

STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024 in Stainton Institute at 7:00pm

(Held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972)

Present: Councillors Julie Knowles (Chair), John Stott, Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and 9 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Jonathan Brook and Linda Fletcher.

2. Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Discussion regarding speeding and speed limits in the village

The Chair summarised the position with regard to the parish not being able to apply for a reduction in the village speed limits to 20 mph. The Clerk confirmed that a request had been made to Westmorland & Furness Council (W&FC) for a reduction from the current 60 mph to 30 mph as that was the deemed necessary first step. A discussion followed regarding the speeding taking place and the way forward.

4. Chair's Report

Cllr. Julie Knowles presented her report with regard to the activities of the Parish Council during 2023/24. She thanked everyone who had supported her throughout the year including her husband, the Clerk, the Vice-Chair, the other parish councillors and the two W&FC councillors. She then listed the numerous success stories that had been achieved in the years that she has been a councillor and then Chair, which included the two stone bus shelters, registration of and improvements at Underhelm Wood, relieving flooding in several areas, the road safety mirror at Millbridge Lane, new picnic tables and benches, 50mph on the A65 and slow rumble strips outside the school and the vicarage. She also expressed the Council's thanks to her husband for the regular work that he does in mowing verges throughout the parish, any building or rebuilding that might be necessary and the upkeep of Underhelm Wood.

5. Westmorland & Furness Councillors' Report

W&FC Cllr. Doug Rathbone reported on the first year of the new council and listed its priorities for that year, which included the delivery of statutory services; stabilising the finances and continuing prudent capital funding; and setting up locality boards for the three separate areas. He drew attention to the use of HIAMS (Highways Information Asset Management System) by parishioners to report potholes and other road issues.

6. Report from Crosscrake School

The report from Linda Fletcher, the Head of Crosscrake C of E Primary School, was read by the Clerk and is attached to these minutes.

7. Report from Stainton Institute

Geoff Wilson, as chair of the Institute committee, stated that their annual meeting had not yet been held but he subsequently forwarded a copy of his report to that meeting and that is attached to these minutes

8. Public Participation

Attention was drawn to there being numerous occurrences of dog poo not being picked up and poo bags being left in hedgerows.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm