happened. The Clerk agreed to look out the previous correspondence and both of these sites will be agenda items for the next meeting.

19/94 Future Parish Council projects:

This was deferred until the next meeting. Councillors are requested to bring suggestions then.

19/95 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Parish website: Ken Humphris has indicated his willingness to continue in this post.
- b. Footpath Officer: Claire Wildsmith has indicated her willingness to continue in this post.

(Agenda items may be sent to the Clerk no less than 14 days prior to the next meeting)

19/96 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 24th October 2019 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed: