

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council
held at Casterton Village Hall on Monday 15th February 2016 at 2pm.

Present were Councillors Enid Hastings (Chairman), Ken Humphris, Jean Lobley and Claire Wildsmith, District Councillor Mel Mackie, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Bye, County and District Councillor Nick Cotton and District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

16/15 Public participation:

- a. It was requested that the Council thanks LCC for repairing the potholes on Wandales Lane, beyond Gowrey (minute 16/1a refers), so quickly.
- b. It was pointed out that the agenda for this meeting had not been on the website and the Clerk apologised for this oversight.

16/16 Requests for Dispensations: None.

16/17 Declarations of Interest:

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

16/18 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2016, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16/19 County and District matters: None.

16/20 Police Report: None.

16/21 Chairman and Councillor's announcements:

- a. Dog fouling was reported on the lane frequently used by the Casterton School children between Church Cottage and the church. Both SLDC and Police officers have visited and SLDC metal notices have been placed at each end of the lane, which has now been clear for a week.
- b. The Council has received an invitation to take part in Cumbria in Bloom. It was agreed that notices are placed in the notice boards and on the website, in order to assess the level of interest.
- c. The Chairman attended the CALC meeting on 4th February at Gilpin Bridge. The topic was about implementing a health and social wellbeing system in South Lakeland and the speaker was Mike Conefrey, CCC Public Health Locality Manager (South Lakeland). Various issues were discussed in the business part of the meeting.
- d. There are LAP planning workshops in March/April for parishes/towns going into the National Parks – dates to be confirmed. There have been no appeals from the new areas to be included in the YDNP.
- e. There is a meeting planned of the LAPs working group, with CCC Highways, consisting of one representative from each LAP. It was voted to hold four District meetings this year rather than the three proposed.

- f. Councillor Humphris said there is to be a meeting on 23rd February at Casterton Golf Club to discuss the availability of B4RN in Casterton and assess the level of interest from residents.
- g. A sinkhole in the field opposite Langthwaite cross roads (on the South East quadrant) appears to have been filled with rubble. The Clerk agreed to contact the Enforcement Officer at SLDC to report this.

16/22 Officers' Reports:

- a. Public Rights of Way. Councillor Wildsmith reported that the bridge over Casterton Beck should be repaired within four weeks.
- b. Highways. A full report of all outstanding work had been submitted to CCC Highways. This is also on the website and has been confirmed by phone but no action has been intimated yet. Individuals have also written to Tim Farron MP and County and District Councillors. Councillor Mackie agreed to follow this up and asked that he should receive copies of relevant emails. The Chairman said that Bill Hartley has been inspecting the drains in the parish, as agreed.
- c. Village Hall. Councillor Lobleby said the 'Journey through Jordan' evening was a great success and £677 had been raised. The next event is a 'Night of Eastern Promise' on 4th March.

16/23 Community-Led Plan:

Councillor Humphris reported that the working group had met on 27th January, when three Councillors and three residents had been present, plus a representative from Casterton School and a facilitator from ACT. The plan had now been renamed as the 'Community-Led Plan (Casterton Parish)'. A simple questionnaire is being prepared, to be distributed to all residents, including visitors to the parish and the completion date for this to be returned is 21st March. The next meeting of the working group is 29th February at 7pm at Casterton Golf Club.

16/24 Street lights:

The Chairman reported that there had been a meeting today with CCC lighting engineers and the contractors and a strategy agreed, the work is scheduled to commence on 19th February.

16/25 HM The Queen - 90th Birthday:

It was agreed to advertise the opportunity to hold a 'street party' in June and to invite residents to register their interest and willingness to help plan and manage this event. The Clerk agreed to ask both Casterton School and Holy Trinity Church if they were interested in being part of these celebrations.

16/26 Correspondences:

- a. There is a meeting on Tuesday 12th April at Tebay at 7pm to meet Peter Charlesworth, Chairman of the YDNPA. The Clerk will ask if four Councillors can attend this event.
- b. The Clerk said that David Butterworth, Chief Executive of the YDNP, is to speak at the next meeting of Barbon Parish Council on Monday 14th March at 7.30pm and

members of the public are welcome to submit questions in advance to be dealt with before the Council meeting.

- c. 'Clean for the Queen' initiative. SLDC are supporting this and it was agreed the Council would do so too, on Saturday 5th March. The Chairman agreed to ask SLDC for pickers, bags etc to facilitate this.

16/27 Finance:

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

Casterton Village Hall	£135.00	Hire of hall
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- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk reported that there is one 'bad debt' and he will write to the person concerned, requesting prompt payment of this amount.
- d. It was resolved to revise the Bank Mandate and add the names of Councillors Humphris and Lobley as signatories.

16/28 Planning:

- a. *The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority, since the last meeting, on the Clerk's delegated authority, were confirmed:*

SL/2015/1185 Agricultural buildings on land adjacent to Devil's Bridge. Conversion and extension of agricultural buildings into two dwellings. Refusal recommended,

SL/2016/0016 Casterton Lower House (Bronte House, Crookenden House and Garner House), Casterton. Conversion of former boarding school to provide 17 additional dwellings (total of 20). Approval recommended, subject to conditions.

- b. *The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted.*

SL/2015/1199 Fell Garth Farm, Casterton. Discharge of conditions 3,4,5,7,8 attached to planning permission CU/2014/0027. Refused.

SL/2015/1080 Field Edge, Casterton. Creation of new field access and erection of detached tractor and implement store. Refused.

SL/2015/1115 Gowrey Farm, Wandales Lane, Casterton. Two extensions to existing industrial unit. Granted.

- c. The following application was considered and approval recommended:

SL/2016/0041 Sedbergh Preparatory School, Casterton. The demolition of the vacant medical centre and the erection of the two dwellings on site with associated landscaping and modified access.

- d. It was agreed that in future, an individual Councillor would be identified to keep track of re-applications, so that alterations to original plans could be noted and followed up if need be. Councillor Humphris agreed to be the nominated Councillor for application SL/2016/0041.
- e. It was noted that two additional applications are due shortly. It was resolved that these will be dealt with under the Clerk's delegated authority, due to the gap between this meeting and the following one.

16/29 Future agenda items: None.

16/30 Date of next meetings:

***Monday 18th April 2016 at 7pm at Casterton Village Hall
(This will be the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting)***

***Monday 23rd May 2016 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall
(This will be the Annual Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 3.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: