

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 23rd July 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), John Bye, Ken Humphris and Claire Wildsmith, County Councillor K J Lancaster, District Councillor N Cotton, Inspector P Latham of Cumbria Constabulary, two members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor May Mackie and District Councillors I McPherson and E Westwood.

Public participation:

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Paul Latham from the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Kendal, and the public participation included the agenda item concerning the Appleby Horse Fair. The following matters were noted:

- a. A new PCSO would be in office at Sedbergh in September.
- b. Residents are warned to be vigilant at home, especially those holding barbeques this summer, when house doors should be kept locked at all times.
- c. The tragedy at Devils Bridge the previous weekend, when a young man had died after jumping off the bridge.
- d. Appleby Horse Fair. The travellers had arrived a day earlier this year and there had been considerable criticism as to why they remained on the loop road, which had prevented some people accessing the caravan park, resulting in cancelled bookings. An alternative to the loop road for parking needs to be found.
- e. Mark Fuller will be addressing Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council on parking issues, on Wednesday 8th August at 7.15pm.
- f. The parking trial '20p for the first half hour' at the New Road car park in Kirkby Lonsdale has begun.
- g. The choice of the new trees planted on the Village Green was questioned and the long term maintenance. The Chairman emphasised that advice was obtained from a tree expert and all nearby residents had been consulted.
- h. It was asked when the debris left on Brownthwaite Fell after the Jubilee Beacon event would be cleared. The Chairman said that the Council had been advised to clear the nails and nothing more. It was agreed to inspect the area again.

53/12 Declarations of Interest:

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

54/12 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2012, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

55/12 County and District matters:

It was noted that the LAP meeting would be held the following evening.

56/12 Police Report:

The Clerk will circulate the report from PCSO Karen Dakin.

57/12 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. Following clarification of the wording, (*'No parking on the pavement'*), three notices were made and have now been placed on the Village Hall wall.
- b. The Jubilee celebrations were successful in spite of the inclement weather. All the mugs were sold and after expenses £260 was raised towards other costs related to the event which the Council funded. Those attending enjoyed both days and a number of calls and letters of appreciation have been received.
- c. Jean and Duncan Hamlett have provided a memorial seat to be sited at the top of Gateshead Lane. There has been a site visit from Joanne Parker, the site and seat has been approved, and a completed permit is awaited.
- d. The WI is to provide a tree to go outside the Village Hall.
- e. SLDC Street Clean consultation. These leaflets can go out with the next newsletter, encouraging individual responses as well as one from the Council. It was resolved that the Council supports the proposals in principle.
- f. CALC has requested info on the parish's litter bins. There are four, which are emptied by SLDC
- g. Information on 'Purchasing energy as a community' will go in the next newsletter. Individuals can sign up between 1st Aug and 17th Sept either online at www.southlakeland.gov.uk or by telephoning 08450504434 or by calling in to SLDC
- h. At the Tripartite meeting Councillor Muirhead agreed to ask a Kirkby Lonsdale contractor to give an estimate of costs to cut verges in Barbon, Casterton and Kirkby Lonsdale. The Clerk has recently received the details of the verge-cutting schedule, but not the present costs.
- i. The knotweed at the Pinfold has been treated.

58/12 Lighting on the A683:

The Chairman reported that the pole has been there for four months but there is no sign of the light. Councillor Bye agreed to inform Councillor Lancaster of the contractor's name, so that matters could be progressed before the winter months.

59/12 Officer's Reports and updates:

- a. Highways. Councillor Bye reported that the Highways Authority seems to be in disarray, and there has been no visit from the Better Highways team since November.
- b. Public Rights of Way. Councillor Wildsmith reported that two more trees have fallen down across footpaths, one on footpath 509010 in the wood near Casterton School which has been reported to Underley Estates but apparently not cleared yet. The other is on footpath 509019 Laitha Lane, which has been dealt with by the County Council contractor. As mentioned at the last meeting it has been suggested that a working party be set up to improve the condition of footpaths in the parish. Parishioners Terry Simpkin and Joanne Saunders will be meeting Councillors Humphris and Wildsmith on 30th July to discuss possible action and sources of funding. A report will be presented at the next meeting.

There is nothing further to report concerning when the possible drainage scheme in Riddings Wood might be carried out.

- c. Village Hall. The Chairman reported that the new programme of events would be available soon and plans are in hand to commemorate the Centenary of the Hall in November.
- d. Parish Plan. Councillor Humphris reported that there has been a 60% response to the questionnaires and the analysis is continuing. A public meeting will be arranged in order to feedback the results to the community. The next village newsletter will be available soon.
- e. Village Green project. The Chairman reported that Electricity North West has delivered six tons of topsoil to repair the areas in the grass caused by the cable being laid. The trees have now been planted and good progress is being made.
- f. Resilience Plan. There is nothing to report at present due to the holiday period, but the plan is in hand, with two Councillors and two residents progressing matters.
- g. Boon Day. The date has been fixed for 19th August at 10am.

60/12 Clerk's Report:

None.

61/12 Code of Conduct:

The Clerk presented a report on the new Code of Conduct, which has been adopted by SLDC. It was resolved to adopt this Code. Councillors are required to complete new Declarations of Interests forms within 28 days and return them to the Clerk.

62/12 Neighbourhood Watch/Community Messaging:

It was felt that no further metal signs for Neighbourhood Watch were required in the village. The parish Plan questionnaires should also indicate the further interest in the scheme.

63/12 Financial business:

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

HMRC	£174.40	PAYE (to note)
Marmax Products Ltd	£432.00	Seat (to note)
The Sign Man	£87.00	Pavement signs (to note)
BDO	£162.00	External Audit
K M Price	£153.14	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June (includes stationery and use of office)
Duncan Hamlett	£25.00	Internal Audit – honorarium
Casterton PCC	£81.00	Church clock servicing (half)
Tarleton Specimen Plants Ltd	£500.00	Planting - Village Green
Graham Linley	£150.00	Village Green
Enid Hastings	£13.32	Village Green

b. *It was resolved to query the following accounts:*

SLDC	£430.05	Street lighting
Parish Online	£12.00	Annual subscription

- c. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- d. The Clerk reported that the annual audit was now complete and there were no issues raised by BDO, the external auditor. The notice advertising the completion of the audit has been posted on the notice boards.
- e. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks to Duncan and Jean Hamlett for the kind gift of a Memorial Seat. The Council will pay for the seat's installation. The Chairman has a quotation for this and Councillor Humphris agreed to obtain a further one.

64/12 Planning:

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

SL/2011/0630 The Coach House, Casterton. Change of use and alterations to form two self-contained flats. Granted.

SL/2012/0277 Lowgill, High Casterton. Second storey rear roof extension. Granted.

SL/2012/0137 Daleside Welding, Gowrey Farm, Wandales Lane. Two extensions to industrial unit. Granted.

65/12 Date of next meeting:

It was resolved to change the date of the next meeting and this will now be held on **Monday 20th August 2012** at Casterton Village Hall at 7.30pm. The meeting scheduled for Monday 3rd September is therefore cancelled.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: