

STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson and Hilary Waterhouse (from 8pm); Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and one member of the public

59.24 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Ryan Whipp (reasons accepted and noted) and W&F Cllr. Jonathan Brook

60.24 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

61.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

62.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

63.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

64.24 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: The only report was the Neighbourhood Policing Team update in Correspondence

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone informed the Council that there was to be another "call for sites" within the Local Plan consultation (see Correspondence) and that it was necessary to confirm previous entries. There followed a discussion regarding the viability test and what the Parish Council can do to enable affordable housing within the village

65.24 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) It was noted that there were currently no new potholes to be reported on HIAMS

b) It was reported that the salt bin opposite the Canal Bridge had been demolished and that a new one was needed

c) Cllr. Stott was thanked for cutting the Shyreakes verges and he asked whether W&FC had a policy regarding ragwort, which was becoming a problem

d) The Clerk reported that he had not heard from W&FC Highways Dept since the last meeting regarding the ford, the beckside walls or the Packhorse Bridge

e) A replacement gate at Stainton Cross Cottages had been obtained some time ago but it hadn't been fixed as the Countryside Officer had said that he didn't have sufficient budget to pay the quoted £300 cost. There was some debate as to whether the Parish Council should pay for the fixing but ultimately Cllr. Wilson offered to organise a "whipround" for payment

f) The Towpath / Canal update including Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership Towpath Trail events and the £1Million investment to upgrade the section between Stainton and Holme (completion expected January 2025) was discussed

g) The emails between the North Lancashire Bridleways Society and the Canal & River Trust regarding the "No Horses" signs between Stainton and Crooklands were discussed and there was a majority in favour of supporting the request to allow horse riders to use the towpath

66.24 TREES & WOODS: Bryan Knowles reported that he was monitoring the trees in Underhelm Wood which had ash die back

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

68.24 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 and July salary £706.34 less PAYE £141.20 plus expenses £71.82 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/photocopies/postage/ PDF conversion to Word) and motor expenses £28.80 (64 miles @ 45p)	£665.76
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson	£141.20
Stainton Institute – hire of hall	£20.00

c) The budget comparison 2023/24 was received, explained by the Clerk and approved

d) It was agreed to replace the damaged noticeboard at St Thomas' Church. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to purchase at their discretion. The W&F Cllrs. were asked to consider provision of a £500 locality grant

e) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 30th April 2024 was £12,807.96. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

69.24 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

a) The revised Financial Regulations were noted and confirmed after amending the bankers to be Barclays not HSBC

b) The W&FC Code of Conduct training session on 31st July 2024 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm was noted

70.24 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

71.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: None

72.24 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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- i. CALC – Revised Good Councillor’s Guide (emailed to Cllrs.24/5/24)
- ii. CALC – W&F Council Plan delivery framework (emailed to Cllrs.24/5/24)
- iii. CALC – Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) workshops (emailed to Cllrs.24/5/24)
- iv. CALC – W&FC’s biodiversity toolkit (emailed to Cllrs.3/7/24)
- v. Helm Youth Club – Consultation about refurbishment of Helm Youth Club Tennis Court (emailed to Cllrs.3/7/24)
- vi. W&FC – Natural Kendal July 2024 newsletter / Compost Demo event on 13/7/24 (emailed to Cllrs. 3/7/24)
- vii. CALC – Recording of W&FC Local Plan briefing on 27/6/24 (emailed to Cllrs.3/7/24)
- viii. Cumbria Police - Neighbourhood Policing Team update June 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.4/7/24)
- ix. W&FC – Local Plan consultation 8/7/24 to 9/9/24 (emailed to Cllrs.16/7/24)
- x. W&FC – Public Space Protection Orders consultation for Westmorland and Furness (emailed to Cllrs.16/7/24)
- xi. CALC – Cumbria LNRS newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.22/7/24)

73.24 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

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

75.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 23rd September 2024 in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm.

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