

# STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### at 8.30pm in Stainton Institute

**Present:** Chair Julie Knowles; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllrs. Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and three members of the public

**20.25 APOLOGIES:** Cllr. John Stott (reasons accepted and noted)

**21.25 MINUTES:** **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

**22.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** None

**23.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Waterhouse declared her interest in the Steps End application in 30.25a

**24.25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

### **25.25 REPORTS:**

a) Cumbria Police: Two Neighbourhood Policing Team updates for January and February 2025 (emailed to Cllrs. 14/2/25 and 18/3/25 respectively) and a six-month report regarding Operation Enhance (anti-social behaviour and serious violence) were noted. It was agreed that the Council's two representatives regarding the Neighbourhood Policing Pledge were to be Cllrs. Wilson and Whipp

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllrs. Brook and Rathbone had nothing to add to the report given to the preceding Annual Parish Meeting

### **26.25 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:**

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

b) The Chair reported that the Packhorse Bridge potholes had not yet been filled

c) The Chair reported that Highways had stated that the ford was not their responsibility. It was agreed to ask them to continue the kerb to the side of the entrance across the entrance as a safety measure and to ask their view on the necessary infilling as that would leave a large drop

**27.25 TREES & WOODS:** Bryan Knowles had strimmed throughout. Only 5 beech trees had survived the winter

**28.25 LITTER PICK:** The arrangements were confirmed for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**29.25 VE DAY 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON 8th MAY 2025:** It was agreed not to arrange a specific event

### **30.25 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

#### **2025/0123/FPA Steps End, Stainton**

Renewal of existing deteriorating stables and erection of replacement combined stables and agricultural building for the storage of horses, farm animals and machinery with associated infrastructure

The Council had made **no comments** on this application

#### **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 (revised submission of 2024/1553/FPA)

The Council **supported** this application

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

#### **2024/2092/ FPA Land between Shyreakes Lane and Kingsland Livery Stables, Crosscraze**

Variation of condition 1 (limestone cladding) attached to approval of reserved matters 5/99/2739 (new farmhouse and septic tank) :

### **31.25 FINANCE:**

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

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

M R Richardson – Clerk's February and March salary £735.65 less PAYE £147.20

plus expenses £79.33 (broadband/telephone/ use of home as office/photocopies/ postage)

and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles @ 45p) £689.38

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £147.20

Fieldgate Data Services Ltd – replacement laptop computer £300.00

B Knowles – concrete for fitting new noticeboard £47.90

Stainton Institute – hire of hall £20.00

c) The Asset Register was received, **approved** and signed by the Chair

d) The 2025/26 Risk Management schedule was received, **approved** and signed by the Chair

e) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 was £7,511.61. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

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## 32.25. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

It was agreed to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy emailed to Cllrs. on 18/3/25

**33.25 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS:** None

**34.25 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** None

## 35.25 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. W&FC – Temporary road closure U5356 Stainton on 18/2/25 (emailed to Cllrs.12/2/25)
- ii. CALC News for November and December 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- iii. CALC – National Trading Standards doorstep crime awareness leaflet (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- iv. W&FC welcomes government devolution inclusion (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- v. W&FC - Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Spring 2025 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- vi. W&FC protects front line services in tough financial times (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- vii. W&FC launches free parenting support app for families (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- viii. CALC – Springfield domestic abuse charity – Cross The Bay Walk on 21/6/25 (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- ix. W&FC – Statutory consultation for 20 mph speed limits in South Lakeland (emailed to Cllrs.14/2/25)
- x. CALC – Community emergency planning workshops (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/25)
- xi. W&FC – Proposal to explore harmonising Parish and Town Council elections in Westmorland & Furness approved (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/25)
- xii. W&FC – Electoral review of Westmorland & Furness – second consultation now open (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/25)
- xiii. CALC – W&FC's Spring climate and nature newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/25)
- xiv. W&FC – South Lakeland Town and Parish Council newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/25)
- xv. CALC – Briefing on 2/4/25 on the government's devolution priority programme (emailed to Cllrs.18/3/25)
- xvi. CALC – Community governance review briefing slides (emailed to Cllrs.19/3/25)
- xvii. CALC – Training programme from 24/3/25 to 31/7/25 (emailed to Cllrs.19/3/25)
- xviii. W&FC – Boost for further decarbonisation works following £1.75M funding announcement (emailed to Cllrs.20/3/25)
- xvix. W&FC – New strategy to improve and invest in council housing stock (emailed to Cllrs.20/3/25)
- xx. W&FC - Stainton payphone removal proposal (emailed to Cllrs.24/3/25). It was **agreed** to purchase the payphone box for £1
- xxi. North Lancashire Bridleways Society – Agreement with Lancaster Canal Trust & Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership to permit horse riding on the Wellheads Lane to Stainton section of the Towpath Trail (emailed to Cllrs.24/3/25)

**36.25 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

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

**38.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in Stainton Institute at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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