

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th July 2025 at 7.30pm 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

60.25 APOLOGIES: W&F Cllr. Jonathan Brook

61.25 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

62.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

63.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Stott declared his interest in the Kingsland application in 68.25c

64.25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Attention had been drawn to the overgrown hedges by the school

65.25 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: The Neighbourhood Policing Team updates for May and June 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.9/6/25 and 17/7/25 respectively) and the Wildlife and Rural Affairs newsletter for June 2025 (emailed to Cllrs. 16/7/25) were noted. Some anti-social behaviour had been reported

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone reported on the devolution proposals and on waste and recycling

66.25 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) It was noted that the large pothole on Shyreakes Lane was outstanding

b) The Clerk confirmed that the beckside walls work had been listed for 2026/27 despite it having been given a priority classification for 2024/25 and despite the meeting in June with Cllr. Peter Thornton

c) The Clerk reported that the onsite meeting with Cllr. Peter Thornton, the Highways Area Network Manager, the Chair and himself had taken place in June and that he had subsequently forwarded the requested emails which confirmed that the work was to be carried out in 2024/25. These emails were after the original statement that the ford was not a W&FC asset. The Council confirmed that they wished the ford to be re-instated

d) It was reported that the road through the village had been closed without notice by United Utilities due to a water leak. Closures without notice were permitted in an emergency

e) Cllr. Wilson had nothing to report regarding the Towpath / Canal except that the clearing of overgrowth had widened the path

67.25 TREES & WOODS: There was nothing to report

68.25 PLANNING:

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

2025/1180/HOU Rose Hill House, Stainton

Proposed garage / garden store

The Council had **no comments**

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

2025/0418/HOU Rose Hill House, Stainton

Proposed first floor rear extension, ground floor side and front porch extensions, dormers at second floor and

Proposed car port (re-submission of 2024/1553/FPA)

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

2025/0310/FPA Land at Kingsland, Shyreakes Lane, Crosscrake

Steel portal framed building for the storage of feedstuffs and hay/straw for agricultural and equestrian use on site

69.25 TRAINING

Cllr. Waterhouse had attended a seminar and reported on several items of interest regarding councillors' responsibilities

70.25 FINANCE:

a) It was noted that there has been no receipts between meetings

b) The following payments were **approved:**

M R Richardson – Clerk's June & July salary £751.29 plus arrears for April & May £15.64 =

£766.93 total less PAYE £153.40 plus expenses £79.18 (broadband/telephone/

use of home as office/photocopies/postage) and motor expenses £32.40 (72 miles @ 45p) £725.11

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £153.40

Stainton Institute – hire of hall £20.00

c) The budget comparison 2024/25 was received, explained by the Clerk and approved

d) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 30th June 2025 was £11,811.04. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

71.25 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

72.25 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: None

73.25 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

i. CALC – Local Plan update / planning policy consultation (emailed to Cllrs.9/6/25)

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- ii. W&FC – Informal drop-ins to find out more about waste and recycling options (emailed to Cllrs.9/6/25)
- iii. W&FC – Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.16/7/25)
- iv. CALC – Branch event on economic strategy on 30/7/25 (emailed to Cllrs.16/7/25)
- v. W&FC – £37.7 million highways and transport plan to drive smoother journeys across the area (emailed to Cllrs.16/7/25)
- vi. CALC – EA incidents – online reporting now available (emailed to Cllrs.16/7/25)
- vii. CALC – Slides from the W&F parking session on 17/6/25 (emailed to Cllrs.16/7/25)
- viii. CALC – ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and NALC survey re flood resilience (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/25)
- ix. CALC – Slides, newsletter & FAQs re road surface dressing briefing on 26/6/25 (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/25)
- x. CALC – Future event on local resilience plans (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/25)
- xi. W&FC – Devolution update (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/25)
- xii. CALC News May and June 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/25)
- xiii. W&FC backs affordable housing vision for Windermere (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/25)
- xiv. W&FC – First stage completed on £350K major school decarbonisation review (emailed to Cllrs.17/7/25)
- xv. CALC - Adult learning service praised for “greatly improving lives” (emailed to Cllrs.22/7/25)
- xvi. W&FC – Positive devolution update (emailed to Cllrs.22/7/25)
- xvii. Power for People – Government commits to local selling for community energy schemes (emailed to Cllrs.22/7/25)
- xviii. CALC – Devolution briefing on 6/8/25 (emailed to Cllrs.22/07/25)
- xix. CALC – Slides from the affordable housing event on 15/7/25 (emailed to Cllrs.23/7/25)

74.25 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

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

76.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 22nd September 2025 (subsequently changed to 29th September 2025) in Stainton Institute at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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