

# STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

(Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at St Thomas' Church Crosscrake)

## MINUTES

**Present:** Chair John Stott, Vice Chair Thomas Nelson, Councillors: Tot Mason, Geoff Wilson, Rev Ian Swift, Clerk Karen Wells, County councillor Brenda Grey and District councillor Sheila

**47.15 APOLOGIES:** received from: Julie Knowles (on holiday), Bernard Whewall, David Holden

**48.15 MINUTES:** the minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 28th September 2015 were signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

**49.15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** none

**50.15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** none

**51.15 OPEN SESSION:**

No issues brought to the councils attention.

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

- i. Firstly there has been a change in community officer deployment as part of the on-going re structure of policing our area. For the area of Stainton this means that the initial points of contact PCSO Gareth Cairns and Martin Boak.
- ii. However we were reminded that non-emergency calls to service should be made via the 101 telephone number and emergency calls to 999.
- iii. In the last month there has been 58 reported incidents within the greater area resulting in 1 crime being linked to Stainton Parish. 17/11/15 1 Common assault without injury, 1 male suspect arrested ( no further action required)

**53.15 UPPER KENT LAP:** Cllr John Stott attended the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Issues discussed :( full copy of minutes held by clerk)

- i. Verge cutting
- ii. David Gibson gave a presentation on rights of way, which confirmed who is responsible for maintenance of stiles etc.
- iii. Rural broadband
- iv. Public transport lack of funding,

**54.15 HIGHWAYS:**

- i. **50 mph speed limit on A65:**Although the council have not been official informed, they did receive an Email from Paul Andrews of Millers beck guest house, to say that he had received the following from Nick Raymond at highways.

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'The legal order has been advertised and has now been reported to the county council members for their consideration. They have approved its implementation and a works order has been placed with our contactor. We expect the order to be in place before Christmas'

- ii. **Other highway matters:** Clerk to report flooding by St Thomas' Church.

#### **55.15 PLANNING.**

**Application Received: None**

**Notifications Received: None**

#### **56. 15 FINANCE:**

**To authorise schedule of payments for Nov/Dec**

- i. **Payments:**

**Made between meetings: None**

**Payments sanctioned during the meeting:**

Clerks Nov wage+exps (paper, ink and stationery) 129.15+ 29.16= 158.31

Clerks Dec wage = £129.15

Hire and associated costs of meeting payable to Church = £20.00

Purchase of notice board inc postage (money from grant) =243.00

**Payments received: None**

**Budget for 2016/17:** A draft budget was considered by the council. The council decided as from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 that they would meet half the costs for the clerk's broadband and telephone costs, as they had done in previous years. The budget will be finalised and signed off at the January meeting after SLDC have decided on the precept for the council for 2016/17.

**Pension Regulator:** The clerk reported to the council that the regulator has accepted the arrangements for compliance. The declaration has been completed online and needs activating in March 2016.

**57.15 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS:** none

**58.15. Tesco local community scheme:** For green areas clerk to find further information.

**59.15 Local government boundary commission:** The council have been initially informed about the changes and posters for the parishioners have displayed. Cllr Sheila Eccles also brought further information to be circulated around the Cllrs.

**60.15 Communication:** after discussions with the PCC it has been decided to continue with the council's contribution to the parish magazine, as it seems to be working well. Others ways of communication are being explored such as setting up a parish web page.

#### **61.15 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.**

- i. **Concern about hedge cutting:** the hedge has now been cut.
- ii. **Repair of Stainton notice board:** The council would like to thank Mr Harry Hughes, Cllr Mason and Cllr Nelson for carrying out the repairs.
- iii. **Removal of H Balsam:** It was decided to look again at the matter in spring.
- iv. **Closure of Kendal courts:** The clerk has completed the online form with the council's views and concerns about the proposed closure.

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- v. **Update on restoration of the canal:** Frank Sanderson sent an update on the progress of the restoration. There have been several leaks in the new section and an engineer was called in, after a detailed inspection, it has been decided to line the whole section, hopefully starting summer 2016. A large amount of work has been done on the towpath, making it into a pleasant walkway. A local consortium 'Lancaster canal restoration partnership' are considering upgrading the entire tow path into Kendal.

**62.15 AOB: Defibrillator:** An Email was received from Linda Fletcher, head teacher of Crosscrake School. The council considered her proposal to site a defibrillator externally on the school building for the use of the first responders. Although it was thought a good idea, it was decided there was no need for a further defibrillator as there is already one placed in Stainton village and that the first responders now are provided with portable defibrillators. **The remuneration panel report** was received on the day of the meeting and each councillor has received a copy of their report.

**63.15 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)*

**64.15 Meeting closed at 9.15**

**65.15 next meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 7.30 to be held at Crosscrake Primary School, Crosscrake.**

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