

GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in Casterton Church Hall at 8.15pm on Wednesday 14th. December 2022

A public Meeting was held prior to the meeting to discuss the College Close proposals. It was attended by 50 residents, and minutes of the meeting are appended to these minutes.

In Attendance:

Councillors Mark Bush (MB) in the Chair, John Sylvester (JS), Jo Milne (JM), Alasdair Ryder (AR), Steve Barker (SB) and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present were County Councillor David Wilby and one member of the public, David Clarke.

22.063 Apologies for Absence:

County Councillor Rick Wilson

22.0641 Declarations of Interest

None

22.065 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th. December 2022

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

22.066 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the agenda

None

22.067 Police Matters

No report in absence of police representative.

22.068 Financial Update

1. Current Position: The Clerk had circulated an up-to-date account showing the current position, with expenditure at £12,112.04 from income totalling £6,624.45, balance £15,296.29 comprising CIL Reserve £6,114.68, Election Reserve £750.00, Play Area Reserve £2,500.00 and General Reserve £5,931.61. End of year General reserve should be of the order of £5,000

2. Draft Budget 2023-24. The Clerk had revised the budget requirements to include replacement the noticeboards, to be paid from the CIL account.

3. Cheque authorisations:

1. £594.00 – Unipart Rail – SID repair

Approval proposed SB, seconded JS, all in favour.

22.069 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a. Barkers: No further news on second phase – initial application now withdrawn.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

c. Rutland Local Plan: Consultation expires end of the month for Settlement Hierarchy Engagement, MB will complete and submit comments form. A brief discussion on a new Village Plan, with MB offering to undertake the work for this after elections in May.

d. Mallard Pass Solar Farm: An application to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order has been submitted by the developers. The parish has been

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invited register as an interested party on the Planning Inspectorate website – it requires comments in order to complete registration. These will be put together in the next few days, and registration completed.

e. Quarry Farm/North Stamford/ A1 link: A cross boundary outline planning application has been submitted to RCC, whose jurisdiction in this is limited to works access via Great Casterton.. GCPC was not included in the Planning Dept. referral process, and only learned of this via Ryhall Parish Clerk. Comments are due by 28 January.

f. College Close: Please see minutes of the public meeting attached.

21.070 Highways

- a. Water Lane Widening: No further developments. There was another bad accident at the crossroads, recently, and other near-misses, and the poor re-surfacing has not yet been fixed. Shaun Field of Highways indicated this will be attended to in February.
- b. SIDs: The SID at the former Plough had an engineer visit at a cost of £500. Their subsequent report indicated that a fuse needed replacement, and a cap fitted to the top of the sign to prevent water ingress. Neither of these was within their remit, and they had recommended that a local electrician could undertake replacement fuse and cap. SB agreed to arrange for his electrician to deal with it..

22.071 Council Elections May 2023

The Clerk reminded councillors that they needed to advise him of their intentions to stand for election or otherwise by the end of March

22.072 Replacement Noticeboards

The Church had requested a replacement noticeboard. Initial enquiries by the Clerk via the internet indicated this could cost up to £2,500. SB agreed to obtain a quote for replacement of both noticeboards from his carpenter.

22.061 Any Other Business

None

22.062 Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 1st. February 2023 at the Church Hall 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm