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## **GREAT CASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Casterton College at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. March 2017.**

### **In Attendance:**

Councillors Mark Bush (MB) in the Chair, Michael Markey (MM), Alasdair Ryder (AR) John Sylvester (JS) Clare Rowbotham (CR) and Derek Patience, Parish Clerk. Also present were Carl Smith, Principal of Casterton College, Malcolm Goddard, Business Manager of Casterton College, and 1 member of the public, Mr. David Clarke.

**Casterton College:** A presentation was given by Carl Smith and Malcolm Goddard outlining possible development plans at Casterton College.

### **16.083 Apologies for Absence:**

County Councillors Chris Parsons and David Wilby, PC Laurie Appleton

### **16.084. Declarations of Interest and Amendments:**

None

### **16.085 Minutes of Previous Meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup>.January 2017**

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed MM, seconded MB, all in favour.

### **16.086 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

### **16.087 Police & Neighbourhood Watch**

No report in the absence of a police representative. PC Houghton is still off sick, and shift schedules make it difficult for Laurie Appleton to attend. He has agreed to set up a beat surgery at the church/primary school fete in June. CR asked whether it was possible for a property marking session to be held, and the Clerk will endeavour to coordinate this with LA to combine with the beat surgery.

### **16.088 Financial Update**

**Current Position:** The Clerk reported that there had been no movement in the accounts since the last meeting the meeting. Expenditure so far this year amounted to £4,734, and income £6,763, leaving a current balance of £8,496. After taking into account projected expenditure for the remainder of the year, the end-of-year surplus was likely to be in the region of £7,500.

### **16.089 Planning**

1. **Home Farm Lime Trees:** Mr. Lamb has submitted a further application to fell the remaining two trees, replacing them with two semi-mature 5.5m Lime trees. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the application, expressing its desire to see the area tidied up and the wall rebuilt.

2. **The Old Rectory:** An application to build a garage to the rear of the Church Hall was discussed, which was not visible from the road, and from only one property in the village. MB said that this was an archaeologically important area, and that it may be necessary for a dig to take place before construction. AR & JS felt that the depths involved

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made this unlikely. It was agreed that the Parish Council should raise no objection to the application.

3. Ingoldsfield, Old Great North Road: An application for a two storey side extension, to which there was no objection from Councillors

### **16090. The Crown Inn**

It is believed that the sale of this property has now been completed, and the Chairman reported that the car park has been sealed off, resulting in no access for residents to the recycling bins installed there.

### **16091. Stamford Capacity Study**

Ongoing, but nothing further to report.

### **16092. Any Other Business**

1. Transparency Fund. The Clerk reported the grant received last year for computer purchase to enable website delivery of transparency regulations has still to be expended. LRALC have reported that an audit may be made to ensure funds have been properly used, and the Clerk will complete the purchase on a computer prior to the end of the financial year.
2. Bonfires. Several complaints have been received from residents regarding regular bonfires at Ingoldsfield, Old Great North Road, resulting in toxic and unpleasant smoke. It is believed that some of these are being used to dispose of commercial waste. Clerk to write to Environmental Health at RCC.
3. Graffiti. David Clarke reported that his son and other volunteers had cleaned up some graffiti on Collegfe Close, and his RRT group had offered to extend this work to other parts of the village. The Chairman accepted this offer gratefully and thanked them for their work.
4. Rutland Spring Clean. The Council expressed its thanks to Martyn Wray and his team of volunteers who carried out a litter pick in the village on the weekend of this event.

### **16.093 Date of Next Meetings:**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. April 2017 at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. May 2017 at 7.00pm at Casterton College **Annual Parish**

### **Meeting**

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