

**CASTLE CARROCK & GELTSDALE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WED 18th JAN 2017 7:30pm Watson Institute**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs. Devereux, Wright, Low, Holland, Knight, Johnstone,

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

1. Apologies. Cllr Widdowson

2. Declaration of interests. Cllr Johnstone declared an interest in agenda items 4h and 7a

3. Minutes. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2016 as a true record

4. Agenda Items

a. The annual precept was set for the year 2017/2018. It was agreed to raise the precept to £5090 in line with increased costs and to help compensate for the lack of additional funding from the City Council which has now been phased out completely.

c. To note that the stone wall boundary to the allotment field has now been repaired and paid for. Cllr Johnstone is dealing with the successful grant application to fund same. The money will be paid directly into the Parish Council bank account by the Rural Payments Agency. Thanks to Cllr Johnstone for securing the money and also to Cllr Parsons who provided £300 towards costs.

d. An unsolicited tender for grass cutting had been received from Richard Woodward. Mr Woodward has offered to match the price of the existing contractor. However, it was agreed that since the current contractor does a good job, there is no reason to change the arrangement at present.

e. A complaint from a parishioner that the road leading out of CC towards Carlisle is in need of gully cleaning, as is every gully in and around the village - all roads, up to Geltsdale, B6413 etc. The clerk will write to Highways Agency to arrange this.

f. To note that the Christmas tree was provided gratis by TW Relph and Sons. A letter of thanks has been sent. The lighting for same was eventually wired to the Watson Hall. Thanks to Cllr Devereux for organising the latter.

g. The 'Slow Down' signs which had been placed at various entrances to the village were removed after a short time by persons unknown. The Parish Council is still on the waiting list for a SID (speed indicating device) from Cumbria Police - the Clerk will follow up to see how much longer we will have to wait.

h. Future of Music on the Marr: The Duke of Cumberland will be staying open for the foreseeable future, therefore nothing is changing regarding MoM.

i. The dead trees on the Marr will need felling before spring. Also, a tree blew down on Rectory Rd - this was cleared by Craig Robinson, Cllr Devereux and Colin Faulder. The debris is now in Colin's field - many thanks to all for their assistance. The tree's roots were rotten. Some of the other trees along Rectory Rd need pollarding to prevent interference with phone lines etc. A tree surgeon will be consulted about this operation. Cllr Low and Knight agreed to help Cllr Devereux to carry out any necessary work.

j. The Parish Council has procured the money for the repair of parts of Kilwren Lonning. Cllr Devereux will liaise with Keith Brown to instruct the contractor.

k. It was suggested that the Parish Council should write to the Bishop of Carlisle stating our hopes and aspirations for the Glebe Field in the lull between planning applications, namely that it should not be used for development. Not much else can be done until the next planning application is submitted. Cllr Devereux will draft a letter.

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

a. 11th November 2018 will mark the commemoration of the end of WW1 - would the Parish Council be interested in lighting a beacon at a specified time. Clerk will investigate what this event entails - applications need to be in by March 2017.

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

- a.** Reimbursement for office expenses to parish clerk £7.00 cheque #414

7. Planning Matters

c. 16/0800 Land behind Townfoot Farm - Barn conversion - permission granted with the following excerpt taken from decision document:

“Before the development is commenced; (for the avoidance of doubt this refers to upgrading the Public Footpath 110001 that currently provides agricultural access to ‘shared access way standards, including extending and improving the western footway of the B6413, to the pedestrian access to Townfoot Farm, from the aforementioned Public Footpath, to be carried out under a Section 278 Agreement with this Council); detailed drawings showing the development and means of access thereto shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval. Any such approved means of access shall be completed in accordance with the approved details before the development is occupied.

d. 16/0894 - Alison & Andrew Goodchild - 9 Rectory Rd: Permission has been granted to erect a two story extension to provide additional first floor bedroom/bathroom and ground floor lounge and entrance porch.

8. Councillor's Issues

a. June 24th village carnival - this will be put on the next agenda

b . Horse owners will be asked not to drive horse and carriage over the Marr and not to allow horses to trample the grass.

Dates for next meetings: Friday 10th March at 8pm

The meeting closed at 20:30