

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

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

92.24 APOLOGIES: Chair Julie Knowles (reasons accepted and noted); W&F Cllr. Doug Rathbone and Linda Fletcher

93.24 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

94.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

95.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Stott declared an interest re the planning application item regarding the land between Shyreakes Lane and Kingsland Livery Stables

96.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

97.24 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: The two Operation Enhance (re anti-social behaviour and violence) reports (both emailed to Cllrs. 19/11/24) and the Neighbourhood Policing Team update for October 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24) were noted

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Brook informed the Council that he and Cllr. Rathbone had requested a locality grant of £500 towards the noticeboard and referred to the Ward Boundary review proposals, which had now been confirmed at a W&F Council meeting and were going to the Boundary Commission for approval. The proposals included the Parish Council's preference for Stainton remaining with two member councillors but with different adjoining parishes in the ward. When finalised, the changes would take place in 2027. Cllr. Brook also mentioned the devolution response to government (see correspondence 104.24)

98.24 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

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

b) The Clerk reported that he had nothing to report regarding the ford, the beckside walls or the Packhorse Bridge

c) Cllr. Wilson reported that the faulty grit bin had been replaced very quickly after reporting it on HIAMS

d) Cllr. Wilson expressed his disappointment in the surfacing of the towpath from Field End to Crooklands

e) The Clerk reported upon the inequality of the street lighting proposals under consideration by W&FC and that he had written accordingly to W&FC

f) Cllr. Wilson reported that a fourth swan had died near the towpath by flying into overhead power lines and that there were still problems with flooding

99.24 TREES & WOODS: There was nothing to report

100.24 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:

2024/1967/PALHE 2, Old Row, Stainton

Prior notification for a single storey rear extension

The Council had no comments

2024/2092/FPA Land between Shyreakes Lane and Kingsland Livery Stables, Crosscrake

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

Cllr. Stott left the room

The Council **supported** the application

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

2024/1742/FPA High House, Millbridge Lane, Stainton

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2021/1172 (Detached triple garage with first floor gym and games room)

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

2024/1553/FPA Rose Hill House, Stainton

Proposed first floor rear extension, ground floor side and front porch extensions, dormers at second floor, proposed car port and detached garage

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101.24 FINANCE:

- a) It was noted that there has been the following receipt between meetings:
Mrs R Ellis dec'd – Donation re new bench £506.00
- b) The following payment between meetings was **approved**:
Kedel Ltd – new bench £586.85
- c) The following payments were **approved**:
M R Richardson – Clerk's October and November salary £735.65 plus arrears (pay award) £86.97 less PAYE £164.40 plus expenses £52.00 (broadband/telephone/ use of home as office/photocopies/ postage) and motor expenses £36.00 (80 miles @ 45p) £746.22
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £164.40
Stainton Institute – hire of hall £20.00
- d) The appointment of Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for 2024/25 was confirmed
- e) It was noted that there had been a national salary award in the Clerk's rate of pay of £0.63 per hour backdated to 1st April 2024, which was incorporated in the above payment
- f) It was confirmed that the Chair and Vice-Chair will carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal
- g) The receipts and payments report and the budget comparison for the half-year to 30th September 2024 were considered and **approved**
- h) The Clerk presented the draft budget 2025/26 to the Council for initial discussion – the budget to be finalised at the next meeting
- i) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st October 2024 was £8,757.75. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

102.24 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

103.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- i. The daffodil planting on 5th October 2024 had gone well and Sheila Nelson had sent an email thanking all those who had helped

104.24 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. CALC – Training October to December 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.2/10/24)
- ii. W&FC – Devolution response submitted to Government (emailed to Cllrs.2/10/24)
- iii. W&FC – Free targeted short break activity open to register (emailed to Cllrs.2/10/24)
- iv. CALC – Agenda and supporting papers for AGM on 12/10/24 (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/24)
- v. CALC/W&FC – Waste collection queries contact for clerks (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/24)
- vi. CALC – Be wary of phone fraudsters (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/24)
- vii. W&FC – Temporary road closure B6254 near Oxenholme from 14/10/24 (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/24)
- viii. W&FC – Council supports multi-agency plan to reduce number of suicides across W&F (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/24)
- ix. CALC – Slides from 30/9/24 Highways & Local Councils session and a copy of the W&F road verges leaflet (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/24)
- x. W&FC – Get smoke free this Stoptober with support from W&FC (emailed to Cllrs.3/10/24)
- xi. CALC – W&FC autumn climate and nature newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)
- xii. CALC – W&FC winter ready scheme (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)
- xiii. W&FC – Invitation to help shape future of waste and recycling collections (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)
- xiv. W&FC – Publicity of proposed works to trees subject to tree preservation order (TPO) and/or notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)
- xv. W&FC opens polling district review (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)
- xvi. CALC – Priority Services Register and rural saving energy grants (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)
- xvii. W&FC – Warm Spots (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)
- xviii. W&FC – Local electric vehicle infrastructure interactive event 27/11/24 (emailed to Cllrs.19/11/24)

105.24 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

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

107.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 27th January 2025 in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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