

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 18th May 2015 at 7.00pm in Crosscrake School

Present: Councillors John Stott, Tot Mason, Thomas Nelson, Geoff Wilson Julie Knowles, Clerk Karen Wells, along with a number of members of the parish.

AGM 1.15 APOLOGIES – received from: District Cllr Sheila Eccles (attending another meeting), County Cllr Brenda Gray (away on holiday), and the Community Support Officers as they had advised that they were unable to attend due to commitments patrolling the traveller traffic en route to Appleby.

AGM 2.15 CHAIRMANS REPORT – Chairman Cllr John Stott opened the meeting by thanking all for attending and proceeded to read through his report on activities for the last 12 months. This included an end of year update on the council's finances, very successful annual litter pick, and garden party, an overview of the activity around Highways repairs and any issues or developments that have occurred within the parish over the last 12 months. (A full copy of the report can be obtained from Clerk)

AGM 3 .15 MINUTES – the minutes of the AGM dated 19th May 2014 were signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

AGM 4 .15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations of interest or requests for dispensations were received regarding items on the AGM agenda.

AGM 5.15 ELECTION OF CHAIR – The meeting resumed with the election of the chair for the coming year. Vice chair Cllr Thomas Nelson took to the chair and thanked Cllr Stott for holding the roll of chair and also for all the additional activities which he undertakes on behalf of the parish. He then proceeded to ask for nominations for Chairperson for the coming year. Cllr Tot Mason nominated that Cllr Stott be made chair for a further 12 months and Cllr Nelson seconded it. Cllr Stott accepted the nomination, agreeing to a further 12 months in office and signed the Acceptance of office form.

AGM 6.15 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR - Cllr Stott then asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr Nelson was proposed and Cllr Geoff Wilson seconded it. Cllr Nelson accepted the Vice chair position and signed the Acceptance of office form.

AGM 7.15 ADDRESS GIVEN ON BEHALF OF LANCASTER CANAL TRUST – An update was given by Mr Peter Jones. The re-watering of the new stretch of the canal is moving forward, although there has been some teething problems. A pump has been installed at Stainton to help to get the water levels correct. The length of canal from Crooklands and Stainton have also been successfully dredged. Peter also suggested that it might be a good idea for the council to be affiliated with the trust.

AGM 8.15 REPORT ON BEHALF OF CROSSCRAKE SCHOOL – Linda Fletcher provided a report on the year at Crosscrake School. The last year has been one of significant change for the school. Due to some of these changes it has meant the loss of a teacher and a number of support staff. However the children continue to grow and improve. Enjoying a wide variety of opportunities Inc. extra sport, ITC, support from the church team, various trips out of school. (A full copy of the report is available from the clerk.)

AGM 9.15 REPORT ON BEHALF OF STANTON INSTITUTE- In the absence of David Coates, Cllr. Geoff Wilson delivered a report on the progress of Stainton Institute. The momentum for the institute has resulted in another successful year. The roof is now leak free, with the help of Kent estuary YFC the floor is now starting to be installed. All due to very successful fund raising in the community. Thanks to all concerned. (A full copy of report is available from Clerk).

Cllr Stott asked about the issue of parking. Cllr Wilson replied although it as still early days, there were solutions to parking being discussed. It was also hoped that as the institute is in the centre of the parish that people would walk and car share.

The 2015 AGM was brought to a close by the Chairman at 7.50pm with a thank you to all the members of the public who support the parish council.

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2015 at 7.55 p.m. At Crosscrake School.

Present: As for AGM

1.15 APOLOGIES as for AGM

2.15 MINUTES the minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 24th March 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

3.15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS- None

4.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Stott declared an interest, on item 5.15 planning application on agenda.

5.15 OPEN SESSION – There was concern from a parishioner about flooding on Stainton road. Water running on lane by Helm view, Mill house and Old row, some of the residents have reported the flooding and the environment agency have been out to the site. However there still seems to be a problem, clerk to report on Highways hot line.

6.15 POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY: Apologies sent by PCSO. Report read by clerk. In the last twelve months there has been a reduction in crime in South Lakeland. It has been encouraging that more calls have been received from local communities reporting crimes and suspicious behaviour in their neighbourhoods. The majority of local crime is opportunist, taking high value items from out buildings. No crimes have been reported in the parish since the last meeting. Recent initiatives have included working with Lancs and North Yorkshire forces.

7.15UPPER KENT LAP – Cllr Julie Knowles asked for matters to be taken forward to the next meeting. She explained that we need 6 major causes for concern. With the more regular issues like road repairs being reported on the CCC website. Communication, isolation and care for the elderly were discussed.

8.15 HIGHWAYS - It was discussed that there were many repairs needed around the parish to roads, stiles and footpaths. Also that many of the repairs have been waiting for some time. Clerk to try and get some dates of possible completion.

9.15 CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CALC)

The council has decided to join CALC again this year as it gives good information and back up.

10.15 PLANNING - the following applications and notifications had been received since the last meeting.

Applications Recd;

SL2015/0209 – 1 Humphrey Cottages, Stainton Kendal, Change of use from agricultural to domestic. The council found no objection to this application.

There was a letter submitted to Cllr Knowles, from Ian and Christine Valentine. These concerns were read to the meeting, they have also been submitted by Ian and Christine to SLDC.

Notifications Recd:

SU/2014/0019 – The Old Stables, Stainton court, Change of use of building from office to residential. Prior approval.

11.15 FINANCE- Audit

- i) Section 1 and 2 of Annual Audit return were approved by the council and the Chairman was authorised to sign on the councils behalf. Which he did.
- ii) Summary receipts and payments for the year 2014/2015 had been circulated prior to meeting and were approved by the council in the meeting.
- iii) The Council's Standing Orders were agreed.
- iv) The Parish Assets register and the risk assessment register were reviewed by the council. These were accepted and agreed.
- v) Financial regulations had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Regulations were accepted.

- vi) Insurance policy agreed for this year, quotes being sort to insure traffic mirror. Also clerk to check around for more competitive insurance cover.

Finance

To authorise schedule of payment of May/Jun:

Paid between meetings – £64.00 to Cllr Julie Knowles (for office software) agreed at March meeting.

Payments sanctioned during the meeting

K Wells Clerk May wage/expenses (ink cartridge,paper,laminating pouches) = £149.97

CC Ltd – Insurance = £388.65

SLDC – Bin Emptying Annual invoice = £151.20

K Wells– Clerks Wage/ June = £129.15

Crosscrake School – room hire = £20.00

SLDC recovery of overpayment of parish Precept 29/04/2015 = £41.40

Calc subscription = £130

Payments received

Annual precept £2837.63 (this fig. Inc. £41.40 paid in error which Stainton pc has been invoiced for)

SLDC Top up precept grant £101.77

LAP Grant £ 75.00

12.15 CONSULTATIONS & FUNDING REQUESTS –

None

13.15 AOB

- I. Black bales have been removed. Clerk to send email and letter.
- II. Parish magazine update, awaiting reply from Ref Ian Swift.
- III. Notice board repairs still in progress.
- IV. Communication and planning workshops, Cllr Knowles to forward information after LAP meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

14.15 Next Meeting – Monday 27th July 2015 at 7.30pm St Thomas' Church Crosscrake

Councillor's issues to be raised – no discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda