

GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in Casterton Church Hall at 7.35 pm on Wednesday 25th.May 2022

In Attendance:

Councillors Mark Bush (MB) in the Chair, John Sylvester (JS), Steve Barker (SB) and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present were County Councillors David Wilby (DW) and Rick Wilson (RW), and three members of the public, David Clarke, Jill Bush and Marion Pitt.

22.001 Apologies for Absence:

Alasdair Ryder (AR), Jo Milnes (JM), P.C.Benjamin Orton (BO)

22.002 Declarations of Interest

None

22.003 Minutes of Meetings held on 20th.April 2022

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

22.004 Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the agenda

1. Village Entrance Chicanes. Further enquiry of Highways Dept. confirmed that this is on their agenda for the coming year, but no date has been set. DW commented that Highways was in some turmoil at present, and to expect delays.

2. Waste Bins. Installed this week, with that in the footpath between High Crescent and College Close drawing complaint from a resident. SAB had agreed to move to the lamp-post adjacent to the salt bin in College Close. The invoice when received will be settled from the CIL reserve.

22.005 Police Matters

No report in absence of police representative. In sending his apologies, P.C.Ben Orton forwarded a copy of the Beat report for the past month, which included just one relating to Great Casterton, an assault which took place at the BP Garage.

22.006 Financial Update

a. End of Year Account. The full end-of-year account was circulated prior to the meeting, which showed total expenditure of £6,433.53 against income of £11,493.53, leaving an end-of-year balance of £20,783.88, comprising CIL Reserve £11,520.18, Election Reserve £750.00 and General Reserve £8,513.70.

b. Current Position: The Clerk had circulated an up-to-date account showing the current position, with expenditure at £4,423.20 from income totalling £5,650.00, balance £22,010.68 comprising CIL Reserve £8,520.18, Election Reserve £750.00 and General Reserve £12,740.50.

c. Cheque Authorisations: i) £400.00 to Stamford Town Band who will perform at the Jubilee fete ii) £174.35 to Defib4Life Ltd for defibrillator batteries. Delivery times estimated at 8-12 weeks iii) £80.00 to Plough Env. Services – Grass cutting for April. iv) £40 to Information Commissioner re Data Protection sub. v) £80.97 for Jubilee party hats, etc. These were authorised on the proposal of SB, seconded JS.

e. Grant to Mallard Pass Action Group. A request for donations from this group has been received. It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be made to support this group, proposed SB, seconded JS, all in favour. AR & JM had expressed their support by email.

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DW suggested that the clerk should make enquiries of RCC to establish whether this could be a valid charge to CIL reserve.

22.007 Planning

a. Barkers: Development is now nearly finished, with all but one properties now occupied. The Clerk had reported the state of the pavement along Water Lane, and Highways have scheduled repairs.

Nothing further on the separate application submitted for the development of the garage site has been noted, the application for six flats along Main Street to the Water Lane junction having been withdrawn. SB felt that a revised application was forthcoming.

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.

c. Rutland Local Plan: DW reported little further action on this since the last meeting – an all-party working party has started work on the way forward, but he has no further update as yet.

d. Mallard Pass Solar Farm: The Chairman had attended a recent Zoom meeting of the developers, which turned out to be a PR exercise on their behalf. The statutory consultation in advance of the DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate will run from 26 May to 4 August. We shall need to submit our comments by this date.

e. Quarry Farm/North Stamford/ A1 link: The Chairman felt that this was the biggest current threat to village. The link road for the development will end at the B1081 opposite Sidney Farm lane, with no provision other than current routes for access to the AI. DW commented that there is little coordination between RCC, SKDC and LCC on this development, and much work needs to be done in this respect

21,008 Highways

a. Water Lane Widening: No further developments.

b. Entrance Gates at chicanes. See minute 22.004 above.

c. Speeding through the village. Interesting statistics from the police show that GC is among the highest in Rutland with speed van issued tickets at 19 in March, representing 5.6 tickets per hour of speed van time spent in the village. It was noted that fewer tickets were issued since the repair of the speed sign was completed.

d. Litter bins: See minute 22.004 above.

22.009 Community Update re Covid-19

MB reported that the figures within Rutland were now falling. DW recommended continued vigilance.

22.010 Queen's Jubilee June 2022

A meeting of the Jubilee committee this week will finalise the plans, which are well progressed, working towards a good event, providing good weather prevails. The beacon is now in place on the village green. AR has produced excellent risk assessments for each event which will more than satisfy our insurers.

22.011 Any Other Business

1. Defibrillator: Jill Bush felt that it would be useful to have signs at the top of the footpath to the Church Hall indicating the presence of a defibrillator. Clerk to arrange.

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22.012 Date of Next Meetings:

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th. July 2022 at the Church Hall 7.00pm

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm