

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Casterton Parish Council
held at Casterton Village Hall on Wednesday 29th May 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), Ken Humphris, May Mackie and Claire Wildsmith, District Councillor Evelyn Westwood, three members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Bye, County and District Councillor Nick Cotton and District Councillor Ian McPherson.

13/44 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Enid Hastings was elected Chairman for 2013-14.

13/45 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor John Bye was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2013-14.

13/46 Appointment of Representatives:

The following appointments were made:

- a. Public Rights of Way Officer – Councillor Wildsmith.
- b. CALC – Councillor Humphris.
- c. Village Hall – Councillor Mackie.
- d. Better Highways – Councillor Bye.
- e. LAP – Councillor Mackie.
- f. Travelling and settled community – Councillor Hastings
- g. Website – Councillor Humphris
- h. Broadband – Councillor Humphris
- i. Parish Plan – Councillor Humphris
- j. Western Dales Bus Service – Councillor Mackie.
- k. Newsletter – Team effort.

13/47 Public participation: None.

13/48 Requests for Dispensations: None.

13/49 Declarations of Interest:

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

13/50 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2013, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

13/51 County and District matters:

Councillor Westwood mentioned several matters connected with the Appleby Fair and these would be discussed later in the meeting.

13/52 Police Report:

There was no Police Report but a letter was noted from Sgt. John Stephens, informing the Council that, due to the training of new PCSOs their attendance might be somewhat sporadic until September.

13/53 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. An aluminium Notice Board has been supplied by the CCC Transport and Irving's Wood Yard have supplied the wooden surround. Graham Bott (builder) will be replacing the old one at the cross roads with this new one in about a week. An 'I' on a blue circular background has been ordered from the Sign Man in Kendal and will be ready for collection on Monday.
- b. The Council still awaits a response from the Enforcement Officer.
- c. The Council has had no response from Casterton School to previous correspondence.
- d. A response is still awaited from landowners regarding footpaths.
- e. The next Tripartite Meeting is on Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm at Barbon.
- f. Training for Councillors is expected to take place in June or July.
- g. The Clerk agreed to check that the Chairman and Councillor Humphris are booked on the Chairman's Forum to be held on 5th June.
- h. Lakes to Dales. The Public Enquiry in respect of the proposed National Park extensions is on 4th June at 10am at Castle Green hotel in Kendal.
- i. The Connecting Cumbria conference is on 21st June at Rheged, Penrith. The Chairman will attend.

13/54 Officer's Reports and updates:

- a. Rights of Way: Councillor Wildsmith reported as follows:

Bridleway 509019 - Laitha Lane. Since the last report when it was reported that a plan, costing around £23,000 had been drawn up for the improvement of this path the Council has been advised that CCC will contribute £11,000 of the total cost so other sources of funding are being sought for the remainder. The work envisaged would result in an all-weather multi-user route between Casterton and Kirkby Lonsdale, a valuable asset to the village. On the advice of Guy Timperley of the CCC Countryside Access Team a bid has been made for a grant from the People's Lottery Millions and this is likely to be assessed in the next few days. A grant is also being applied for from the New Homes Bonus Locally Important Projects scheme run by SLDC. The closing date is 14th June and Eve Borrino of CCC Countryside Access Team is advising on filling in the application form. Nick Cotton, now our County Councillor, has been asked whether there is any possibility of a contribution from his budget but in view of shortage of funds this seems unlikely. Apparently he has £6,000 for the year to be spent on Highway matters. He has, however, given some useful contacts which will be followed up during the next few days.

Footpath 500908. Tony Burns, Countryside Ranger for CCC has been in contact with Henry Armitage, agent of the Underley estate, with a view to doing a joint project on improving the state of this path since the surface of this right of way was damaged when logging was carried out early this year, but without success.

In an email he indicates that it might be worth going back to the plan for drainage drawn up over a year ago, but in view of the recent damage he is keen to get assurance that any such work in Riddings Wood would last. There has been information that one of the members of the Lancaster Ramblers Association fell on this path and suffered cracked ribs. In view of this, it would seem that this path should be improved by a drainage scheme, but it is clear from conversations with Eve Borrino that there is very little money available to the Countryside Access Team for such schemes.

Councillor Wildsmith agreed to contact CALC for legal advice on these matters.

- b. Parish Plan. The summary of the Parish Plan has now been produced and was circulated to Councillors so that an assessment of progress could be made. This was carefully examined and it was felt that many of the issues were being addressed.
- c. Village Hall. Councillor Mackie reported that the recent AGM had concluded a good year, with a new Chairman being elected. The funds are healthy and a refurbishment of the kitchen is planned for the autumn. Grants are being sought to assist in the provision of new window units and fuel saving modern lighting. Plans are being made for winter activities and ideas both for entertainment and fund raising will be welcome.
- d. Broadband. Councillor Humphris reported that only 12 people had attended the recent meeting and a further meeting is being arranged. B4RN will be asked to speak again if there is sufficient interest in the parish.
- e. Website. Councillor Humphris reported that there are still around 500 hits each month on the website.
- f. Western Dales Bus Service. Councillor Mackie reported that a bus has been leased with funding from several sources and its first trip was made on 18th May from Dent to Kendal via Sedbergh and return. Volunteer drivers are being sought. A trial run will soon be made from Sedbergh to Kendal via Kirkby Lonsdale and return. The ceremony to mark the launch of this service will take place on Saturday 8th June at Dent Station at 3.30pm and this will be opened by Tim Farron MP. Refreshments will be served.

13/55 Clerk's Report: None.

13/56 Accommodating the Gypsies and Travellers for Appleby Fair:

The Chairman reported that Richard Rhodes, Police Commissioner, was invited and attended the last Respect meeting. The following were discussed:

- a. Protocol – lack of availability
- b. All loop road to be allocated to Gypsies
- c. No enforcement of RTOs although white/yellow lines are in situ.
- d. No confirmation that a Risk Assessment has been done on the Loop Road
- e. A visit is booked for Tuesday 4th June at the Loop road with Police Commissioner, Police, Councillors, and Jim Walker (Caravan site).

Community Advisory Meetings are to be held at the Community Shop, 24 Main Street, Kirkby Lonsdale with Police and SLDC on Wednesday 29th and Friday 31st May,

Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th, Friday 7th, Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th, and Friday 14th June at 10 to 11 each morning.

Incidents should be reported by phoning 101 and a **log number** should be asked for. The time should be recorded, together with the date and log number, as this will be important if the issue is not resolved or occurs again. In the event 101 is busy or unresponsive, it may be necessary to phone 999.

The Post Fair meeting is on 9th July from 5 to 7pm at the Peoples Hall in Sedbergh. A Public Meeting will be held to discuss how successful or otherwise the various plans and measures have proved.

13/57 Village Green maintenance:

A gardening rota is being circulated for maintenance of the Village Green from 1st June – 30th September. At present Bill Hastings and Graham Linley are mowing the grass. It was resolved that appropriate payment should be made for the cutting of the Green. The Clerk agreed to check with the Council's insurers that such workers are covered.

13/58 LAP Profile Updates:

Jenny Draper (LAP) had approached the Council to ascertain which profiles would be useful to request from the 2011 Census for Casterton. It was resolved to ask for all those listed, with the exception of the 'ethnicity/religion' headings. The Chairman will respond and copy the list to the Clerk.

13/59 Financial business:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

The Art Store	£22.00	Printing Newsletter (to note)
Zurich Municipal	£405.66	Insurance premium
CALC	£123.50	Annual subscription
Casterton Village Hall	£14.00	Hire of hall
G Bott	£242.40	Notice Board
K M Price	£106.22	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March (includes use of home office)

- b. The provisional accounts for 2012-13 were received and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign Parts 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.
- c. It was agreed in principle that the Council should contribute up to £50 for the provision of prizes at the Golf Day being arranged.
- d. It was resolved to ask Duncan Hamlett to carry out the Internal Audit of the Council's accounts.

13/60 Planning:

The following applications were considered and approval recommended:

SL/2013/0239 The Pheasant Inn, Casterton. Replacement windows to front side & rear elevations (part retrospective).

SL/2013/0405 Old Hall, Casterton. Alterations and refurbishment.

13/61 Date of next meeting:

It was resolved to cancel the meeting arranged for 17th June 2013.

The next meeting will be on Monday 15th July 2013 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: