

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Casterton Parish Council
held at Casterton Village Hall on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 8pm.

Present were Councillors Chris Benson (Chairman), Martin Coombs and Stephen Evans, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Lisa Lodge and received from District Councillor Kevin Lancaster.

22/51 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Chris Benson was elected Chairman for 2022-23. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

22/52 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

It was resolved to leave this post vacant until the Council has all five seats filled.

22/53 Requests for Dispensations: None.

22.54 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/55 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd March 2022 and 14th April 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2022 were signed as previously agreed.

22/56 Council Vacancy:

The Vacancy continues to be advertised, largely by personal contact, but as yet there are no firm expressions of interest.

22/57 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

CALC	£141.91	Annual subscription
SLDC	£312.62	Litter bin emptying
Zurich Municipal	£440.78	Insurance premium
K M Price	£155.80	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel.

b. The Interim Accounts for 2021-22 were noted.

c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements (in that order).

22/58 Planning:

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with YDNPA again as planning applications were still not being received by him. It appears to have been a technical problem and it has been passed to the technical team to solve. In the meantime, Councillors recommended to check the YDNPA website for any new applications.

22/59 Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Councillor Benson updated the Council on the many activities planned to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the following week. Many of these had been arranged by Councillor Lodge and the Clerk was mandated to refund her any expenses incurred and to pay any invoices for the various events. The beacon had been officially registered and it was hoped that the whole weekend would be an excellent occasion for the community to come together.

22/60 Speeding on the A683:

A request had been received from Sedbergh Prep School for the Parish Council to assist them in improving the school crossing point opposite Ghyll cottage and the drive way to the vicarage. Although crossing lights are installed at either side they feel that these could be better. i.e. bigger and situated at a greater distance from the crossing point.

The Council would like to see a detailed proposal for this work.

After discussion, it was resolved that, although the Council is supportive in principle of the suggestions, it would not be able to consider financing such a scheme.

Councillor Evans had asked, via the Clerk, for the Police statistics of any accidents on the A683 between Devil's Bridge and the north end of Casterton village. It appeared the number was quite low.

22/61 CANS (Councils Against Speed And Noise):

Councillor Evans reported on the recent meeting of this group. These continue to be held on a monthly basis and now include Garsdale and Dentdale. The group has the support of all three Police forces and the Police Commissioner here in Cumbria. Acoustic cameras are being trialled at present.

22/62 Maintenance issues:

Councillor Benson reported on a number maintenance issues having been resolved. He agreed to enquire via Councillor Cotton on the possibility of passing places being made on some of the lanes in Casterton.

22/63 Casterton Twinning:

Councillor Evans had received a letter from David Kelly from Casterton Australia and this was read to the Council. This will be followed up.

22/64 Permissive Path (minute 22/47 refers):

Councillor Evans reported as follows:

- a. He had been in touch with Steve Hastie of YDNPA for advice.
- b. A path from the garage to the Toll House is what is being discussed.
- c. He will circulate to Councillors the accident statistics provided by the Police.
- d. Local opinion will be tested – possible by means of a survey.
- e. Negotiations with landowners had so far proved unproductive.

22/65 Website:

Councillor Coombs said the website is being well used and there are no problems at present.

22/66 Correspondence: None.

22/67 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: