

CASTLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 May 2018 at Millhouse Village Hall

PRESENT

Councillors

Richard Little (RL) Philippa Groves (PG) Helen Kerry (HK) Gerald Bainbridge (GB)
Sid Ashbridge (SA) Michael Strong (MS) Joyce Wetherell (JW)

Clerk - Rachael Kelly (RK)

Geoff Hine (NFG)

1 x Member of Public

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| 2018 / 1 | <u>Apologies for Absence</u> Resolved that apologies had been received from: Cllr Jonathan Stalker Cllr Andrew Mallinson Cllr Tom Wentworth-Waites | |
| 2018 / 2 | <u>Chairman's Annual Report 2016/2018</u> Resolved Please see the attached report | |
| 2018 / 3 | <u>Northern Fells Trustee Report (Mr Hine)</u> Resolved Geoff Hine reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Another successful year• Activities continue to grow• Thankful for the village agents• Thankful to parish councils for support, both financially and with goodwill and support• Won a sustainability award• The idea could be rolled out to other areas• Nominated for an enterprise award, but did not win• Allows users to remain independent• Activities allow members to re-engage and socialise• Men in Sheds & Cooking for Men both very successful• Benefits advice officer• Energy Switch service• HRH Prince of Wales is the Patron, and it is his 70th Birthday Year, to which the NFG have been invited to attend• The NFG Continue to go from strength to strength. | |
| 2018 / 4 | <u>Eden District Councillor's Report (Cllr Kevin Beaty)</u> Resolved No report available | |

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Cumbria County Councillor's Report (Cllr Tom Wentworth-Waites)

Resolved Tom sent an email report:

Apologies for not being able to be with everyone in person- quick update on what I've been up to recently and what has been the main focus for the past few months.

After a tough winter the roads have been a particular focus at Eden Local Committee as the condition of our carriageways has taken a beating. We have been looking at ways in which to divert funds from various different pots to bolster the spend on these damaged roads and try to catch up after a long hard winter.

We are also looking at ways to learn from this winter's weather and to have systems and procedures in place to support rural, isolated communities if and when the weather is as extreme as we have seen early this year.

I have recently stood down as Vice Chairman of the Eden Local Committee but will continue to work hard as part of a very effective and hard-working committee.

I've also been very focused on speeding in the division, especially on routes through Hesketh, Armathwaite and surrounding areas. I've asked for speed tests to be carried out in areas that are regularly highlighted as speeding zones. I'm also working to help communities who are affected by heavy commercial and agricultural traffic coming through villages in large numbers and high speeds.

There are also the on- going concerns such as helping communities and parishes to obtain funding for various community projects and schemes. Please do let me know if I can help with any particular scheme that would potentially benefit from funding.

There is also the ongoing refurbishment of cast-iron sign posts. This scheme is working around the region re-casting and repainting our signposts but does take time as they are all done by hand and by one specialist refurbished. But they are getting done!

Broadband is also an ongoing battle, but I do think there have been improvements over the last year in terms of over-all connectivity with the wider roll out of 4G and broadband in the division. But I do realise that there is still more to do. I'm constantly lobbying for better broadband in our rural division will continue to make sure that our division is not ignored.

Please do email me with any issues or concerns that arise tonight and I'll try to come back to you ASAP to address them. Again, apologies for not being able to attend this evening.

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Howard Eastwood thanked the parish council for their works, and the NFG, and that we are fortunate to live in such a caring society.

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| | <p>Chairman.....</p> <p>Date.....</p> | |
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Chairman's Report 2017/2018

We have had a quiet year as a parish council, starting off with Brian Mallinson giving resignation after serving on the council for most of his life, and we welcomed his son Andrew on to the Parish Council.

We have had a few planning matters that we mostly supported and it seems rather netter to get plans passed in the parish.

We have had broadband and potholes on every agenda and this is not likely to change in the short term.

The recycling site continues to make a good income, and a bit thank you to Howard Eastwood for monitoring the site regularly.

I would like to finish by tanking the parish councillors and the Clerk, Rachael for all the work she does, which makes my job easier!! And to congratulate her on her good news of her next baby on the way.

Richard Little
17.05.2017