

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25th March 2024

at 8.25pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and five members of the public

19.24 APOLOGIES: Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Jonathan Brook

20.24 MINUTES: **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

21.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

22.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

23.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

24.24 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: There was no report other than the newsletters in Correspondence

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone had nothing to add to his report to the preceding Annual Parish Meeting

25.24 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) It was noted that any new potholes had been reported 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

d) The Clerk reported that discussions had commenced regarding the procedure to request a reduction in the village speed limits from 60mph to 30mph

e) It was reported that the footpath from the aqueduct to Stainton Cross had completely eroded and it was agreed that the Council should continue to complain and ask for the necessary work to be completed

26.24 TREES & WOODS: It was noted that work would need to be done on the ash die back trees in Underhelm Wood but that some of the beech trees planted some years ago were now doing really well. It was stated that the roadside daffodils were beautiful and the Chair said that she would contact and thank the parishioners who planted them

27.24 LITTER PICK: It was confirmed that the arrangements had been made for this to take place on Saturday 6th April 2024

28.24 PLANNING:

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

2024/0455/FPA 1, Shyreakes Lane, Crosscrake

Demolition of existing rear conservatory/concrete outhouse, erection of a single storey rear kitchen extension & a timber open post frame storm porch

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

SL/2023/0620 The Orangery, Stainton

Single storey extension to the east elevation and conversion of part of garage to bedroom accommodation

29.24 FINANCE:

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

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

M R Richardson – Clerk's February & March salary £720.90 plus Barclays Bank

time £100.00 less PAYE £164.20 plus expenses £49.85 (broadband/telephone/

use of home as office/photocopies/postage) and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles@45p) £728.15

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £164.20

Thomas Robinson – gritting £240.00

c) The Asset Register at 25th March 2024 was approved

d) The replacement of the damaged noticeboard at St Thomas' Church was discussed but no decision was made. Cllr. Stott agreed to ask the Church whether it would be able to contribute

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- e) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 29th February 2024 was £8,236.69. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

30.24 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

31.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) **Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr, Wilson reported that the Water Recovery group had started to clear the canal bed between Sellet Hall bridge and Wells Head Lane (close to Hincaster Tunnel) as detailed at the last meeting

32.24 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. National Highways – A590 safety improvement work (emailed to Cllrs.11/2/24)
- ii. Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team update January 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.11/2/24)
- iii. National Highways - Jct 36 M6 ash dieback and woodland management (emailed to Cllrs.11/2/24)
- iv. W&FC – Temporary road closure – C5074 Stainton on 27/2/24 (emailed to Cllrs.13/2/24)
- v. Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner’s Office – winter newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.21/2/24)
- vi. CALC/Bruno Peak – D-Day 80 Flag of Peace (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/24)
- vii. Cumbria Police – Neighbourhood Policing Team update February 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/24)
- viii. CALC – South Lakes town and parish council forum: Bus Service Improvement Plan (emailed to Cllrs.21/3/24)
- ix. National Highways – A590 safety improvement work update (emailed to Cllrs.25/3/24)
- x. CALC – Great Big Green Week 8-16 June 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.25/3/24)
- xi. W&FC – Refugee, evacuee and asylum seeker grants programme 2024/25 (emailed to Cllrs.25/3/24)
- xii. CALC – Invitation to community power workshop on 11/4/24 (emailed to Cllrs.25/3/24)
- xiii. North West Ambulance Service – recruitment of volunteer car driver (emailed to Cllrs.25/3/24)

33.24 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

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

35.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th May 2024 (subsequently amended from 13th) in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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