

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd January 2023

at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson and Hilary Waterhouse; Shadow Authority Cllr. Jonathan Brook; the Clerk and two members of the public

1.23 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ryan Whipp (reasons accepted and noted) and Shadow Authority Cllr. Douglas Rathbone

2.23 MINUTES: **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

3.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

4.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5.23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A member of the public asked when the becksides walls were to be replaced as it was now 7 years since Storm Desmond. The Chair replied that the walls were expected to be done at the same time as the work on the ford and we had been told that was on the schedule for June to September 2023

6.23 REPORTS:

a) District Councillors: There was no report

b) County Councillor: There was no report

c) Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority Councillors: Cllr. Brook reported that work continued on getting everything in place for a smooth handover on 1st April 2023 with recruitment ongoing and 97% of staff knowing where they will be working. The budget and Council Tax proposals had been finalised and it had been agreed that Fire & Rescue was to become the responsibility of the Police & Crime Commissioner. It was not yet known whether councillors' project grants would be continued

7.23 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) The Chair reported that there had been good responses to HIAMS reports of potholes and Cllr. Wilson reported that litter bin emptying and an abandoned car had been attended to very quickly by SLDC

b) The Chair also reported that arrangements had been made for gritting when there was exceptional weather

c) The Clerk reported that the missing western signpost as the footpath crosses the road from Crosscrake Farm to Sellet Hall, which was due to be replaced in January 2020, had still not yet been replaced

d) Cllr. Wilson reported that the footpath under the aqueduct was not passable and he was authorised to contact the Canal & Rivers Trust in that regard

8.23 TREES & WOODS:

It was confirmed that the Queen's Platinum Jubilee copse pack had been planted in Underhelm Wood

9.23 SPEED LIMITS & SPEED CALMING: It was reported that the rumble strips for Shyreakes Lane were expected shortly

10.23 LITTER PICK: It was agreed that this should take place on 1st April 2023

11.23 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting would be on 27th March 2023 and Cllr. Brook's offer to give a summary of the new council arrangements was warmly accepted

12.23 CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III: It was provisionally agreed to hold a cream tea garden party at the Chair's house on the afternoon of Sunday 7th May 2023

13.23 PLANNING:

a) It was noted that the following planning applications had been **submitted** to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:

SL/2022/1080 River View, Stainton

Conversion of existing garage to create additional living accommodation, replacement of existing flat roof with new pitched roof to the garage and a small single-storey side extension connecting existing house and converted garage, with associated landscaping including rear decked area

SL/2022/1094 Field End Barn, Stainton

Single storey extension to north elevation together with internal and external alterations to the original barn conversion

The Council had made **no comments** on these applications although they noted that Field Barn was not within the parish

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- b) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:
SL/2022/1009 Willowsway Stud, Willowsway Country Estate, Stainton
Variation of condition 3 (temporary accommodation) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0673
(variation of condition 1 (temporary accommodation) attached to planning permission SL/2018/0379
– temporary living accommodation for the duration of the construction phase of works)

14.23 FINANCE:

- a) **It was noted that there had been no receipts between meetings**
- b) **The following payments were approved:**
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| M R Richardson – Clerk’s December & January salary £663.75 less PAYE £132.80 | |
| plus expenses £55.32 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/ postage) | |
| and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles @ 45p) | £607.87 |
| HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson | £132.80 |
| Thomas Robinson - Gritting | £100.00 |
| Bryan Knowles – Cement for fixing noticeboard | £25.60 |
- c) The Chair and Vice-Chair reported that the Clerk’s annual appraisal had been carried out and that they were more than happy with the professional way in which he performed his work
- d) It was noted that the Clerk had informed the Parish Council as necessary under his contract of employment that he had been appointed Internal Auditor to Sedgwick and Staveley with Ings Parish Councils. It was agreed that he could carry out internal audits for other parishes
- e) The budget 2023/24 was finalised at £5,610. The signing of the parish precept form was authorised
- f) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st December 2022 was £6,983.56. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

15.23 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

16.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- a) **Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr. Wilson reported that there had been irresponsible activity at the car park. It was agreed that he should contact the Canal & River Trust in that regard to discuss possible remedial action
- b) **Replacement village noticeboard:** It was noted that the noticeboard was in situ and thanks were expressed to Bryan Knowles. A different internal panel for the public use side was awaited

17.23 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda was noted:

- i. Further items concerning local government reorganisation including invitation to “Next Council Conversation” event on 8/2/23 & public consultation on council tax levels (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/23)
- ii. Further climate change information and updates
- iii. Further cost of living crisis information and questionnaire (emailed to Cllrs.1/12/22)
- iv. CALC – Information updates (emailed to Cllrs.6/12/22)
- v. Cumbria Police – October / November 2022 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.6/12/22)
- vi. CALC – Police & Crime Commissioner asks the public for their views on budget proposals (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/22)
- vii. Eden District Council - Westmorland & Furness Council Plan adopted (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/22)
- viii. Cumbria Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Autumn newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/22)
- ix. CALC – Good lighting technical advice note re light pollution (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/22)
- x. CALC News November & December 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/22)
- xi. Dunnewoods – Strickley Farm wood management plan (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/22)
- xii. SLDC – Barrow, South Lakeland & Eden outdoor sports needs and facilities assessment & playing pitch strategy (emailed to Cllrs.10/1/23)
- xiii. SLDC – Support is only a phone call away (emailed to Cllrs.10/1/23)
- xiv. SLDC – Flood warning information sites (emailed to Cllrs.10/1/23)
- xv. SLDC – Projects boosted by UK Shared Prosperity funding (emailed to Cllrs., 17/1/23)
- xvi. Cumbria Police - November / December 2022 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/23)
- xvii. CALC – Notice & agenda of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 26/1/23 (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/23)
- xviii. CALC – Public health update (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/23)
- xix. SLDC – Eden Project funding a major boost for the area (emailed to Cllrs.19/1/23)

18.23 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

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19.23 TO NOTE ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (*No discussions or action permitted*): None

20.23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 27th March 2023 in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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