

CASTLE CARROCK & GELTS DALE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING, 14th JULY 2010 7:30PM

Present: George Devereux (Chairman), David Low (Vice Chairman), Richard Johnstone, Derek Knight, Keith Brown, David Rawsthorn

In attendance: Cllr. Doreen Parsons, Cllr. Nick Marriner, Brian Edmundson (Internal Auditor), Tricia Meynell (Parish Clerk),

1. Apologies

None

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on May 12th 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Agenda Items

a: Co-option of new Parish Councillor: Pete Miles was co-opted onto the Parish Council in order to fill a casual vacancy which had arisen. A vote was taken and Cllr. Miles duly signed the offer of acceptance.

b: Sale of land beside Rectory Since the last parish council meeting there has been no progress in the sale of the land. The sale is being handled by HH King who are in control of the situation.

c: Loning Repairs: Funding has been sought from the Parish Paths Initiative (Cumbria County Council) to repair sections of Killwren Loning (which runs from Castlegate Barn to Garth Head) and Back Loning (which runs from Rectory Rd towards Greenwell). Two areas have been identified for urgent repair and it is hoped that with funding from PPI and Neighbourhood Forum both projects can be completed before winter. The planned repair work should provide a dry path for pedestrians. Landowner consent has been obtained.

d: Village Notice board: This has now been put up (thanks to Cllrs. Devereux and Knight) and replaces the old broken one. Thanks to Cllr. Nick Marriner whose department funded the notice board..

e: Music on the Marr: Councillor Richard Johnstone reported on this event which took place on June 20th 2010. Two hundred and seventy tickets were sold. Feedback has been 100% positive with everyone who attended enjoying a relaxed atmosphere, good music and great weather. Both pubs in the village did good trade and were also very supportive of the event. Cllr. Johnstone has made good a few small dents in the village green caused by the marquee/stage, and will re-seed if necessary.

f: Request by parishioner for a bench at the bus stop: It was suggested that rather than purchase a new bench, it might be better to move the bus stop to where there is already a bench on the village green. It was agreed that the clerk will contact the bus company and the Highways department to see if this would be possible.

g: Parking at Jockey Shield: This item had been previously discussed but had been put on hold for various reasons. The topic was re-introduced at this meeting since the Parish Council was in receipt of a letter from the new owner/developer of High Hynam saying, amongst other things, that he was considering offering financial and practical assistance to help create a suitable parking area at the side of the road at Jockey Shield. Cllr. Devereux suggested investigating the use of "grass-crete" (plastic grid which lies on flat ground and lets the grass grow through it) as a possible solution to the problem. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should write and thank the owner of High Hynam for his offer and at the same time urge him to install the pedestrian kissing gate between his property and the river as soon as possible so that walkers are not deterred from accessing the river bank.

5. Correspondence. Various items of correspondence were available for viewing. A letter from Talkin Tarn Amateur Rowing club asking for financial assistance was viewed and it was agreed that this would not be a suitable use of parish council money. Likewise a similar letter from Hospice at Home.

6. Financial Matters: Cheques were made out to the following: a. Parish Clerk for office expenses £5.00, b. Greenbarnes Ltd. for new notice board (£1354.77) c: The Watson Hall – annual grant from Parish Council to cover insurance and water rates (£798)

7. Planning Matters: None

8. Councillor's Issues:

1. Cllr. Rawsthorn announced that he would organise another village litter pick this autumn. Dates to be announced.
2. Cllr. Johnstone wondered if the obsolete metal pole with nothing attached from it could be removed from the village green.
3. Cllr. Johnstone suggested that Castle Carrock should have a flag pole (used to have one many years ago). It was agreed that a paragraph canvassing the opinion of the electorate would be put in the next Parish News (September)
4. Cllr. Low brought to the attention of all present that 4 properties in the village had suffered water leaks on the same day and wondered if this was an issue that United Utilities should be dealing with.
5. Cllr. Marriner announced that the current "Highway Steward" scheme will be coming to an end and will be replaced with "Road Steward" teams which will be responsible for larger areas than the Highway Stewards. The new scheme will begin in August/September of this year.
6. Brian Edmundson updated all present on the village hall roof repairs. These are intended to be carried out in August. Scaffolding will be erected around the hall whilst new insulation is added and the tiling replaced. The roof over the toilets will also be repaired and insulated. Secondary glazing will be fitted inside the hall windows and roof insulation will be inserted between the wooden ceiling and the new tiling. Cllr. Marriner announced that his department would be able to make a financial contribution to the repairs.
7. Cllr. Brown noted that the handrail over the disused bridge next to the newer (and frequently used) bridge over the Beck outside school is loose and needs fixing. It was suggested that it would be better to remove the disused bridge completely. The clerk will contact the footpaths officer.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th September 2010.

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm