

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council

held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 23rd August 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Chris Benson (Chairman), Martin Coombs, Stephen Evans and Lisa Lodge, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

The Chairman welcome Councillor Lodge to her first meeting. She then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

Both the above Declarations had been delayed due to all meetings being by ZOOM since March 2020.

21/31 Public participation:

a. The Council was asked to consider that, when planning applications are submitted for properties on North Heads Lane, between the Church and the cross roads. a request should be made that HGVs, long or wide vehicles should make access on the north-west side of either lane. Access should be to or from the Church only. Properties to the south-east of North Heads Lane could access from the cross roads, using Wandaes Lane.

The Chairman said that this will be borne in mind when commenting upon future planning applications.

b. The Council was asked to consider the health of the grass verges in the parish, especially in view of the YDNPA policy that considers them to be potential wildlife havens and the means of small mammals moving around the parish. It was noted that the school had cut all their hedges today, which seems rather early.

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting but in the meantime it was resolved to inform the school of the Council's sadness that the hedges had been cut just now.

21/32 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/33 Declarations of Interest:

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

21/34 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/35 Reports from County and District Councillors: None.

21/36 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

Councillor Evans gave a full report of the recent meeting of this group. There are about 24 participants and there is good support from most of the Parish Councils and meetings in the area. The two Bank Holidays in May had been concentrated upon, with Police liaison and an approach to motor

cycle publications - the outcome had been positive. A 'noise camera' is also being investigated. The majority of users behave well and links with the Police and motor cycle organisations will continue. It was also reported that there had been no incidents affecting Casterton during the period of the recent Appleby Horse Fair.

21/37 Finance:

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

Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council	£10.78 Share of ZOOM licence
Casterton DCC	£93.00 Share of Church clock servicing

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. It was resolved to make 'Use of the CIL monies' an agenda item for the next meeting.

- d. It was resolved, as recommended at the time of last year's Pay Award, to increase the Clerk's annual leave entitlement from 5.6 weeks to 7 weeks per annum, backdated to 1st April 2020. His Contract of Employment will be updated and signed at the next meeting by the Chairman and Clerk.

- e. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted. There were no issues arising from this and no concerns were brought to the Council's attention.

- f. The Chairman reported briefly on the Casterton Community Trust. There had been no income or expenditure this year. A meeting of the Trustees is due to be held shortly.

21/38 Planning:

The following application was considered:

S/05/35 Householder application for replacement of a single storey side element with a two-storey extension at Brantfield, Casterton.

The Council has no objections to the application, although it is felt that there is a lack of detail provided but asks that access to the property is by means of the golf course and the cross roads/Wandales Lane and that there should be no access via Colliers Lane. Furthermore it is requested that works traffic should be parked on the site and not in the village, and the approach should be from Wandales Lane via Gateshead Brow.

21/39 Queen's Green Canopy Project:

Casterton WI has asked if the Council would be interested in planting a tree/trees on the Village Green to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Councillor Lodge agreed to contact Gill Sykes to express the Council's willingness to be involved.

It was felt that there was not a lot of room for many trees to be planted there. The Chairman favoured a rotation of planting trees in the village.

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting as well as the possibility of organising a special event to mark the occasion.

The Clerk agreed to make enquiries as to what land the Parish Council actually owns.

21/40 Parish Defibrillators:

The Clerk reported that Steve Bentley had agreed to continue his work as checker for the defibrillators and Councillor Coombs had agreed to take over from Enid Hastings as back-up checker. This was accepted by the Council and the Clerk will thank Enid for her work over such a long period.

The Clerk confirmed that the contract for both defibrillators continues until 1st October 2023.

The Chairman declared the matter closed.

21/41 Permissive path from Casterton to Kirkby Lonsdale:

Councillor Evans had visited David Metcalfe to discuss the matter. He did not receive a very positive response but will follow this up with a letter. He commented on the lack of footpaths generally in the area.

The Clerk agreed to obtain the map of the footpaths in the parish for Councillor Evans and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

21/42 Website:

Councillor Coombs expects to be able to hand over the website to the agreed provider from September onwards. There will then be training provided and any extra material added to the site during October and the new website should go live in November.

The Council recorded its thanks to Councillor Coombs for the work he has done so far on this project. He is making further enquiries about 'spare email addresses' and the possibility of having 'Council-specific' email addresses for Council..

21/43 Maintenance issues:

There was nothing to report at present. Residents are encouraged to report highways defects directly to CCC, using the new HIAMS system.

21/44 Casterton Twinning:

This was deferred until the next meeting, when Councillor Evans hopes to be able to bring a report.

21/45 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 14th October 2021 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed: (C. Benson)

Dated: 14th October 2021