

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th January 2025

at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice-Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and one member of the public

1.25 APOLOGIES: W&F Cllr. Jonathan Brook

2.25 MINUTES: **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

3.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

4.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

5.25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: It was reported that parishioners had commented that the new towpath footpath surface from Field End to Crooklands was good for walking on but was aesthetically bad. Comments had also been made regarding the Packhorse Bridge having six large potholes which stopped anyone with a walking aid using the bridge (see item 7.25)

6.25 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: Two Neighbourhood Policing Team updates for November and December 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.10/12/24 and 9/01/25 respectively) were noted

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone referred to several items included in correspondence item 16.25 and explained the reasoning behind W&FC investigating the government devolution journey

7.25 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) It was noted that there were new potholes on the road over Kelly to be reported on HIAMS

b) It was reported that the road had been resurfaced from the Church crossroads to the Canal and that complaints had been made about tractor mud being left on the roads

b) The Chair reported that she was awaiting reports from W&FC following a meeting regarding the ford, the beckside walls and the Packhorse Bridge, She had been told that the Packhorse Bridge would be dealt with as a matter of urgency

8.25 TREES & WOODS: There was nothing to report

9.25 LITTER PICK: It was agreed that this should take place on Saturday 5th April 2025

10.25 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: It was agreed that the meeting would be on Monday 24th March 2024 prior to the next Council meeting

11.25 VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY ON 8th MAY 2025: It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting

12.25 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 no planning applications had been **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting

13.25 FINANCE:

a) It was noted that there has been the following receipt between meetings:
Westmorland & Furness Council - grant re noticeboard £500.00

b) The following payments were **approved**:
M R Richardson – Clerk's December and January salary £735.65 less PAYE £147.20
plus expenses £46.75 (broadband/telephone/ use of home as office/photocopies/ postage)
and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles @ 45p) £656.80
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £147.20
Stainton Institute – hire of hall £20.00

c) The Chair and Vice-Chair reported that the Clerk's annual appraisal had been carried out and that the Council were more than happy with the professional way in which he performed his work

d) The budget was finalised at £6,425 and the Clerk was authorised to request that amount from W&FC

e) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st December 2024 was £8,335.61. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

14.25 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

15.25 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: None

16.25 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. CALC – Training programme January – July 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.10/12/24)
- ii. CALC – Influencing rural issues survey (emailed to Cllrs.10/12/24)
- iii. CALC – Cumbria Local Nature Partnership December 2024 update (emailed to Cllrs.10/12/24)
- iv. W&FC – 20 council funded bus services for next year (emailed to Cllrs.10/12/24)

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- v. CALC News September and October 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.9/1/25)
- vi. CALC – Guide re VE Day 80th anniversary on 8/5/25 (emailed to Cllrs.9/1/25)
- vii. OPCC – Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner’s council tax survey (emailed to Cllrs.9/1/25)
- viii. W&FC – Cumbria Police spot the scams and CCTV camera registry (emailed to Cllrs.9/1/25)
- ix. W&FC – Community grant for Burton-in-Kendal Pickleball (emailed to Cllrs.9/1/25)
- x. W&FC – Expression of support for people to quit smoking (emailed to Cllrs.9/1/25)
- xi. W&FC – Council agrees to join government’s devolution journey (emailed to Cllrs.14/1/25)
- xii. W&FC – Council launches survey to help shape future of library services (emailed to Cllrs.14/1/25)
- xiii. W&FC – Deadline reminder to share views on Council Tax proposals (emailed to Cllrs.14/1/25)
- xiv. W&FC – Council seeks input on potential Circular Economy Hub (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/25)
- xv. W&FC – Invitation to help shape the future of electric vehicle infrastructure in Westmorland and Furness (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/25)
- xvi. CALC – BT Digital Voice switchover webinars (emailed to Cllrs.17/1/25)
- xvii. CALC – New flood warning testing (emailed to Cllrs.22/1/25)
- xviii. W&FC – Council commits to keep its Council Tax Reduction Scheme for those in need (emailed to Cllrs.27/1/25)
- xvix. W&FC – Council agrees five-year highways strategy (emailed to Cllrs.27/1/25)

17.25 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

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

19.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 24th March 2025 in Stainton Institute and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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