

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 28 March 2022 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 and Ryan Whipp; District Cllr. Roger Bingham (until 7.40pm); the Clerk and 12 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from Cllr. Hilary Waterhouse (reason noted and accepted); District Cllr. Brian Cooper and Linda Fletcher, the Headteacher of Crosscrake School

2. Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Talk by Martin Smith about the work of the First Responders

Mr. Martin Smith gave a very informative talk with regard to the work of the Endmoor First Responders. He stated that volunteers were urgently needed in the area. A question and answer session followed including a discussion about the use of the defibrillator now installed at the Institute. It was hoped that training would soon be arranged. The Chair thanked Mr. Smith for his talk and for taking the time to give the parish this very useful information.

4. Chair's Report

Cllr. Julie Knowles presented her report with regard to the activities of the Parish Council during 2021/22. She thanked everyone who had supported her throughout the year including the Clerk, the Vice-Chair and the other councillors. There had been progress in having potholes and other highways work completed including the beckside walls near to the ford and four footbridges had been repaired or replaced with another due imminently. The ford repair had been promised but was still awaited

5. District Councillors' Report

District Cllr. Roger Bingham reported on behalf of the three district councillors on matters of interest including the final decision on local government reform; the changes in the parliamentary constituencies; the County Council, District Council and Social Services budgets; councillors' pay; drug dealers; the cycling network; Ukrainian refugee assistance; and the continuation of Covid-19. He introduced Cllr. Jonathon Brook, the SLDC Leader, who set out the position regarding local government reorganisation and the large amount of work being carried out behind the scene; and the elections in May 2022 for the shadow authority with the county and district councillors remaining in post for one year. Cllr. Brook also stated that there was no expectation that services would be devolved downwards and that he saw the process of transition as an opportunity for dialogue. Highways would be dealt with locally with as much local responsibility as possible

6. County Councillor's Report

There was no report

7. Report from Crosscrake School

The Clerk read the report which had been received from Linda Fletcher, the Headteacher, with regard to the school continuing to thrive and flourish. The covid-19 pandemic involved much risk assessment, new ways of working and online teaching but the children are a constant delight. The school's vision statement has been reviewed. The last year has seen movement towards pre-pandemic times with many of the normal trips, events and inter-school sporting competitions restarting. The incredible support from the Church team, parents and governors has been invaluable. (A copy of the full report can be obtained from the Parish Clerk)

8. Report from St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake

The Chair read a report which had been received from the Church setting out its aims to get back to some sort of new normal after the problems of the pandemic and lockdown; the desire to be able to offer a more flexible programme for children and young people; and the subsequent rethink of the community hub building project. (A copy of the full report can be obtained from the Parish Clerk)

9. Report from Stainton Institute

The chair of the Institute committee presented the annual report which detailed the substantial progress made in 2021/22 and which resulted in the Institute being opened up to the public in June 2021. The chair thanked all the committee, district councillors, parish councillors, funders and parishioners for their loyal and continued support which has enabled the successful restoration of a beautiful listed building in the heart of the parish. (A copy of the full report can be obtained from the Parish Clerk). The Parish Council thanked the Chair and the team for enabling this meeting to take place in the Institute and for arranging parking

10. Public Participation

Parishioners reported that the collapsed culvert at Halfpenny was causing severe problems although it had been reported to the Highways Dept many times. The councillors said that they would assist in whatever could be done

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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