

# STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 24 March 2025 in Stainton Institute at 7:30pm**

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

**Present:** Councillors Julie Knowles (Chair), Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness Cllrs. Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and 4 members of the public

**1. Apologies** were received from John Stott

**2. Minutes:** It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2024 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **3. Chair's Report**

Cllr. Julie Knowles presented her report with regard to the activities of the Parish Council during 2024/25. She thanked everyone for their support throughout the year including the Vice-Chair, the other parish councillors, her husband, the Clerk and the two W&FC councillors, who had between them attended every meeting. She said that it seemed necessary to work harder to achieve less but that the parish appeared to get potholes fixed quicker than other parishes although those on the Packhorse Bridge were still outstanding. She informed the meeting that she intended to step down as Chair at the annual meeting in May

### **4. Westmorland & Furness Councillors' Report**

W&FC Cllrs. Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone thanked the Parish Council for its work and asked parishioners to continue to use HIAMS (Highways Information Asset Management System) to report potholes and other road issues. They then explained the government's devolution proposals and the powers that could be given to a Mayor; the boundary review for W&F wards and the need for comment by individuals and parish councils; and the new Local Plan, which was needed due to the new W&F Council and the government direction for housebuilding

### **5. Report from Crosscrake School**

No report had been forwarded

### **6. Report from Stainton Institute**

Geoff Wilson, as chair of the Institute committee, read the report which had been given to the Institute's annual general meeting including the wish to increase income, the management of heating controls, the ambulant disabled steps and the issue of a Full Certificate of Completion dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 by W&F Building Control

### **7. Public Participation**

Thanks were expressed to the Chair and her husband for the work done at the Ford. Remarks were made regarding the beautiful show of daffodils planted in memory of Thomas Nelson

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm