

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26th November 2018 at 7.30pm in St. Thomas' Church, Crosscrake

PRESENT: Vice Chair John Stott (Chair of the meeting); Cllrs. Mark Holmes and Geoff Wilson; the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

60.18 APOLOGIES were received from Chair Julie Knowles (reasons noted); County Cllr. Brenda Gray; District Cllrs. Roger Bingham, Brian Cooper and Tom Harvey; PCSO Martin Boack; Sarah Kitching; and a member of the public.

61.18 RESIGNATION OF CLLR. SARAH KITCHING: Cllr. Kitching had tendered her resignation which was reluctantly accepted. The Council expressed their warm thanks for her work in the period that she was a councillor and understood the problems which had arisen with regard to conflicts of interest.

62.18 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2018 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

63.18 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None.

64.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No declarations were made.

65.18 PROPOSED ECOLOGICAL BURIAL SITE ON LAND ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF SUMMERLANDS:

Adams Planning + Development Ltd gave a presentation with regard to the pre-application consultation on the proposed ecological burial site and answered questions from those present. There is to be a formal public consultation event at Endmoor Village Hall on Friday 7th December 2018.

66.18 OPEN SESSION: Attention was drawn to fly-tipping which had occurred on Stainton Lane and the Council agreed to look into placing a notice on the gate and a request for residents to be vigilant on the notice board near the ford; the worsening of the dangerous situation with regard to the washing out in December 2015 of the underwall boulders on Stainton Lane was reported; and complaints were made regarding the decision by SLDC to accept the application for prior notification of an agricultural building being erected at Helm Croft, Barrows Green under new legislation permitting a floor area of a maximum of 1000 square metres without prior approval and without consultation with the Parish Council. The councillors commented that any complaint should be made to the SLDC district councillors.

67.18 UPPER KENT LAP: The Clerk reported that SLDC would be unable to administer LAP meetings for a minimum of 6 months due to lack of personnel but would look to organise another LAP Chairs meeting in 2019. LAPs will still be able to meet and self-administer.

68.18 REPORTS:

a) Neighbourhood Policing Team: The Clerk read out a written report from PCSO Boack (copy of full report held by the Clerk). There had been one theft in Barrows Green and seven other crimes in the neighbouring area.

b) District Councillors: There was no report.

c) County Councillor Gray had sent a written report with regard to the Government grant of an additional £12M to Cumbria for highway matters (of which about £600K will be used in South Lakeland) but that the money has to be used by 31st March 2019 so it will be used on schemes already in the pipeline.

69.18 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS:

- i. Occurrences of fly-tipping had been considered in the open session.
- ii. Cllr. Wilson reported that parishioners had mentioned occurrences of litter and dog poo and it was agreed to consider including expenditure on either a litter bin or a dog waste bin in the 2019/20 budget which was to be finalised at the next meeting.
- iii. A parishioner had requested that a red "unsuitable for heavy vehicles" sign be erected at the top of Stainton Lane instead of the existing blue sign and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

70.18 COMMON LAND: There was nothing further to report with regard to the requested removal of the fencing and the tarmac from the common land at Barrows Green.

71.18 BATTLE'S OVER TRIBUTE: The Chair reported that the events on 9th, 10th and 11th November had been very successful. The Clerk read an email from the Head at Crosscrake School expressing the School's thanks to all those who were involved in the events and celebrations and stating that it was thoroughly enjoyed by the

children at school and their families. The Chair stated that grateful thanks were due to Sedgwick Cricket Club for the loan of the marquee and to Sedgwick Parish Council for their work and effort.

72.18 PLANNING:

It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:

SL/2018/0617 Barns at Skettlegill Farm, Stainton

Conversion of barns to residential use including new access and landscaping works

It was noted that the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting was still regarded as invalid at the date of the meeting:

SL/2018/0899 Barns at Helmside Farm, Oxenholme

Conversion of barn to dwelling

The Council's stated objection and further concerns that have arisen since the last meeting with regard to the following planning application were discussed:

SL/2018/0504 Millers Beck Guest House, Millbridge Lane, Stainton

73.18 FINANCE:

- a) **The following receipt was noted with thanks to Cllr. Tom Harvey:**
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| SLDC Councillors' Locality Donation re B4RN expenditure | £300.00 |
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- b) **The following payments were approved:**
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| B4RN Committee – Purchase of tools to enable initial works of digging for fibre cable | £300.00 |
| St. Thomas' Church - Hire and associated costs of meeting | £20.00 |
| M R Richardson -Clerk's October & November Salary £360.30 less PAYE £72.20 plus expenses £70.56 (broadband/telephone/postage/stationery) and motor expenses £20.70 (46 miles @ 45p) | £379.36 |
| HMRC - PAYE re M R Richardson | £72.20 |
- c) The Clerk presented the draft budget 2019/20 for initial discussion. It was agreed to finalise the budget at the next meeting.
- d) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st October 2018 before making the above payments was £7,805.87. The chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement.

74.18 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None.

75.18 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- i. **B4RN:** The funding request to the SLDC LIPs Fund was in progress. Cllr. Wilson requested that the Parish Council make a contribution towards the B4RN costs and it was agreed to discuss this when finalising the budget for 2019/20.
- ii. **Stainton Aqueduct:** It was reported that the contractors were working at weekends to catch up.

76.18 CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. CALC – Working Together programme / webpage (emailed to Cllrs.25/9/18)
- ii. CALC – September North West Coastal Access update (emailed to Cllrs. 4/10/18)
- iii. CALC – Invitation to AGM on 10/11/18 (emailed to Cllrs. 4/10/18)
- iv. SLDC – Council agenda for meeting on 10/10/18 (emailed to Cllrs. 4/10/18)
- v. CALC – Paperwork for next South Lakeland District Association meeting on 29/11/18 (emailed to Cllrs. 10/10/18)
- vi. CALC – Community resilience event & Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association AGM on 29/10/18 (emailed to Cllrs. 10/10/18)
- vii. Rural Services Network – Priority services register (emailed to Cllrs. 16/10/18)
- viii. CALC – Volunteers for independent custody visiting scheme (emailed to Cllrs. 16/10/18)
- ix. CALC – Community Fund grants guidance (emailed to Cllrs. 16/10/18)
- x. CALC – Invitation to ACT AGM & Neighbourliness Works launch on 19/10/18 (emailed to Cllrs. 16/10/18)
- xi. SLDC – Community governance review reminder (emailed to Cllrs. 24/10/18)
- xii. SLDC – Consultation re Development Management Policies Development Plan document (emailed to Cllrs. 24/10/18)
- xiii. CALC – Promote Kendal Family Sunday Fun Day on 4/11/18 (emailed to Cllrs. 29/10/18)
- xiv. CALC – October North West Coastal Access update (emailed to Cllrs. 29/10/18)

- xv. Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership – Autumn newsletter (emailed to Cllrs. 29/10/18)
- xvi. CALC – ACT autumn / winter gazette (emailed to Cllrs.5/11/18)
- xvii. CALC – Flood Hub website (emailed to Cllrs.5/11/18)
- xviii. Rural Services Network – Rural bulletin including “Government funds rural broadband” (emailed to Cllrs.7/11/18)
- xix. SLDC – SLDC grant funding and Parish Declaration 2018 (emailed to Cllrs.7/11/18)
- xx. SLDC – Annual review of SLDC constitution 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/18)

77.18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

78.18 COUNCILLORS’ ISSUES TO BE RAISED AT NEXT MEETING (*No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda*): None

79.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 28th January 2019 in Crosscrake School, Crosscrake at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Malcolm Richardson

Clerk to the Council