

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 27 March 2023 in Stainton Institute at 7:00pm

(Held in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972)

Present: Councillors Julie Knowles (Chair), John Stott, Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; District Cllr. Roger Bingham; Shadow Authority Cllr. Jonathan Brook; the Clerk and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies were received from District Cllr. Brian Cooper and Shadow Authority Cllr. Doug Rathbone

2. Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Talk by Cllr. Jonathan Brook

Cllr. Jonathan Brook gave a summary of the new Westmorland and Furness Council arrangements for the various services to be provided after the 1 April 2023 transfer from South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council. Much planning had taken place to ensure that it was as seamless as possible with an emphasis on local responsibility and a "can do" attitude. The Chair thanked Cllr. Brook for taking the time out of his very busy schedule to give the parish this interesting information.

4. Chair's Report

Cllr. Julie Knowles presented her report with regard to the activities of the Parish Council during 2022/23. She thanked everyone who had supported her throughout the year including her husband, the Clerk, the Vice-Chair and the other councillors. There had been further progress in having potholes repaired; a new noticeboard at the village green had been purchased with funding from district councillor grants for which the council was very grateful: and "slow" marking strips placed on Shyreakes Lane. Highways have promised that the plans to reopen the Ford will go ahead in the June to September window and the Council continues to pursue the outstanding becksides wall repairs. She also expressed the Council's thanks to her husband for the regular work that he does in mowing verges throughout the parish, shrubbery removal at the packhorse bridge and the upkeep of Underhelm wood.

5. District Councillors' Report

District Cllr. Roger Bingham reported on behalf of the three district councillors on SLDC's final year and said that he was proud to have served the community for such a lengthy period. The Chair thanked him and Cllr. Cooper for the help they had given to the Council over many years.

6. County Councillor's Report

There was no report

7. Report from Crosscrake School

There was no report

8. Report from Stainton Institute

Geoff Wilson as chair of the Institute committee presented their annual report which detailed the challenges faced in 2022/23, the strategy adopted to deal with them and the priority to provide a safe and warm community space. He detailed the fund-raising events which had been held and thanked all the committee and trustees, grant funders, trusts, local businesses and parishioners for their continued support which has enabled the plans and project to progress. He also referred to the negotiations to achieve a mutual legal lease contract with the rear field owners to enable improved parking facilities. The Parish Council thanked the Chair and the committee for enabling this meeting to take place in the Institute.

10. Public Participation

There were no other comments

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm