

STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

(Draft copy of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2017)

MINUTES

Present: Chair Julie Knowles, Vice Chair John Stott, Councillors: Geoff Wilson, Sarah Kitching, Mark Holmes, Clerk Karen Wells, District County Cllr Brenda Grey, District Cllr Sheila Eccles, (16 members of the public)

77.17 APOLOGIES: none

78.17 MINUTES: the minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 28th November 2016 were signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

79.17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: none

80.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations were made.

81.17 BROADBAND IN THE PARISH: Martyn Welch (Project manager for B4SW/B4RN) attended the meeting to give some background about B4RN service and how the group approach extending broadband network to parishes in this area. The main points were:

B4RN is run for community benefit, partnership and is non-profit making. There are three main ingredients. **Investors** – who are members and own shares of £1 each which are non-tradable.

Landowners- who would like to take part, give a free way through their land in return for shares in the project.

Volunteers – to inform, raise support, dig ditches, make tea and bake cakes.

Once all these 3 things have been brought together a steering group take the information to B4RN and they will decide if it is feasible. If they give the go ahead a route has to then be planned. Once the duct has been brought across the land it is installed direct to each house. Then B4RN technicians install the fibre into each participating property. The broadband speed is about 1 GBPS. The costs are £150 for instillation and £30 per month thereafter. There has to be about 30% take up in the parish for the project to work.

The council would like to thank Martyn for attending the meeting and giving an informative talk.

Information was also available on the 'Connecting Cumbria Broadband project' and how to connect to this type of broadband (full information can be obtained from the clerk). There was a discussion on the comparative projects.

82.17 OPEN SESSION: No matters raised.

83.17 HIGHWAYS: There are several on-going issues on the parish highways:

- i. Repair to the ford in Stainton village.
- ii. Repair to the Pack Horse bridge in Stainton village.
- iii. Repair and resurfacing of Slaughter house lane.
- iv. Repair to walls adjacent to the river left damaged by the floods 2015.
- v. Flooding on the road by Crosscrake church.

These issues have been reported repeatedly by the clerk and several members of the public. The parish council have been assured that they are on a list and will be repaired. The clerk will be requesting updates before the March meeting.

Some positive news: The funding of the replacement and upsizing of the culvert on Millbeck lane is being put forward to the CCC cabinet. Chair Julie Knowles said that some pot holes that she had reported had been filled in in a matter of days.

Footpaths/bridges: The foot bridge between Millbeck lane and Half penny has been repaired.

The council decided that the pathways in Underhelme wood needed repairing and the cllrs are to organise the repair. If this is not possible then a community work day may be considered.

84.17 UPPER KENT LAP MEETING: Chair Julie Knowles will attend the next meeting on the 8th February 2017.

85.17 POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY: PCSO did not attend the meeting. No report received from PCSO.

86.17 STAINTON INSTITUTE: Cllr Geoff Wilson gave the meeting an update on the progress of the renovation of the institute. There has been good progress on the work. The plaster work has been finished inside, first fix electrics (thanks to Cllr Mark Holmes), the heating is soon to be fitted, the hardwood windows are in place and a new sign is also being produced. Funding continues to be raised by well supported fund raising events and applying for grants. The council would like to thank the committee and the community for their continued hard work and support.

87.17 STAINTON AQUEDUCT: The Canal & Rivers Trust have informed the council that they acquired some of the funding for the repair of the damaged aqueduct. ½ a million pounds. They have also put in a bid to 'The Heritage Lottery Fund' for a further 1 million pounds to complete the amount needed for the repairs. They will keep the parish council informed on the progress.

88.17 BATTLE TRIBUTE: Bonfires and beacons are to be lit around the UK to commemorate the end of WW1 on the 11th November 2018. It was decided that the parish would join with Sedgwick parish to commemorate this event. The clerk will organise a meeting with Sedgwick parish nearer the time.

89.17 LITTER PICK: The annual litter picking day in the parish will be the 1st April 2017. The clerk will put up posters with all the details.

90.17 ONE-WAY OPTION FOR SHYREAKES LANE: The possibility of making the narrow lane up to the A65 one way was discussed. There are mixed opinions on this matter so the council have decided to look into the option further. Finding out if the proposal would be accepted by highways and the costs that would be incurred by the parish.

91.17 PLANNING. Applications received: none

Notification received: SL/2016/1069 Millers beck Stainton, change of use from class 1 hotels to class 2 residential institutions. Full planning. Application withdrawn on 9th January 2017.

92.17 FINANCE: Authorised schedule of payments for January/February

i. **Payments made between meetings: None**

Payments sanctioned during the meeting:

Clerks January wage 130.75 + £10(broadband/telephone) = £140.75

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Hire and associated costs of January meeting payable to Crosscrake School = £20

Bill for cement for base of picnic table at canal. (exp for Chair J Knowles) = 60.47

ii. **Payments received:** Interest £0.26

iii. **Budget:** agreed at November meeting signed off.

iv. **Precept:** SLDC precept form was agreed and signed off.

v. **Remuneration panel report 2017/18:** Cllrs. confirmed they have read the report.

vi. **New laws about insurance:** Cllr Sarah Kitching is to check the council's insurance policy to see if any changes are to be made.

vii. **Payments received: None**

93.17 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: none

94.17 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- i. **Picnic table:** In 2016 the council purchased a new picnic table,, to replace the old and worn bench, at the canal yard at Stainton Cross. The intention is to mount it onto a concrete base so that it will be secure. However there have been some delays because the bench is to be placed next to the canal bridge which is a listed building. The details have been sent to the C&RT and the hope is that everything will be approved soon and the picnic bench will be put in place. The council would like to thank Chair Julie Knowles and Bryan Knowles for their hard work on this so far.

95.17 AOB: None

96.17 Councillor's issues to be raised at next meeting – None

(No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda)

97.17 Meeting closed at 8.55pm

98.17 next meeting – Monday 27th March 2017 7.30pm to be held Crosscrake Primary School, Crosscrake.

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