

**Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council
held at Casterton Village Hall
on Thursday 13th January 2022 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.

22/1 Public participation:

A short presentation was made about the Queens Diamond Jubilee; it was noted this was an agenda item later in the meeting.

22/2 Requests for Dispensations:

None.

22/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/5 Reports:

Village Hall: Councillor Coombs said the hall is now open for bookings again.

22/6 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

Councillor Evans had attended the meetings of this group which are held by ZOOM, the next meeting being on 23rd February. Proposals are in hand for 20mph speed limits in certain locations and this is being considered by North Yorkshire County Council.

A noise measurement instrument is to be promoted together with the use of a mobile speed camera, in order to combat the excessive noise for motorcycles. The focus will be on the weekend traffic. Some motorcycle publications are supporting this project.

22/7 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following account:

K M Price £138.78 Quarterly expenses,

including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £9,478 for the financial year 2022-23.

d. It was resolved to cancel the 'Casterton Neighbours' standing order at the bank.

22/8 Planning:

There had been a problem in the Council not receiving details of new planning applications. This had been the case with applications relating to Casterton Cottage and Laneside. The Clerk has been in touch with YDNPA and this should have been rectified by now.

22/9 Queen's Green Canopy Project and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

It was agreed to hold an open meeting in the Village Hall on 26th January to discuss events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Clerk will book the hall and inform village organisations and groups, including the school, of the meeting and Councillor Lodge will produce a flier for distribution around the village.

The Chairman will arrange the lighting of a beacon and the Clerk will look into registering the Council's beacon nationally.

22/10 Speeding vehicles in Casterton village.

This has been investigated on occasions in the past but, following extensive speed checks, it was deemed that there is not a problem.

22/11 'Protect our verges':

This was deferred until the next meeting.

22/12 Recycling:

Andrew Vickers of SLDC had been in touch with the Clerk and he wished to know what the Council have in mind regarding recycling. The Clerk thought that it would be a suitable subject for a talk at the Parish Meeting. Councillor Lodge will get in touch with Andrew Vickers to discuss what might be done.

22/13 'Meet & Greet:

Due to COVID, it has not been possible to launch this project. It will be an agenda item in July or August.

22/14 Permissive path from Casterton to Kirkby Lonsdale:

This was deferred until the next meeting as Councillor Evans had received no response yet to his enquiries.

22/15 Website:

The website is up and running and has been commented upon favourably by residents. Councillor Coombs is happy to receive comments and questions and will happily add appropriate material that is sent to him.

22/16 Casterton Twinning:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

22/17 Open Forum:

a. A street light at the garage is permanently on and this has been reported. The Council reminds everyone that faulty lights can be report to CCC Highways directly by anyone.

b. The good work being done by Steve Bentley, with Councillor Coombs as back-up, in carrying out the weekly checks on the defibrillators, continues and the Council is most grateful for this.

22/18 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Dated: