

GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in Casterton Church Hall at 8.15pm on Wednesday 1st. March 2023

A public Meeting was held prior to the meeting to discuss the College Close proposals. It was attended by 25 residents, and minutes of the meeting are appended to these minutes.

In Attendance:

Councillors Mark Bush (MB) in the Chair, Jo Milne (JM), Alasdair Ryder (AR), Steve Barker (SB) and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present were County Councillors David Wilby (DW) and Rick Wilson (RW) and two members of the public, Marion Pitt and Jill Bush.

A minute's silence was observed prior to the meeting in memory of Councillor John Sylvester, who passed away on 13th. February.

22.075 Apologies for Absence:

None

22.076 Declarations of Interest

None

22.077 Minutes of Meeting held on 18th. January 2023

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

22.078 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the agenda

None

22.079 Police Matters

No report in absence of police representative. The monthly crime report recently received showed one report relating to GC – a student at the College had reported that his coat had been stolen.

22.080 College Close

Please see minutes of the public meeting attached.

22.081 Financial Update

1. Current Position: The Clerk had circulated an up-to-date account showing the current position, with expenditure at £12,702.04 from income totalling £6,624.45, balance £14,702.29 comprising CIL Reserve £6,114.68, Election Reserve £750.00, Play Area Reserve £2,500.00 and General Reserve £5,337.61. End of year General reserve should be of the order of £4,500

2. Banking Arrangements: Barclays in Stamford is closing in April, and we need to make new arrangements. The Clerk had written to LRALC outlining the problems, including the need for online access. Their response suggested that many councils were now using Unity Trust Bank because of their online facilities – the drawback was that they charge £6 per month, whereas we currently pay no charges. AR proposed that the Clerk should pursue this possibility and report to the next meeting.

3. Cheque authorisations:

1. £414.00 – 2 Commune Ltd – Website maintenance
2. £80.00 – Plough Environmental – Grass cutting, November
3. £530.40 – Steve Rudkin – Defibrillator installation

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4. £60.00 – Steve Rudkin – Defib. removal from Church Hall
Approval proposed SB, seconded JS, all in favour.

22.082 Planning

- a. Barkers: Final property still not sold. No further news on second phase – initial application now withdrawn.
- b. Bowls Green Proposals: Contractors were now on site
- c. Rutland Local Plan: DW reported that the process was ongoing, with a further meeting due shortly
- d. Mallard Pass Solar Farm: Registration now completed. RW explained the implications of the possibility that the developers could, if application was successful, apply for compulsory purchase of the GC crossroads for the duration of the construction, and be allowed to make layout changes to facilitate construction traffic access.
- e. Quarry Farm/North Stamford/ A1 link: Nothing further to report.

21.083 Highways

- a. Water Lane Widening: No further developments.
- b. Cross roads: These have now been adequately re-surfaced.
- c. SIDs: The Clerk will contact Steve Rudkin to arrange replacement fuse
- d. HTWG: The Chairman expressed disappointment at Robyn Green's recent email advising that no action will be taken on any of our traffic submissions. DW suggested a letter from the PC expressing this disappointment

22.084 Council Elections May 2023

The Clerk reminded councillors that they needed to advise him of their intentions to stand for election or otherwise by early April

22.085 Replacement Noticeboards

SB is obtaining a quote for replacement of both noticeboards from his carpenter.

22.086 Any Other Business

None

22.087 Date of Next Meetings:

Wednesday 19th. April 2023 at the Church Hall 7.00pm.

Wednesday 17th. May 2023 at the Church Hall 7.00pm (Annual Parish Meeting)

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm