

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Chris Benson (Chairman), Steve Bentley, Martin Coombs, Stephen Evans and Stephen Wilman, District Councillor Kevin Lancaster, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

20/1 Public participation:

- a. The accuracy of minutes 19/117 was queried. The Clerk explained that, although the Council had agreed that Ken Humphris could continue running the village website, which includes the Parish Council, 'for a token payment', no such payment had either been discussed or paid. At some point in the future this will be an agenda item. The Council accepted, when the minutes of the meeting were signed, that this explanation should appear under 'public participation'.
- b. Flooding, due to drainage problems, was reported. This would be considered later in the meeting. The Clerk will publicise the CCC Highways contact details, so residents can report these issues themselves as well as the Council.
- c. A large number of wine bottles have been recovered (and disposed of) on the lane off the A683 opposite the school playing field. It is believed that 'interesting anti-social activity' is going on the lanes around Casterton and the Clerk agreed to report this to PCSO Martin Boak initially.

20/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

20/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/5 Reports:

- a. **Police:** Within the area the parish falls, there had been 31 incidents reported, resulting in eight crimes being submitted. The Clerk will thank PCSO Martin Boak for the report and relay to him comments made by Councillors.
- b. **County Councillor:** None.
- c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Lancaster reminded residents to report suspicious incidents to the Police and to be vigilant regarding their property.

- d. **Parish Clerk:** The Clerk is awaiting an appointment with A2A in Milnthorpe, to discuss the impact of the Accessibility Regulations, with which the Council must be compliant by September 2020. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/6 Finance:

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

CALC	£160.00	Councillor training
Casterton Village Hall	£128.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£115.64	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.
HMRC	£236.40	PAYE
Ken Humphris	£50.39	Reimbursement for website domain/subscription

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. It was resolved to make grants of £100 each to Great North Air Ambulance and North West Air Ambulance.
- d. The Budget Report was presented by the Clerk and it was resolved to make a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £8,799 for the financial year 2020-21.
- e. The Clerk will forward the rules governing the use of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money to all Councillors.

20/7 Boon Day:

The Chairman agreed to arrange this event and to notify Councillors of possible dates.

20/8 Grit boxes:

Councillor Bentley reported that all nine of the grit boxes are now full. It was resolved to purchase seven shovels, within a budget of £40.

20/9 General maintenance:

- a. *A number of blocked drains were reported:*

Three at Holly Bush
Two by the school
Three at the cross roads, top of Colliers Lane
One on the Fell Road

There is also a 'silt trap' with three grids at Gateheads cross roads, which has been there for 18/24 months. It is not known whose responsibility this is.

The Clerk will report these and also ask Councillor Cotton to meet with a working party, to be set up, to look at general drainage issues.

- b. Councillor Evans had offered to add to the churchyard grasscutting the verge by the churchyard. As it is believed this is already included in the Council's grasscutting arrangements this will be discussed further.

20/10 Special events:

It was agreed to ask if the Village Hall would be available for a special event to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE day on Friday 8th May 2020. The Clerk will ask if the school and the WI are planning any events. Discussion took place regarding a possible larger event to mark the 80th Anniversary in 2025. Councillor Evans will speak to Jean Hamlett about the possibility of a local display.

20/11 Defibrillator:

The two training events had been very well supported and both defibrillators are now up and running. This item will therefore no longer appear on the agenda.

20/12 Casterton Community Plan:

Some discussion took place on the possibility of progressing a Community-Led Plan but it was clear that the Council is not, at this present, in a position to take on such a project. Details of the previous Parish Plan will be forwarded to Councillors. This will be considered early on the agenda of a future meeting.

20/13 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

S/05/18A Owl Barn, Casterton. Householder application for removal of existing balcony and construction of replacement balcony on east elevation.

20/14 Casterton Newsletter:

The Clerk agreed to advertise for a volunteer to take this on, both via the Council minutes and elsewhere.

20/15 Issues at Gateheads Brow and Wandaes Lane:

This is no further progress and the matter is in the hands of CCC Highways.

20/16 Meetings during 2020:

The following dates were agreed for the next two meetings:

Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 27th May 2020 at 7pm

both at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: