

## STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

#### at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake

**Present:** Vice Chair John Stott (Chair of the meeting); Cllrs. Geoff Wilson and Ian Valentine; District Cllr. Brian Cooper (from 8pm); the Clerk and one member of the public.

**58.19 APOLOGIES** were received from Chair Julie Knowles and Cllr. Hilary Waterhouse (reasons noted) and from District Cllrs. Roger Bingham and Tom Harvey.

**59.19 MINUTES:** **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.

**60.19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** None.

**61.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**62.19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Further comments were made with regard to SLDC's decision to accept the application for prior notification of an agricultural building which had now been erected at Helm Croft, Barrows Green under new legislation permitting a floor area of a maximum of 1000 square metres without prior approval. District Cllr. Cooper stated that SLDC had investigated the complaints that had been made and had stated that nothing could be done until proof of wrongful use was obtained although it had been shown that there were several misleading errors in the application. The parish councillors stated that they were unable to do more at present although they would support the complaints in whatever way possible.

#### **63.19 REPORTS:**

- a) Neighbourhood Policing Team: The Clerk read out a written report (copy of the full report held by the Clerk). There had been no incidents specific to the parish but there had been several quad bike thefts in the adjoining area.
- b) District Councillors: District Cllr. Cooper commented on an increase in burglaries and the three main items being treated as a priority by SLDC - climate change, poverty and homelessness.
- c) County Councillor: There was no report.

#### **64.19 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:**

- a) The Clerk reported that the replacement western post/sign as the footpath crosses the road from Crosscrake Farm to Sellet Hall was on the work programme and due to be done in January 2020.
- b) The Clerk reported that the road next to the failed section of the river wall near to Mill Cottage to the north of Stainton had been re-opened on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 after much discussion including the possibility of closure for the winter.
- c) The Clerk was asked to report the problem with mud collecting outside number 1, Stainton Cross and to report that one of the base large timbers on the wooden bridge adjacent to Stainton Court appears to have collapsed.

#### **65.19 TREES:**

- a) Cllr. Valentine reported that he had carried out the Underhelm Wood survey with his son-in-law and that there was work to be done – mainly on one tree. It was agreed to organise this with volunteer labour in February / March 2020.
- b) Cllr. Valentine reported that he had withdrawn the application to SLDC with regard to their tree planting scheme.

**66.19 COMMON LAND:** The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from the Council's solicitor with regard to the letter that had been written to the landowner's solicitors.

#### **67.19 PLANNING:**

It was noted that the following planning applications had been notified as **approved** by SLDC since the last meeting:

##### **SL/2019/0397 Land east of A65 and north of Sepulchre Lane, Summerlands, Endmoor**

Installation of natural burial ground for up to 4,000 urn burial plots, access, car parking and office/maintenance storage building with associated infrastructure and facilities (revised scheme SL/2019/0145).

##### **SL/2019/0579 & 0580 The Barn, Sellet Estate, Stainton**

Reconfiguration, extension & alterations to two existing buildings and two further partially completed dwelling units within previously approved barn conversion, change of use of land to provide garden curtilage and parking with erection of two detached garage blocks and associated external works

##### **SL/2019/0600 Sellet Estate, Stainton**

Enlargement of existing pond

It was noted that the following planning application had been notified as **partly approved / partly refused** by SLDC since the last meeting:

##### **SL/2019/0748 The Barn, Millbridge Lane, Stainton**

Discharge of conditions 3,4,5 and 11 attached to planning permission SL/2019/0030

**Resolved** that the Council had **no objection** to the following planning application which had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:

##### **SL/2019/0851 Sellet Estate, The Stables & Willowsway Stud, Stainton**

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2017/0871 (Conversion of three barns to form staff accommodation, erection of new stable block and indoor menage, extension to form utility building, formation of outdoor menage, muck heap, alterations to existing access track,

landscaping and provision of associated infrastructure)

#### 68.19 FINANCE:

- a) **The following receipt was noted:**  
SLDC – LIP grant re B4RS (final instalment) £10,000.00
- b) **The following payment between meetings was approved:**  
B4RN – Payment re B4RS £10,000.00
- c) **The following payments were approved:**  
St Thomas' Church - Hire and associated costs of meeting £20.00  
M R Richardson - Clerk's October & November salary £557.55 less PAYE £111.60 plus expenses £21.83 (broadband/telephone/postage) and motor expenses £23.40 (52 miles @45p) £491.18  
HMRC - PAYE re M R Richardson £111.60
- d) The Clerk presented the draft budget 2020/21 for initial discussion. It was agreed to finalise the budget at the next meeting.
- e) The appointment of Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for 2019/20 was confirmed.
- f) The Clerk informed the Parish Council as necessary under his contract of employment that he had resigned as Parish Clerk to Milnthorpe Parish Council.
- g) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 before making the payments in c) was £8,012.06. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement.

