

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council
held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 18th November 2013 at 7.30pm.

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

The Clerk indicated that public participation gives opportunity for questions or comments to be addressed to the Council, either with regard to matters on the agenda or to raise matters for inclusion on a future agenda. Comments should be brief and to the point and should be addressed politely and courteously to the Chairman. When public participation is ended, members of the public may only speak if specifically invited to do so by the Chairman.

13/112 Public participation:

Further comments were made by members of the public concerning matters dealt with at previous meetings. Regarding hedge cutting in the parish, the Chairman said the Council is still willing to try to re-arrange a meeting with landowners in time for the next season.

13/113 Requests for Dispensations: None.

13/114 Declarations of Interest:

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

13/115 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2013, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

13/116 County and District matters:

Councillor Nick Cotton had reported, by email to the Clerk, he had met with Tony Beattie of CCC highways and had looked at the flooding problems on Wandales Lane. John Metcalfe had pointed out exactly here the soakaway should go.

13/117 Police Report:

The Clerk read the Police report. There had been no reported crime in Casterton since the last meeting. In the surrounding areas there has been an increase in the theft of stone items from front gardens and the end of driveways and residents are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles seen in the area, especially taking the registration numbers.

13/118 Parish Assembly Meeting:

The Chairman reported on the well attended Parish Assembly Meeting held on 15th November 2013, when the Council's proposal for the distribution of the 50% feed-in tariff from the British Gas Green Streets Legacy had been supported by a clear majority of those present. The next Casterton Newsletter will give more details and suggest the next steps to be taken.

13/119 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. Issues raised by members of the public at the last meeting:
 - i. (February 2013 minutes refer). The Council did not agree to clear the site of the Beacon at Brownthwaite, but to visit and assess.
 - ii. The website has been thoroughly tested and the resident who was having access problems contacted. No one else has reported any problems
 - iii. The remaining hedges have been cut, garden owners hedge debris cleared but field hedge debris on North Heads lane remains.
- b. A resident has complained about too many Parish Council notices, condensation on the glass and nowhere to leave notices for the new notice board at the crossroads. The Chairman explained that only the first page of the minutes is displayed, the full copy being in the envelope on back of the board. The string holding this envelope broke and had to be removed whilst it was repaired – no longer than one day. No condensation has been observed inside the glass, but when raining the outside of the glass is wet.
- c. At the Tripartite meeting it was agreed that the idea of a Parish Lengthsman is attractive and is already being used in other areas. There is some money available from the LAP and this could be supplemented from Councillor Nick Cotton's Member's fund. Each parish agreed to try and estimate its annual requirement in days for an experienced contractor with the right equipment, and perhaps share knowledge on possible suitable contractors.
- d. There is a Planning workshop at Clawthorpe Hall Business Centre on 27th November, and it is necessary to confirm if any Councillors are attending.
- e. Michael Roberts has been invited to the January Parish Council Meeting to explain how the Community speed watch scheme works.

13/120 Street lighting:

Councillor Bye reported that the new light had now been erected, number 103 on the A683 near the Pheasant Inn and paid for by the Council.

13/121 Cumbria County Council Budget for 2014-15:

In response to the Budget Consultation by CCC, the Council resolved to recommend a zero % increase in the budget for 2014-15.

13/122 Census information:

It was noted that the public consultation for future population censuses was extremely complicated. The Council resolved to support the ongoing detailed 10-year Census.

13/123 Officer's Reports and updates:

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

Bridleway 509019/509020 - Laitha Lane. An email has been received with the information that Chris Graham of the CCC Countryside Access Team would be meeting the contractor on site on 2nd December to walk the route and discuss clearance works required. This work should be completed before Christmas. It is hoped that the construction works which are weather dependent will be started in March/April 2014.

Councillor Wildsmith will be attending a meeting with representatives from CCC, Woodclose Caravan site and Friends of the Lake District on 28th November to discuss various matters relating to this project.

The grant of £11,526 from SLDC has been received by the Parish Clerk.

- b. Highways. Councillor Bye reported that there has been yet another reorganisation of the Highways Authority. He had today asked for a full sweeping of the roads in the village. A pothole in North Heads Lane had been reported. The Clerk agreed to send him a list of Highways contacts.

(The meeting was briefly adjourned in order to allow members of the public to speak)

- c. Village Hall. Councillor Mackie reported that the 100 Club renewal notices had been issued today, the subscription being £12 per annum. Carol singing around the village will take place during December. The Big Draw will be held at the 'Bacon Buttie & Fizz' get together planned for New Year's Day. On 29th November, there will be a 'Wine and food to match' evening, presented by Booths, tickets being £12
- d. Broadband. Councillor Humphris reported that the Council's interest in a possible community scheme has been registered and representatives of the village will meet representatives of Connecting Cumbria on 5th December at 6pm.
- e. Respect Meeting. The Chairman reported that no Councillors could attend the recent meeting. The next meeting is on 3rd February 2014 at Sedbergh People's Hall at 10am.
- f. War Memorial. Councillor Humphris reported that the War Memorials Trust is not able to make grants for the proposed inscriptions on a plaque. The Clerk read a letter from Revd. Richard Snow, expressing a willingness to meet and explore initiatives together. It was resolved that the Clerk would respond and accept this offer.

(The meeting was adjourned briefly to allow members of the public to speak)

13/125 Clerk's Report: None.

13/126 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Jones Lighting Ltd	£954.94	Street lighting column
RBL Poppy Appeal	£25.00	Remembrance wreath/donation
Ken Humphris	£47.99	Website domain and subscription

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. SLDC had notified all Councils that the Precept forms should be issued by the end of December and Precept requirements should be notified by 31st January 2014.

13/127 Standing Orders:

The revised Model Standing Orders had been examined by Councillors and a draft is now ready. It was resolved to circulate the draft for confirmation at the next meeting.

13/128 Planning:

The following application was discussed:

SL/2012/0845 Land to the north of Killington Reservoir. Siting of 3 wind turbines (with a maximum blade tip height of 132 metres), control building, anemometer mast and access tracks.

It was pointed out that this is the same application as previously made for this development, the only difference being a change in data. It was therefore resolved to reiterate the Council's previous comments.

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13/129 Dates of 2014 meetings:

The dates for meetings during 2014 were confirmed as follows:

Monday 20th January
Monday 17th March
Monday 14th April – Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting
Thursday 29th May – Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 21st July
Monday 18th August
Monday 6th October
Monday 17th November

All at Casterton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

13/130 Date of next meeting:

Monday 20th January 2014 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Dated: