

# STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

**Present:** Vice Chair John Stott (Chair of the meeting); Cllrs. Geoff Wilson and Hilary Waterhouse; Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Jonathan Brook; the Clerk and no members of the public

**95.23 APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Julie Knowles and Ryan Whipp (reasons accepted and noted) and Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Doug Rathbone

**96.23 MINUTES:** **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

**97.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** None

**98.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**99.23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

#### **100.23 REPORTS:**

a) Cumbria Police: There was no report

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Brook stated that W&FC had agreed to work closely with Parish Councils through CALC and had recruited additional staff in the planning department. Preparations for a Local Plan for the whole area had commenced. This was expected to take three years. The Clerk requested that W&FC notify Parish Clerks about temporary traffic orders and road closures in addition to placing notices in the Westmorland Gazette. The Clerk reported on a remote meeting that he had had with W&FC Highways concerning the arrangements for gritting in 2023/24, which were basically unchanged from previous years. It was acknowledged that local parishes could adopt local measures for roads not prioritised by W&FC but they should be able to demonstrate due diligence although there was no known legislation stipulating formal requirements

#### **101.23 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:**

a) It was noted that there were no currently reported potholes

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 (see September minutes)

d) The Clerk reported that an email had been received today regarding the procedure to be taken to request a 20mph limit. Cllr. Stott stated that there were some parishioners who didn't want that limit

**102.23 TREES & WOODS:** There was nothing to report

#### **103.23 PLANNING:**

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

##### **SL/2023/0803 Green Riggs, Barrows Green**

Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling, single storey extension to rear, demolition of existing garage, construction of new double garage (resubmission of SL/2023/0584)

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

b) It was noted that no planning applications had been **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting

#### **104.23 FINANCE:**

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

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

M R Richardson – Clerk's October & November salary £640.80 plus arrears (pay award)

£130.00 less PAYE £154.20 plus expenses £49.40 (broadband/telephone/use of home

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

£687.60

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson

£154.20

c) The appointment of Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for 2023/24 was confirmed

d) It was noted that there had been a national salary award in the Clerk's rate of pay of £1 per hour backdated to 1st April 2023, which was incorporated in the above payment

e) It was confirmed that the Chair and Vice-Chair will carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal

f) The receipts and payments report and the budget comparison for the half-year to 30th September 2023 were considered and **approved**

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- g) The Clerk presented the draft budget 2024/25 to the Council for initial discussion – the budget to be finalised at the next meeting
- h) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 was £9,570.66. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

## **105.23 D-DAY 80 on 6 JUNE 2024**

It was agreed that no village arrangements were to be made

## **106.23 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None**

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

a) **Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr, Wilson reported that the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership had secured £1M of funding and that he understood that the extension to the towpath trail would start in early Spring. He also understood that it was hoped that the Canal & River Trust were to repair the eroded footpath at Stainton Aqueduct in the Spring

## **108.23 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- i. Further climate change information and updates
- ii. W&FC – Online Streetsafe reporting (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/23)
- iii. CALC – Biodiversity net gain information guide (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/23)
- iv. CALC – Changes to postal and proxy voting (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/23)
- v. CALC – Utd Utilities Windermere drop-in sessions (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/23)
- vi. CALC – Community Catalysts (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/23)

**109.23 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

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

**111.23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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