#### 69.19 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

#### 70.19 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- a) **B4RS:** The Clerk referred to the receipt of the full £20,000 SLDC LIP grant and the payment to B4RN. Cllr. Wilson reported that the project was proceeding rapidly.
- b) **Stainton Aqueduct:** Cllr. Wilson reported that the towpath was expected to be completed before the end of 2019 although he had objected to the type of resurfacing being used. The river work had stopped due to salmon and trout and it was possible that completion would be delayed until February /March 2020.

#### 71.19 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. CALC – Invitation to Rural Strategy Roadshow on 17/10/19 (emailed to Cllrs. 20/9/19)
- ii. CALC – Policy consultation & independent review into Local Government Audit (emailed to Cllrs. 23/9/19 and 22/10/19)
- iii. CALC – Invitation to CALC AGM on 9/11/19 (emailed to Cllrs. 24/9/19)
- iv. CALC – Future climate change event (emailed to Cllrs. 24/9/19)
- v. CALC – Information re non-native invasive species – water primrose (emailed to Cllrs. 26/9/19)
- vi. CCC – BT payphone removal consultation (emailed to Cllrs. 26/9/19)
- vii. Canal & River Trust – Notice of steering group meeting on 23/10/19 (emailed to Cllrs. 26/9/19)
- viii. Canal & River Trust – “The Lanky” exhibition launch 11/10/19 (emailed to Cllrs. 1/10/19)
- ix. Canal & River Trust – Wellbeing walk on 10/10/19 for World Mental Health Day (emailed to Cllrs. 1/10/19)
- x. SLDC – Agenda for SLDC meeting on 9/10/19 (emailed to Cllrs. 1/10/19)
- xi. Crosscraze School – Community art project (emailed to Cllrs. 8/10/19)
- xii. CALC – North West Coastal Access September 2019 update (emailed to Cllrs. 8/10/19)
- xiii. CCC – Temporary road closure – A6 Levens Lane, Levens from 1/11/19 (emailed to Cllrs.8/10/19)
- xiv. SLDC – Agenda for Standards Committee meeting on 15/10/19 (emailed to Cllrs.8/10/19)
- xv. CALC – Planning training sessions (emailed to Cllrs.11/10/19)
- xvi. CALC – Paperwork for next District Association meeting on 28/11/19 (emailed to Cllrs.14/10/19)
- xvii. Canal & River Trust – Stainton towpath update (emailed to Cllrs.15/10/19)
- xviii. Canal & River Trust – Steering group agenda for meeting on 23/10/19 (emailed to Cllrs. 22/10/19)
- xix. CALC – 2019 annual report and AGM papers & minutes 17/7/19 (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/19)
- xx. CALC – North West Coastal Access October 2019 update (emailed to Cllrs.4/11/19)
- xxi. CCC – Temporary road closure U5661 Cockrigg Lane re B4RN (emailed to Cllrs.7/11/19)
- xxii. CALC – ACT Gazette newsletter Autumn/Winter 2019 (emailed to Cllrs.9/11/19)
- xxiii. Canal & River Trust – Minutes of steering group meeting on 23/10/19 (emailed to Cllrs.12/11/19)
- xxiv. CCC – Emergency road closure – U5629, Viver Lane, Sedgwick (emailed to Cllrs.15/11/19)
- xxv. CCC – Urgent road closure – C5071 between Natland & Sedgwick (emailed to Cllrs.15/11/19)
- xxvi. SLDC – Annual review of SLDC constitution – 2020 (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/19)
- xxvii. CALC – Voting open for NALC Smaller Councils Committee (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/19)
- xxviii. CALC – November 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/19)
- xxix. Canal & River Trust – Oral history site visit on 10/12/19 (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/19)
- xxx. Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership – Autumn 2019 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/19)

#### 72.19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

**73.19 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.

**74.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Crosscrake School, Crosscrake at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.