

CASTLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Castle Sowerby Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th September 2019 at Millhouse Village Hall

Present: Cllr John Bell, Cllr Sid Ashbridge, Cllr Richard Little (Chairman), Cllr Philippa Groves, Cllr Stephen Crawsley

Others: Geoff Hine (NFG) & 2 members of public

1.	Apologies Jonathan Stalker Helen Kerry Gerald Bainbridge Tom Wentworth-Waites (CCC)
2.	Declaration of Interests None
3.	Confirmation of Minutes The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous parish council meeting as a true and accurate record.
4.	Public Participation No action has been taken regarding the drain at Lime Kiln Nook, the drains at Chapplehow are now causing issues as the road has sunk. The Clerk advised to parishioner to use the CCC HIMS website to report any highways defect. EDC local plan update needs reading and noted. EDC payment – Clerk confirmed it was for the uncontested election costs Was the VAT for the grit bins reclaimed – Yes Contact details on website need updated Parish magazine updates – dates and news Village Litter pick – how many attended – unsure
5.	Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None
6.	Representations a) District Councillors Report (Cllr Beaty) – Did not attend b) County Councillors Report (Cllr Wentworth-Waites) – Did not attend c) Northern Fells Group Committee Member Report Geoff Hine and advised the NFG is in good shape. The AGM is on Monday at Caldbeck Village Hall at 7pm. Current issues include the longer-term future of funding. New minibus has been received. The official launch being 16 th October at Sebergham Village Hall.
7.	Hewer Hill Quarry gates Cllr Mike Strong did not attend the meeting
8.	The reintroduced repetitive flooding events of Millhouse Cllr John Bell gave a history to the repetitive flooding events in Millhouse. The chairman of Millhouse Flood Action group advised that the group are very limited in what they can do, due to constraints by the Environment Agency. The EA have assured the group that they have a plan. Little communication has been received recently from EA, the maintain that their plan will be completed by the end of the year. The government has allocated £m's to the region, but nothing has been spent in this area. A strategic plan by EA has been promised. John advised that the wall requires a larger aperture to prevent flooding the current design is too small. A wall has also been built across the water escape route. An extra culvert was suggested but access to the land was not given by the landowner. Cllr John Bell agreed to join Millhouse Flood Action Group to try and agree a solution. CSPC support the Millhouse Flood Action Group
9.	EDC Plan 2019 – 2023 CSPC note the contents. A parish councillor is hoping to attend the event at Rheged.
10.	Highways The clerk reminded parishioners and parish councillors to use the CCC HIMS Website to report any defects.

	<p>The sign at Hewer Hill has been refurbished. Newlands Corner pothole Ivegill road ends – Cowrigg – pothole Edges of roads towards Millhouse – repairs needed – cones have been placed in the worst areas.</p>			
11.	Planning			
	The recently received applications were considered:			
	Application Number	Location	Description	Comments
	19/0634	Carrock House, How Hill, Hutton Roof	Demolish existing timber shed and build new four bay carport and associated external works	Support – improvement
	Planning Applications decided by the District Council None			
12.	Finance			
	a) Funds currently stand at £5,547.34 – the chairman was authorised to sign the cash book / bank reconciliation			
	b) The following payments were authorised:			
		Date	Description	Expenditure
		19/09/2019	R Kelly Wages & Expenses	£ 140.07
	19/09/2019	HMRC	£ 29.80	
	19/09/2019	EDC	£ 105.00	
	19/09/2019	Millhouse Public Room	£ 45.00	
13.	Councillor Matters None			
14	Future meetings Thursday 28 th November 2019 – 7.30pm			

The meeting was closed at 20.50