

Minutes of the
Annual Meeting of Casterton Parish Council
held at Casterton Village Hall on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 8pm.

Present were Councillors Chris Benson (Chairman), Stephen Evans and Ken Humphris, Westmorland and Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Richard and Marjorie Murray.

As this was the first meeting of the new Council, all Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the meeting commenced.

23/31 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Stephen Evans was elected Chairman for 2023-24. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

23/32 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

It was resolved to defer this until a future meeting, when there are more Councillors in office.

23/33 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/34 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/35 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/36 Council Vacancies:

- a. The resignation was noted, with regret, of Councillor Lisa Lodge.
- b. It is known there is at least one other resident who is interested in being co-opted to the Council so this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

23/37 Finance:

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

CALC	£156.76	Annual subscription
Zurich Municipal	£459.72	Insurance premium
K M Price	£170.44	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel

- b. The Interim Accounts for 2022-23 were noted.

- c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, the annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements. All Councillors had been supplied with copies of these.

23/38 Planning – there were no planning matters.

23/39 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

There have been no meetings recently. It is understood that the Chairman of the group is no longer a Parish Councillor and so someone is needed to take over.

23/40 Hedgehog Highway Project:

This was deferred until a future meeting.

23/41 Japanese Knotweed:

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

23/42 Correspondence:

- a. From Mr Richard Murray, informing the Council of recent correspondence he has had with United Utilities, regarding the water supply problems in the Kirkby Lonsdale and Casterton areas. This was noted and will be considered, if appropriate, at the next meeting. The Clerk will provide all Councillors with a copy of this letter.
- b. From Mrs Marjorie Murray (to the Chairman), suggesting agenda items for future meetings of the Council. It was resolved that the Councillors will, between meetings, discuss these items and agree which should be agenda items for the next meeting. All Councillors have been supplied with a copy of this letter.

23/43 Agenda items for the next meeting (other than those already listed):

The possible use of a speed camera to reduce speeding through the village.

23/44 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.30pm at Casterton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: