

# STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

**Present:** Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; District Cllr. Roger Bingham (from 7.30pm); Shadow Authority Cllr. Jonathan Brook; the Clerk and one member of the public

**63.22 APOLOGIES:** None

**64.22 MINUTES:** **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

**65.22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** None

**66.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**67.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Cllr. Whipp had been asked to raise the subject of the common land at Barrows Green and the Chair reiterated the position set out in the minutes from July 2018 to July 2020. The landowner and her solicitors had not replied to the letters sent by the Council's solicitor requesting that the fencing and tarmac be removed. The Council had subsequently agreed to leave the matter until the property was put on the market for sale when the Clerk would inform the selling agents of the Council's position

#### **68.22 REPORTS:**

- a) District Councillors: District Cllr. Bingham reported that local government reorganisation seems to have disrupted the activities of Cumbria County Council and SLDC, which makes it difficult to make headway on current matters. He also reported on the impact on SLDC of the increase in petrol prices and on households of the rise in energy costs. He was requesting that his locality grant go towards the cost of the new notice board
- b) County Councillor: There was no report but Shadow Authority Cllr (and SLDC Leader) Brook stated that he and Cllr. Rathbone would act as intermediaries in the period until the Westmorland and Furness Council was operational
- c) Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority Councillors: Cllr. Brook reported on the huge amount of ongoing work with many decisions to be made such as the division of assets and liabilities and the varying bases of dealing with waste

#### **69.22 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:**

- a) The Chair reported that Highways Dept were disputing the ownership of the ford but that discussions were ongoing
- b) The Chair confirmed that the fifth bridge repair / replacement was now expected in August
- c) The Chair reported that some highways / potholes work was still outstanding such as Kelly and the culvert at Halfpenny
- d) The Chair reported that the school lights had been replaced and that the A65 signpost and posts at the bottom of Halfpenny had all been repaired and cleaned
- e) The Clerk reported that he had been informed 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 been ordered so will soon be replaced

#### **70.22 TREES & WOODS:**

It was agreed that the September meeting should arrange the working party for planting in Underhelm Wood the copse pack which will be received in November under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree initiative

#### **71.22 LITTER PICK:**

It was agreed that a second pick was not necessary but that a further discussion should take place in January

**72.22 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** It was agreed that the celebrations had been a success and the Council's many thanks were expressed to Cllr. Stott

**73.22 SPEED LIMITS & SPEED CALMING:** The Chair stated that she was still exploring other possible speed calming measures with Highways

#### **74.22 PLANNING:**

- a) It was noted that no planning applications had been **approved** since the last meeting
- b) It was noted that no planning applications had been **submitted** to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting

#### **75.22 FINANCE:**

- a) **It was noted that there have been no receipts between meetings**
- b) **The following payments were approved:**

M R Richardson – Clerk's June & July Salary	£606.60 less PAYE	£121.20 plus expenses
£53.50 (broadband/telephone/use of home/postage/ conversion of PDFs)		
and motor expenses	£21.60 (48 miles @ 45p)	£560.50
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson		£121.20
- c) The budget comparison 2021/22 was received and noted
- d) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 was £10,964.38. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

**76.22 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS:** None

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## **77.22 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

**a) Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr. Wilson reported that discussions were still ongoing regarding the bund and whether a water pipe passes underneath it

**b) Possible replacement village noticeboard:** It was agreed that the Chair should obtain updated quotes as finance was available from SLDC locality grants

## **78.22 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- i. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- ii. SLDC – Council prepares for Appleby Horse Fair movement (emailed to Cllrs.25/5/22)
- iii. CALC – Papers for South Lakes & Barrow District Association AGM on 30/6/22 (emailed to Cllrs.10/6/22)
- iv. CALC – The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service – nominations requested by 15/9/22 (emailed to Cllrs.10/6/22)
- v. CALC – Neighbourliness – how to get involved (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- vi. CALC – Invitation to highlight hidden gems (buildings, sites & features) in Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- vii. CCC – B6254 Oxenholme Road – road closures for resurfacing (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- viii. CALC – NALC’s levelling up briefing (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- ix. CALC – News May & June 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- x. CCC – Registration with Support Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.7/7/22)
- xi. CALC – Home for Ukraine: information & resources relating to children and young people (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)
- xii. CCC – Launch of the Carlisle, Barrow & Kendal local cycling and infrastructure plans (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)
- xiii. SLDC – Applications open for new housing energy grant scheme (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)
- xiv. CALC – Pollinator action plan for Cumbria (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)
- xv. CALC – Emergency Plans – emergency information sheet (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)
- xvi. SLDC – Commitment to further green business support (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)
- xvii. CALC – CCC’s highways engagement with parish councils – My Account (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)
- xviii. SLDC – New pandemic fund for businesses unable to access previous support (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/22)

**79.22 COUNCILLORS’ ISSUES TO BE RAISED AT NEXT MEETING (No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda):** Bin collection at Willowsway

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

**81.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in St Thomas’ Church, Crosscrake at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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