

STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2024

at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Doug Rathbone (from 7.30pm); the Clerk and one member of the public

1.24 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Hilary Waterhouse (reason accepted and noted) and Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Jonathan Brook

2.24 MINUTES: **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

3.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

4.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

6.24 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: There was no report other than the newsletters in Correspondence. An email had been received from the Economic Case Unit and it was agreed to enquire as to whether a talk could be given at the Annual Parish Meeting

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone informed the meeting that the Council Tax consultation had finished and that the maximum increase would apply and that no decision had yet been made regarding a charge for green waste

7.24 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) It was noted that there were new potholes from Stainton Court to the Canal and to put them on HIAMS

b) The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from Highways Dept regarding the Packhorse Bridge

c) The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing further regarding the ford design or the work needed regarding the beckside walls although barriers had been erected near Stainton Institute

d) The Clerk reported that the notes to the current 20mph limit application forms precluded a request for a reduction from 60mph to 20mph and it was agreed therefore not to make an application in the current round. It was agreed that a reduction from 60mph to 30mph should initially be requested and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries as to the procedure

8.24 TREES & WOODS: There was nothing to report

9.24 LITTER PICK: It was agreed that this should take place on Saturday 6th April 2024

10.24 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting would be on Monday 25th March 2024 prior to the next Council meeting

11.24 PLANNING:

a) It was noted that no planning applications had been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting

b) It was noted that the following planning application had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:

SL/2023/0803 Green Riggs, Barrows Green

Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling, single storey extension to rear, demolition of existing garage, construction of new double garage (resubmission of SL/2023/0584)

12.24 FINANCE:

a) It was noted that there had been the following receipts between meetings:

Barclays Bank – Compensation for closing bank account in error £200.00

Barclays Bank – Compensatory interest £104.88

It was agreed that £100 of the compensation be paid to the Clerk for the additional hours spent

b) The following payments were approved:

M R Richardson – Clerk's December & January salary £720.90 less PAYE £144.20

plus expenses £47.35 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/photocopies/postage)

and motor expenses £28.80 (64 miles@45p) £652.85

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £144.20

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) The budget 2024/25 was finalised at £6,010. The signing of the parish precept form was authorised

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- e) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st December 2023 was £9,033.74. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

13.24 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

14.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) **Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr, Wilson reported that the Canal & River Trust had not yet repaired the eroded footpath at Stainton Aqueduct although he had been told it would be done by April 2024 and that the Water Recovery organisation, together with Lancaster Canal Trust, were to supply a work party in February to help clear the canal bed between Sellet Hall bridge and Wells Head Lane (close to Hincaster Tunnel) in order to inspect the clay lining prior to starting further work (tree removal, etc) with a view eventually to put this section into water

15.24 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. Further climate change and biodiversity information and updates
- ii. CALC – W&FC “We are winter ready, are you?” campaign & 12/12/23 forum (emailed to Cllrs.1/12/23)
- iii. CALC News September & October 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.1/12/23)
- iv. CALC – W&FC’s Winter climate and nature newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/23)
- v. CALC – Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner asks the public for their view on Policing budget proposals (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/23)
- vi. Cumbria Police – Wildlife & Rural affairs December 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/23)
- vii. CALC – W&FC and CALC conversation update (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/23)
- viii. CALC News November & December 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.24/12/23)
- ix. Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood policing team update December 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.12/1/24)
- x. CALC – D-Day 80 pin badge (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/24)
- xi. CALC – Training programme January – July 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/24)
- xii. CALC – CafS W&F newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/24)

16.24 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

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

18.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 25th March 2024 in Stainton Institute and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm.

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