

# STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

(Draft copy of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016)

## MINUTES

**Present:** Chair John Stott, Vice Chair Thomas Nelson, Councillors: Tot Mason, Geoff Wilson, Julie Knowles, Clerk Karen Wells, County councillor Brenda Grey (6 members of the public)

And Celia McNally catchment director for the EA.

**84.16 APOLOGIES:** District Cllr Sheila Eccles, PCSO, David Holden

**85.16 MINUTES:** the minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> January were signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

**86.16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** none

**87.16 FLOODING:** Celia McNally from the Environment Agency (EA) attended the meeting and gave an overview of her job as 'Catchment Director for Kent & Leven'.

A flood action plan is to be put in place which brings together all local agencies e.g. National Parks, SLDC, Community groups, Parish Councils, Farmers, Land owners, Wildlife and conservation groups. Information from these groups will be fed into the plan and help inform the EA on what appropriate action to take. The time scale for this plan is for it to be in place for summer 2016. The actions taken will be: Short term action, long term actions, Things in the pipeline, but also be flexible and be able to change as the plan goes along.

Celia then took questions from the Cllrs and people at the meeting. She agreed to inquire into why the EA had not fulfilled their promise to come to the village and inspect the stream and talk to the parishioners. There then followed a discussion about various aspects of the stream that it was felt needed attention. Celia is going to keep the clerk updated and organise a site visit to the parish.

The council would like to thank Celia for attending the meeting and answering the questions put to her.

Cllr Stott reported to the council that the dam construction on the canal, to help with the repairs to the aqueduct, will start on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## **88.16 OPEN SESSION**

It was suggested by a member of the public that it might be a good idea to have a 'river day' each year. To tidy up rubbish and generally keep a watching eye on the condition of the banks etc. This would help to feed information back to the EA and their action plan.

**89.16 POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY:** PCSO did not attend the meeting. The clerk read out a report sent to the council. (Copy of full report held by clerk) A summary of the points:

- i. There was no crimes reported in Stainton Parish since the last meeting.
- ii. However in Endmoor there were two break-ins to businesses and a car window smashed, with cash taken.

**90.16 UPPER KENT LAP:** Cllr Knowles attended a meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

The main topics discussed were flooding, grass verge cutting and highway problems. A full copy of the notes are held with the clerk.

## **91.16 HIGHWAYS:**

- i. The clerk had reported a list of issues to highways from the last meeting and has received an acknowledgment email from Peter Hosking.
- ii. **Clerk to report:** Pot holes in various locations and the condition of Slaughter house lane.

## 92.16 PLANNING.

**Application Received:** SL/2016/0062 Punch Bowl Hotel, Barrows Green, Kendal replacement signage.

**Notifications Received:** SL/2015/1054 Helm Mount Farm Barrows Green, (demolition of redundant shippens and construction of replacement ancillary storage building) granted with conditions.

## 93.16 FINANCE:

### Authorised schedule of payments for March/April

i. **Payments:**

**Made between meetings: None**

**Payments sanctioned during the meeting:**

Clerks March wage £ 129.15 + expenses £22.63 (stamps + ink) = £151.68

Clerks April wage £129.15 + expenses £10 (broadband/telephone) = 139.15

Hire and associated costs of meeting payable to School = £20

**Payments received:**

Locality fund grant = £250.00

Rebate from bin emptying. = £50.00

- ii. In preparation for audit- asset, risk management and insurance registers were reviewed.

## 94.16CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: none

**95.16. Elections:** For Stainton parish council have been set for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016, candidate packs were given out by clerk.

**96.16 Litter pick** - The date was arranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016, cllr Wilson is to contact SLDC for the equipment and the clerk to publicise the event.

## 97.16 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

- i. **Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Cllr Stott is to organise the building of a beacon on the hill behind the church, and this will be lit on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 between 7-15 and 8-30. This will be a joint celebration with Sedgwick and a Jacobs join will be organised in Sedgwick,
- ii. **Web site:** The parish web site is now up and running. ([www. parish-council.com/stainton/](http://www.pariah-council.com/stainton/))
- iii. New notice board now in place on Millbeck lane, thanks to Cllr Knowles and Brian for setting it up.

**98.16 AOB: None**

**99.16 Councillor's issues to be raised at next meeting – None**

*(No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda)*

**100.16 Meeting closed at 9.25**

**101.16 next meeting – AGM Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, at 7.30 to be held in Crosscrake Primary School, Crosscrake.**

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