

Minutes of a meeting of Casterton Parish Council held at Casterton Village Hall, on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Ken Humphris (Chairman), Rob Leese and Steve Richmond. Two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stephen Evans.

25/1 Public participation: None..

25/2 Requests for Dispensations: None

25/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/5 Updates/Councillor's announcements:

- a. Councillor Richmond reported on the recent meeting of the Casterton Community Trust and this will be a regular agenda item at future meetings.
- b. The safe 'walking route' leaflets have now been printed and distributed to The Pheasant, Casterton Garage, Casterton Golf Club, Devil's Bridge butty van, Woodclose caravan park and Kirkby Lonsdale TIC.
- c. It was resolved to write to the new Head of Casterton School, welcoming her to the village and expressing the hope for a good relationship between the School and the Parish Council.

25/6 Finance:

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

Narked Limited	£28.00	Website domain registration
Ken Humphris	£65.99	Reimbursement for fliers
Ken Humphris	£31.42	Reimbursement for Leaflet dispensers
K M Price	£157.00	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. It was resolved to make a grant of £250 towards the Cumbria County History Project.

- d. It was resolved to pay for two signposts, at a total of £320, for the route avoiding the A683.
- e. The Cumberland Building Society had conceded that it was due to 'human' error that a member of their staff allowed a former Councillor to stop a cheque that he had signed and that had been authorised by the Council. The error had been escalated to the senior management team at the Cumberland.

The Council resolved to accept this explanation and not to make a formal complaint against the Cumberland.

25/7 Planning: None.

25/8 Website:

Sally Hodge had sent a short update and this is now on the website. The Council continues to be most grateful for this work.

25/9 War Memorial:

The War Memorial has recently been damaged by a vehicle and the DCC has lodged an insurance claim. The Parish Council resolved to pay for half of any repairs that are not covered by the insurance policy.

25/10 Sustrans route in Casterton:

Noting further has been heard from Jim Yeoman. This item will be left off future agendas until there is anything further to discuss.

25/11 Reports: None:

25/12 'Save the Pheasant'/Casterton Community Hub Ltd:

The Chairman reported that the government's Community Ownership Fund would be closed shortly to new applications. Other funding and grant opportunities are now being followed; in the meantime the planning application for a change of use of The Pheasant will not be considered until mid-March at the earliest.

25/13 Resilience Plan:

It was resolved to defer this item until the promised material is received from Councillor Hodgson.

25/14 Footpaths Officer:

Councillor Evans has been busy working on this project and a full report will be given at the next meeting.

25/15 Maintenance of the Village Green:

A local person is interested in carrying out regular work to enhance the Village Green and a site visit will be held when the weather is suitable.

25/16 Community Strategy/Development Plan:

Councillor Richmond gave a report on the Casterton Village Plan, the team having met twice since the last meeting. The Clerk agreed to notify his adjacent parishes about the plan.

An initial budget of around £200 was agreed to cover expenses, for which receipts will be provided. Additional funding of around £750 to £1,000 will be required to complete the survey.

25/17 Correspondence:

Asset Register – this is due to be updated by 1st June and the Clerk will bring a draft to the next meeting.

25/18 Calendar of meetings during 2025:

The following dates were agreed, subject to change as the year progresses:

Tuesday 8th April
Tuesday 20th May (Annual Meeting)
Thursday 24th July
Tuesday 30th September
Tuesday 25th November (Precept Meeting)

All at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed:

Dated: