

# GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in Casterton Church Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. November 2022**

## **In Attendance:**

Councillors Mark Bush (MB) in the Chair, John Sylvester (JS), Alasdair Ryder (AR), and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present were County Councillor Rick Wilson and two members of the public, Marion Pitt and Pat Elliott

## **22.038 Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor Jo Milne, Councillor Steve Barker, County Councillor David Wilby,

## **22.039 Declarations of Interest**

None

## **22.040 Minutes of Meeting held on 6th.July 2022**

Accepted as a true record, proposed JS seconded AR, all in favour.

## **22.041 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the agenda**

River clearance: The Chairman had contacted Anglian Water, who had stated that they would only clear debris from the river if it was flooding. DW had suggested at the last meeting that we should contact Ryhall PC, who had managed to get their stretch of the river cleared, Clerk to contact them.

## **22.042 Police Matters**

No report in absence of police representative. The Chairman noted that since Laurie Appleton left, we had heard nothing from his successor, not even a monthly crime report..

## **22.043 Financial Update**

1. Current Position: The Clerk had circulated an up-to-date account showing the current position, with expenditure at £9,427.74 from income totalling £6,004.60, balance £17,360.74 comprising CIL Reserve £6,569.68, Election Reserve £750.00 and General Reserve £10,041.06.

2. CIL Account: A copy of the up-to-date position on this account had been circulated prior to the last meeting. The first tranche of £1,182.82, due to be used by April 2024, has now been fully expended. Of the second tranche of £5,322.68, due by October 2024, some £4,075.68 has already been spent. The final tranche of £5,322.68 is due to be used by April 2025.

## **22.044 Planning**

a. Barkers: No further news on second phase – initial application now withdrawn. SB understands that a new application will be submitted in the near future.

b. Bowls Green Proposals: No further developments as yet. We are told that there will be delays while the land is sold on to the developers before work can commence. AR reported that Tom Helliwell has been extremely supportive regarding the play area, and a slide will be included, though there is not enough room for a swing. Planning dept have now agreed to footpath access from both Pickworth Road and Old Great North Road. The revised

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plans incorporate gateways to the development – doubts were expressed whether RCC would allow these. There will be a gateway to the Play Area.

c. Rutland Local Plan: RW reported that responses to the new Local Plan have been closed and are now being analysed. There is a further meeting next week, and final decisions are unlikely before the Spring. He indicated the importance of agreeing a Local Plan – at present our planning dept are operating under the National Plan, which is less stringent. Already a number of planning applications have been granted which would not have been passed under our Local Plan.

d. Mallard Pass Solar Farm: RW reported that it will be some time before any further developments transpire. The Stage 2 consultations are now complete, and once these have been studied and analysed, there may need to be updates to the plans. 72% of responses were against the proposals. The next stage of the process should be completed by the Spring.

e. Quarry Farm/North Stamford/ A1 link: RW reported that initial surveys are now complete. Both RCC and SKDC have yet to indicate whether they support the proposals, and much needs to be done regarding schools, medical centres etc. before any planning applications can be submitted. Traffic data is being taken at all main entrances to Stamford, although, bizarrely, not on Sidney Farm Lane or Arran Road.

### **21,045 Highways**

- a. Water Lane Widening: No further developments.
- b. Entrance Gates at chicanes. The Clerk had been in touch with Shaun Field of Highways, who will be responsible for seeing our proposals through. An initial meeting with him in the village has been arranged for next Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the possible layouts and costs.
- c. SIDs: The HTWG has scheduled replacements for the SID at the College for next year 2023-24, and the two others on OGNR for 2024/25.

### **22.046 Community Update re Covid-19**

MB reported that the figures within Rutland were still high.

### **22.047 Memorial Plaque for the late Queen**

The wording of the plaque was agreed. Estimated cost is £70, which can be charged to the CIL account.

### **22.048 Any Other Business**

1. History Boards: AR suggested that the village history information boards located on the Green and on Ryhall Road are now looking very tired and shabby. Clerk to get in touch with RCC

2. FixMyStreet issues: MB had reported an old fridge dumped – reply was that it was on private land and was landowner's responsibility.

The broken pavement at the crossroads is now fixed, and although further repairs had taken place on the road surface, the result was still not good.

3. A recovery vehicle is being regularly parked at the chicane at the southern end of the village. AR said that it was carefully parked to avoid being obstructive to the footpath entrance and that, as there are no parking restrictions there, he is not breaking the law.

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4. Marion Pitt reported that a camera has been erected on the green. It was felt that this was part of the traffic monitoring referred to in minute 22.044 (e)

**22.049 Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 14th. December 2022 at the Church Hall 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm