

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2024 at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse (from 7.25pm) and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and two members of the public

76.24 APOLOGIES: Vice-Chair John Stott (reasons accepted and noted) and W&F Cllr. Jonathan Brook

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

78.24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

79.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

80.24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A member of the public queried there being no declarations of interest at the last meeting regarding the "No Horses" signs on the towpath and it was explained that no councillors had a financial interest and therefore had no declaration to make

81.24 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: The HMICFRS inspection results and Operation Enhance re anti-social behaviour and violence (both emailed to Cllrs.4/8/24) and the Neighbourhood Policing Team update for August 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.6/9/24) were noted

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone informed the Council that there was to be a members' meeting on 8th October 2024 about "sharing the load" with further input after Christmas; that the need for grit bin filling should be reported on HIAMS; that he and Cllr. Brook had agreed to request a locality grant of £500 towards the noticeboard; and that staff were moving to South Lakeland House from County Hall, which would then be empty except for Archives. He also referred to the Ward Boundary review initial consultation (emailed to Cllrs.6/9/24) and the online briefing session on 11/9/24 – the slides for which were emailed to Cllrs. on 17/9/24. It was agreed that the Council strongly preferred that Stainton remained a two member ward

82.24 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) The Towpath / Canal £1Million investment to upgrade the section between Stainton and Holme (completion expected January 2025) was further discussed

83.24 TREES & WOODS: There was nothing to report

84.24 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:

2024/1553/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

The Council had no comments regarding the main house but was of the opinion that it was not appropriate for the detached garage to be clad in accoya. The garage should be stone faced in the local pointed limestone to match the house so that the garage is in character with all the other buildings in the location

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)

The Council had no comments

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

85.24 FINANCE:

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

b) The following payment between meetings was **approved**:

Noticeboard Company Cumbria – new noticeboard £2,220.00

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

M R Richardson – Clerk's August and September salary £706.34 less PAYE £141.40 plus expenses £50.70 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/photocopies/postage) and motor expenses £28.80 (64 miles @ 45p) £644.44

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £141.40

Stainton Institute – hire of hall £20.00

A2A Advertising Ltd – annual web hosting £90.00

d) The annual payment of the Data Protection registration fee of £35 by direct debit was noted

e) It was agreed that the fitting of the replacement noticeboard at St Thomas' Church would take place in December 2024 after the Chair's return from holiday

f) It was agreed to gratefully accept the offer from Mrs Rita Ellis to purchase a new bench to go on the grass next to the Packhorse Bridge in memory of her grandmother Mrs Bateson. It was agreed to purchase the bench from Kedel Ltd

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- g) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st August 2024 was £11,981.00. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

86.24 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

87.24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- i. The Clerk reported that there had been no further emails regarding the “No Horses” signs between Stainton and Crooklands
- ii. Arrangements were made regarding the daffodil planting on 5th October 2024 and to publicise it
- iii. Cllr. Wilson reported that he had paid for the fitting of the replacement gate at Stainton Cross Cottages – see minute 65/24e

88.24 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner – Plan consultation (emailed to Cllrs.4/8/24)
- ii. CALC – Training programme September to December 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.4/8/24)
- iii. CALC News May and June 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.4/8/24)
- iv. W&FC – Code of Conduct training session 31/7/24 (emailed to Cllrs.4/8/24)
- v. CALC – W&FC Library News August 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.4/8/24)
- vi. W&FC – South Lakeland Town and Parish Council newsletter (emailed to Cllrs. 6/9/24)
- vii. W&FC – Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.6/9/24)
- viii. CALC – Notice of Annual General Meeting on 12,10,24 (emailed to Cllrs.6/9/24)
- ix. CALC – Request for guest list nomination for Cumbria’s 50th anniversary celebration on 4/10/24 (emailed to Cllrs.6/9/24)
- x. W&FC – Planning policy consultation reminder (emailed to Cllrs.6/9/24)
- xi. CALC – W&F local plan design code slide presentation (emailed to Cllrs.6/9/24)
- xii. W&FC – Emergency road closure – U5629 Barrows Green from 7/9/24 (emailed to Cllrs.10/9/24)
- xiii. CALC News July and August 2024 (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/24)
- xiv. CALC – Launch of new Cumbria People and Nature Network website (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/24)
- xv. CALC – W&F branch forum – Highways and Local Councils briefing on 24/9/24 (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/24)
- xvi. CALC – Charge my street webinars (emailed to Cllrs.23/9/24)

89.24 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

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

91.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 25th November 2024 in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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