

# GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Annual Parish Meeting

### 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm at Great Casterton Church Hall

Councillors Mark Bush ( MB) in the Chair, Alasdair Ryder ( AR), John Sylvester (JS) Steve Barker (SB) Joanne Milnes ( JM) and Caroline Adams ( Acting Clerk) were present . In addition County Councillor David Wilby ( DW) and PC Laurie Appleton attended

#### **021.001 Election of Chairman**

Mark Bush indicated his willingness to continue as Chairman and was duly elected on the proposal of JS , seconded by AR, all in favour. He duly signed the Declaration of Office.

#### **021.002 Election of Vice Chairman**

There were no nominations for Vice Chairman

#### **021.003 Public Questions and comments**

None

#### **021.004 Declaration of Interests both personal and predudical on agenda items**

None

#### **021.005 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

These had been previously approved at the meeting of .....

#### **021.006 Chairman's report**

The Chairman's report is appended to these minutes, with a clarification that the reference to Highways was Rutland County Council Highways Department

#### **021.007 Review and Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Proposed by JS, seconded by AR and agreed to revert to the original Standing Orders following the cessation of the Standing Orders adopted for one year for virtual meetings.

#### **Financial Regulations**

No further amendments. Proposed by AR, seconded by JS and adopted

#### **021.008 Review of Inventory of Assets**

The Inventory of assets has not changed since last year. It was noted that the depreciation of the value of the HP Ipaq data reader (purchased 2006) should be written off and the Clerk's laptop should be factored into the next review. Proposed by AR, seconded by JM and agreed.

#### **021.009 Review and confirm the Insurance cover for all insured risks until 31 May 2021**

Proposed by SB, seconded by JS and agreed.

#### **021.010 Review of the Council's Memberships of tother bodies**

1. Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish Councils (Annual Subscription £199.00)
2. Rural Community Council – Annual donation £20.00
3. Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Annual donations £20

It was agreed to continue these memberships on the proposal of AR, seconded by SB. All in favour.

#### **021.011 Review of Parish Council's Risk Assessment and Management**

A copy of this document had been circulated the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that all the risk assessment and management thereof were adequate.

#### **021.012 Finance – Approval of the Certificate of Exemption, Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement**

Copies of these documents were circulated to Councillors prior to the Meeting

- (a) Certificate of Exemption The Council agreed to adopt this Certificate on the proposal of SB, seconded by AR, all agreed.
- (b) Annual Governance Statement: approved on the proposal of JS, seconded by SB, all in favour
- (c) Annual Statement of Accounts :approved on the proposal of AR, seconded by JM, all in favour.

These documents were duly signed by the Chairman and the Acting Clerk

#### **021.013 Review of the Parish Council's policy for dealing with the Press and Media**

There had been no change to this policy. The policy was approved on the proposal of SB, seconded by AR, all in favour.

#### **021.014 Police Report – Annual Review of the Year**

PC Laurie Appleton was welcomed to the meeting. He reported on the statistics from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31 March 2021. There have been 14 crimes reported, 2 burglaries from businesses and 3 assaults, 6 reports of criminal damage, 1 theft of a motor vehicle and 2 thefts from gardens.

Neighbourhood Link - PC Appleton promoted this initiative – residents are urged to contact PC Appleton to sign up directly by email or via the app. There is the opportunity to complete a survey which assists the Police to identify Beat priorities – to date this is speeding and rural crime.

Community Speed Watch -this is due to be re-launched next month with training for volunteers at Barleythorpe and is fully subscribed for this year. The application process to conduct a Speedwatch Campaign is via the Parish Council but requires the support of volunteers .It was agreed to an initiative to identify who might wish to become involved in the next round of Speed Watch next year, with the possibility of a leaflet drop. PC Appleton explained the process and the value of the Speedwatch. A letter is sent to every driver who is in excess of the speed limit and the data is analysed by the team to assess the times and locations of the speeding.

PC Appleton to check the date of the last visit of the speed camera vehicle to Great Casterton – as staffing levels due to Covid have impacted on its availability.

PC Appleton asked the Parish Council/ Clerk to confirm the recordings from the computer programme linked to the Speed Indictor Devices

Road safety at the crossroads – this was revisited regarding the level of enforcement possible by Rutland County Council and the Police relating to parked cars near the junction. The Meeting discussed the possibility of double yellow lines being explored in the future.

The Parish Council requested the Police monitor the crossroads during the busy times from School and report back on the road safety angle. It was agreed to organise a parish walk at busy times with a representative of Rutland County Council Highways Dept ,the Parish Council and the Police The Clerk to contact PC Appleton to arrange .

This would include assessing the difficulties for traffic on the narrow Water Lane, which is an ongoing concern with the continued construction on the Barker site. The meeting agreed that a solution would be to widen the top junction and this would be explored further.

It was further agreed that the Chairman would take the above concerns to the upcoming virtual Neighbourhood Watch meeting hosted by the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner.

Graffiti on barn – needs to be resolved, noted for action by PC Appleton

**021.014 Observations of the County Councillors for Casterton and Ryhall Ward.**

DW thanked the Parish Councillors for their sterling work over the past year and gave advice on moving forward with the input into comments on road infrastructure and procedures regarding the Stamford North proposed development. Regarding St Georges Barracks in relation to the Local Plan, he gave an brief overview of the latest situation relating the HIF bid.

Fix My Street is a relatively new portal for reporting all matters / concerns to Highways who are aiming to improve their response times and customer service.

The Future Rutland Conversation was highlighted by DW who strongly encouraged public and council participation. DW endorsed the Climate Change Initiative being led by Cllr Stephenson. Rutland County Council is keen to promote parish council representation.

DW confirmed that at present there were no plans for the role of Mayor in Rutland.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm