

CASTLE CARROCK & GELTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 9TH JANUARY 2013

7:30pm – Watson Hall, Castle Carrock

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. George Devereux (Chairman), Cllr. Keith Brown, Cllr. David Low (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Dave Hassall, Cllr. Derek Knight, Cllr. Guy Widdowson

In attendance: Cllr. Doreen Parsons, David Rawsthorn (Internal Auditor), Tricia Meynell (Clerk)

1. Apologies.

Cllr. N Marriner, Cllr. Richard Johnstone

2. Declaration of interests.

Cllr. Low declared an interest in item agenda item a. Village Hall Grant.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2012 were signed by the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Low as a true record.

4. Agenda Items:

a. The Village Hall Committee are applying for a grant via the CPCA to provide funds for a backdrop for the Watson Hall stage – this grant needs approval from the parish council. It was unanimously agreed to support the application. The clerk will complete the paperwork on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

b. Setting of Precept for 2013/14 – Internal Auditor, David Rawsthorn explained the current situation regarding changes in the setting of the precept. It was decided to keep the precept for Castle Carrock & Geltsdale at £4340 – the same as for the previous year. This will result in a very small decrease in the monthly council tax figure for some properties.

5. Correspondence – letters and emails received were viewed and discussed where appropriate.

6. Financial Matters - Statement of account and bills to pay as follows:

a. Reimbursement of office expenses to parish clerk £5.00 Cheque #324

b. Reimbursement of electricity costs to the Duke of Cumberland for running the village Christmas tree lights – £10. Cheque #325

c. Reimbursement of expenses - for the purchase of village Christmas tree lights - £85 to Cllr. Devereux. Cheque #323

7. Planning Matters.

a. 12/0983 The Weary – It was noted that the Parish Council has objected to this application.

b. 12/079 Noted that permission has been granted for the demolition of a barn and erection of two story side extension to farmhouse at Tottergill.

8. Councillor's Issues

1. What is going on with high speed Broadband – Clerk will enquire from Ian Watson at United Utilities if fibre optic cable is going to their plant from Brampton, and what implications this will have on the village.

2. Collapsed wall on Peth Lonning – it has been ascertained that the wall belongs to No 2. High Meadow (top of Sid's Field) although the owners of 2 High Meadow are contesting this fact. The recent damage has been cleared by the occupants, and the lonning is currently passable.

3. A parishioner has informed the Parish Council that the field owned by the Church Commission is coming up for a renewal of tenancy within the next month and the rumour circulating is that they will be offering up the field for sale for development purposes. The Clerk will write to the Church Commission to find out what's going on.

4. Poplar trees on Kilwren Lonning are leaning over the lane close to Garth Marr. Highway Authority is in charge of maintaining the surface. The Parish Council doesn't own the land.

5. Corner of B6413 in village (opposite Cornerstones) – there had been a car accident on Boxing Day – could anything have been done to prevent this. The Parish Council will remind (via parish news) that anyone with offstreet parking should use it, and also that parking is not permitted within 8m of a corner.

6. Water on B6413 opposite Hill House Farm. – has the drain been fixed? Clerk will refer to Highways Department.

7. Persistent dog fouling, particularly on the field close to school (Harrold's Hill) by the gate. This will be mentioned in the parish news. Clerk to make a sign to go on gate.

8. Gordon Strong has been asked to quote for cutting the grass on the corner of the village at the end of Rectory Rd – he will be providing figures for cutting with a different machine which leaves the clippings behind on the ground.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday March 13th 2013