

CASTLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Castle Sowerby Annual Parish Meeting, held Thursday 16th May 2019 in Millhouse Village Hall

PRESENT: Richard Little (Chairperson)

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Gerald Bainbridge, Cllr Philippa Groves, Cllr Helen Kerry, Cllr Jonathan Stalker & Cllr Michael Strong

OTHERS: Cllr Tom Wentworth Waites (CCC), Geoff Hine (NFG) & 7 Members of the public

1/20/APM	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Kevin Beaty
2/20/APM	<u>Chairman's Annual Report for 2018/19</u> Cllr Richard Little gave a report: We have had 5 meetings in the year, but it has been a quiet year with not a lot happening. We have had broadband on every minute but not much has happened. Planning has been very quiet, since the barns at How Hill that we supported at the time. They are close to being finished. Highways – most things we have reported over the year have slowly been rectified, but there are some still to complete that will be discussed in the parish council meeting. We had a lot of complaints about the road closure signs not making sense. We purchased 25 grit bins that were placed where we thought they were most needed, but thankfully they were never used. The recycling site has caused a few problems with fly tipping etc, but it makes us a good income, so we continue to look after it. Ongoing projects are sign posts that we would like to refurbish. Finally, I would like to thank the rest of the councillors for what they do and the Northern Fells Group representative for keeping us informed, and most of all to Rachael, who keeps us on the right path with everything.
3/20/APM	Northern Fells Trustee report (Mr Hine) Another very successful year, financially strong, some grants coming towards end of term, if big lottery grant is not successful will need to look at other avenues. The number of activities provided has been increased and are popular. All village agents are viable. Supported prince of wales 70 th birthday celebrations. The NFG played large part in the NFG DDA. There is currently a vacancy for a benefits advisor. The minibus has sustained serious damage, the viability of repairs is currently being investigated.
4/20/APM	District Councillor's report (Cllr Beaty) Cllr Kevin Beaty sent his apologies
5/20/APM	County Councillor's report (Cllr Wentworth-Waites) Things have been quiet at both local committee & full council. Things have been kept up with during the winter. Highways issues are however creeping up. Time has been spent dealing with individual constituents' problems. Upcoming events include the dual carriageway proposals of the A66 – out for consultation May to July.
6/20/APM	Public consultation Howard Eastwood had questions for Cllr Tom Wentworth-Waites: When are the next CCC elections? May 2020. Is CCC satisfied of attendance summary of councillors on website? Are the records correct? Does he think that the attendance to meetings is serving the parishioners? - Tom advised that he works full times and that CCC & ELC meetings are held during the day. There is a requirement that councillors can only miss 2 meetings within a 6 month period. Tom advised that he missed 1 CCC meeting due to a family bereavement and 2 ELC meetings due to work commitments. Tom advised that he does not take role or duties lightly. Howard advised that Tom's attendance for the full year is almost impeccable over 12 months, in comparison to others. Geoff Hine advised that he had his house completely re-roofed and had employed a contractor to provide and remove a skip, which the contractor then fly tipped. The authorities have decided not to pursue the case. Geoff is litter picking in layby opposite house, has had disgusting items left in it. Geoff hopes by it being tidy it will reduce amount of litter left. Drain covers reported – Top of How Hill, Brickhouse Cottages – Still need attended to.

The meeting was closed at 19.55