

# GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in Casterton Church Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>.July 2022

## **In Attendance:**

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

## **22.013 Apologies for Absence:**

County Councillor Rick Wilson

## **22.014 Declarations of Interest**

None

## **22.015 Minutes of Meetings held on 25th.May 2022**

1. Annual Parish Meeting. Accepted as a true record, proposed JS seconded SB, all in favour.
2. Parish Council Meeting. Accepted as a true record, proposed SB seconded JS, all in favour.

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

1. Village Entrance Chicanes. The Clerk has attempted to contact Heather Caldicott, Head of Transport Strategy to enquire about progress on our application for these gates, and also the SIDs replacement scheme, and has left a message for a return call.
2. Waste Bins. Now installed, and invoice received, to be charged to CIL account.

## **22.017 Police Matters**

No report in absence of police representative.

## **22.018 Financial Update**

1. Current Position: The Clerk had circulated an up-to-date account showing the current position, with expenditure at £8,262.54 from income totalling £5,775.00, balance £18,296.34 comprising CIL Reserve £86,569.68, Election Reserve £750.00 and General Reserve £10,976.66.
2. Cheque Authorisations: i) £600.00 to RCC for Waste bins. ii) £1,673.40 to PDE Engineering for Beacon Superstructure and installation. iii) £160.00 to Plough Env. Services – Grass cutting for June. These were approved on the proposal of SB, seconded JS.

## **22.019 Planning**

- a. Barkers: Development is now nearly finished, with all but one properties now occupied. No further news on second phase – initial application now withdrawn.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.
- c. Rutland Local Plan: A new Local Plan has just been published for consultation, a lengthy document in not very comprehensible terminology, responses due by 16<sup>th</sup>.September.

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The Chairman felt that we need not respond, but care will be needed regarding development issues, both in the village and also North Stamford and Quarry Farm. DW suggested that we should highlight the difficulties in understanding the document in any response we make.

d. Mallard Pass Solar Farm: The action group has requested a further leaflet drop relating to the current consultation, which Chairman has agreed to undertake, but indicated that no further such requests would be entertained. There is generally a lack of interest within the village on this project. The Chairman has produced a proposed response to the consultation, which focuses on the effect on traffic through the village during the construction phases and to the 1000+ school children who attend school each day. Comment is also made on the proposed siting, and the effect of the Electrical sub-station, which was constructed to service HST trains on the East Coast Main Line.

e. Quarry Farm/North Stamford/ A1 link: DW had this week attended a joint briefing on this project between SKDC and RCC, with four RCC councillors attending and only one SKDC, a disappointing response. Proposals include a new Electricity sub-station, a ribbon of green space around the area and emphasis on cycle routes into Stamford. Secondary education requirements will be catered for by Stamford Welland Academy, but a new primary school will be needed. No real answer has been offered for new medical facilities – the problem is staffing of such. A small shopping facility is proposed. There are many developers keen to get involved. There is still some argument over the housing allocation – currently the agreement is that this will go to RCC. CIL allocations also controversial.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that our response to the outline planning application have already been submitted.

### **21,020 Highways**

- a. Water Lane Widening: No further developments.
- b. Entrance Gates at chicanes. See minute 22.016 above.
- c. SIDs: See minute 22.016 above. The data recorder on the sign at the Plough has stopped working, although the sign itself is still displaying. An engineer visit will cost £500, and it was agreed that we should not pursue this in view of the cost.

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

MB reported that the figures within Rutland were falling slightly. DW recommended continued vigilance in view of the recent increase in national figures.

### **22.022 Queen's Jubilee June 2022**

JM reported on a highly successful event, and thanked the Parish Council for its financial support

### **22.023 Any Other Business**

1. College Close potholes. JS commented that these have still not been repaired. Clerk to submit request to FixMyStreet.

2. B1081 resurfacing AR commented that resurfacing had taken place up the hill as far as Sidney Farm Lane, but had not included the actual junction with the Lane, where there are bad potholes. Similarly the road continuation into Stamford had been resurfaced beyond the petrol station. It was felt that this was due to each Council's contractors not being

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sufficiently aware of the actual boundaries involved. The Clerk will report the anomaly to FixMyStreet.

### **22.024 Date of Next Meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. September 2022 at the Church Hall 7.00pm

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm