

## STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020

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

The Parish Council warmly thanks the Vicar and the churchwardens of St Thomas' Church for their understanding and time in considering and approving the request to hold this meeting, which followed Covid-19 Government Guidance with regard to multi use community centres including the need for social distancing and the wearing of masks

**Present:** Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Ian Valentine and Hilary Waterhouse; the Clerk and one member of the public

**39.20 APOLOGIES** were received from District Cllr. Roger Bingham

**40.20 MINUTES: Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

**41.20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** Cllr. Waterhouse had requested a dispensation to address the meeting with regard to the planning items in 46.20 concerning Willowsway Country Estate. The dispensation was granted. Cllr. Waterhouse spoke and answered questions before those items were discussed and she left the room during the discussions and voting

**42.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Waterhouse declared an interest with regard to the planning items in 46.20 concerning Willowsway Country Estate

**43.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No issues were raised

#### **44.20 REPORTS:**

a) District Councillors: District Cllr. Bingham had sent a written report that had been emailed to Cllrs on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. He had reported that lengthy daily remote meetings had been held concerning local government reorganisation and the response to Covid-19. He was still urging the County Council that small lanes should be re-surfaced urgently. He stated that he had abstained in the vote regarding a Unitary Authority composed of Barrow, Lancaster and South Lakeland as he was in favour of a two unitary authority solution for Cumbria and because the transition arrangements were unclear. The parish councillors strongly disagreed with the way in which the reorganisation proposals had been handled and considered that parishes should have been asked for a vote on the matter

b) County Councillor: There was no report

#### **45.20 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:**

a) The Clerk reported that the repairs to the road next to the failed section of the river wall near to Mill Cottage to the north of Stainton had been completed but that the repairs to the beckside walls (including some new damage) and to the ford all continued to be delayed due to Covid-19 staffing restrictions

b) The Chair reported that four bridges had recently been replaced or repaired in the parish with a fifth to follow shortly

c) The overgrown shrubbery near the Pack Horse Bridge had been cut down by the Chair and her husband, the Vice-Chair and Mr and Mrs Kitching. The Council expressed its warm thanks to all concerned. The former parishioner had stated how pleased she was to see the photos after the work had been done and had sent a donation of £200 towards future upkeep of the village

d) Several potholes and the eroding of the road from the School to Sellet were reported

e) It was considered that the parish should request that the County Council carry out the complete re-surfacing of the road from the A65 to the Church in the next financial year

#### **46.20 PLANNING:**

It was noted that the following planning applications had been refused since the last meeting:

##### **SL/2020/0303 Willowsway Lodge, Willowsway Country Estate, Stainton**

Retention of the temporary staff accommodation approved under planning permission SL/2018/0379 for holiday let use

##### **SL/2020/0627 Helm Mount Farm, Barrows Green**

Change of use of part of storage building to wheelchair accessible holiday let

It was noted that the following planning applications had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:

##### **SL/2020/0700 Helmdene, Oxenholme, Kendal**

Replacement of existing buildings and associated structures with a single storey pitched roofed shed / garage

##### **SL/2020/0714 & 0715 Willowsway Country Estate, Stainton**

Creation of private amenity space for The Barn and The Bothy; construction of a garage, single storey extension and porch for The Barn (part retrospective)

##### **SL/2020/0721 & 0722 Old Stables, Coach House, Paddocks & Gallops, Willowsway Country Estate, Stainton**

Part retrospective application to create curtilage and garage for 2no partially completed dwellings (Old Stables and Coach House) within Listed Building; relocation of previously approved Rural Workers Dwelling in converted stables (Keeper's Cottage) and creation of private amenity space for Paddocks

##### **SL/2020/0795 Land to the south of Willowsway Lodge, Willowsway Country Estate, Stainton**

Retrospective application for installation of fence and hedge surrounding Klargesther Biodisk BF package treatment plant

**The Council had no objection to any of the above applications**

## **SL/2020/0840 & 0841 The Paddocks, Willowsway Stud, Willowsway Country Estate, Stainton**

Single storey rear extension (part retrospective) and installation of flue (retrospective) (resubmission of SL/2020/0245 & 0246)

**The Council strongly supported this application and considered that Willowsway Stud at Willowsway Country Estate brought considerable value to the community**

### **47.20 FINANCE:**

- a) **The following receipt between meetings was noted:**  
Mrs Rita Ellis – Donation towards upkeep of the village £200.00
- b) **The following payments were approved:**  
St Thomas' Church – Hire and associated costs of meeting £20.00  
M R Richardson - Clerk's October & November Salary £584.10 less PAYE £116.80  
plus expenses £31.95 (broadband/telephone/computer security/postage)  
and motor expenses £18.00 (40 miles @ 45p) £517.25  
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £116.80
- c) The receipts and payments report for the half-year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 was received and noted
- d) It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal
- e) The appointment of Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for 2020/21 was confirmed
- f) The Clerk presented the draft budget 2021/22 including the proposed parish precept for initial discussion. It was agreed to finalise the budget at the next meeting
- g) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 before making the payments in b) was £8,688.10. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

### **48.20 DATA PROTECTION**

Following his attendance at the NALC free webinar giving an update on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), the Clerk drew attention to the need for diligence when replying to emails to ensure that data protection is not breached by forwarding an individual's information without permission

**49.20 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS:** None

### **50.20 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

- a) **Towpath Trail:** Cllr. Wilson reported that the canal footpath was mainly completed but that there were some dangerous gaps to be filled. He considered that a good job had been done. Discussions were ongoing with regard to wild flowers, litter bins, dog fouling and other signs
- b) **BT payphone removal / defibrillator:** The Clerk repeated his last report that a quote was still awaited with regard to reinstatement of the power supply before the kiosk could be purchased for £1 and the local first responders supply and fit a defibrillator

### **51.20 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- i. Further items from SLDC, CALC and South Lakes Police relating to coronavirus (Covid-19) matters
- ii. Several items from SLDC and CALC concerning local government reorganisation and the Bay authority proposal
- iii. SLDC – Standards Committee agenda for meeting on 13/10/20 (emailed to Cllrs. 5/10/20)
- iv. CALC – Minutes of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 17/9/20 (emailed to Cllrs. 5/10/20)
- v. CALC – NALC response to "Changes to the current planning system" policy consultation (emailed to Cllrs. 19/10/20)
- vi. SLDC – New Test & Trace support system goes live (emailed to Cllrs. 19/10/20)
- vii. Power for People – Strong support in House of Commons for Local Electricity Bill (emailed to Cllrs. 19/10/20)
- viii. SLDC – Business community urged to help shape economic support effort (emailed to Cllrs. 19/10/20)
- ix. Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership – Autumn 2020 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs. 6/11/20)
- x. CALC – Public consultation re standards of conduct in public life (emailed to Cllrs.6/11/20)
- xi. SLDC – Barrow BC, Lancaster CC & SLDC agree economic strategy (emailed to Cllrs.6/11/20)
- xii. SLDC – Carbon reduction projects which received grants (emailed to Cllrs. 6/11/20)
- xiii. CALC – Cancellation of 26/11/20 South Lakeland District Association meeting (emailed to Cllrs.9/11/20)
- xiv. Cumbria Police – Operation Horizon (county lines drug operations) report (emailed to Cllrs.13/11/20)
- xv. SLDC – Business grant scheme for lockdown closures goes live (emailed to Cllrs.16/11/20)
- xvi. CALC – Annual public consultation survey from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner / Cumbria Constabulary (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/20)
- xvii. Canal & River Trust – Steering Group agenda 25/11/20 (emailed to Cllrs.20/11/20)
- xviii. Tim Farron – Invitation to join food share scheme presentation on 30/11/20 (emailed to Cllrs.23/11/20)
- xix. SLDC – Message from Locality & Customer Services teams (emailed to Cllrs.30/11/20)
- xx. SLDC – Gift / hospitality declarations (emailed to Cllrs.30/11/20)
- xxi. SLDC – Consultation starts on changes to level of Council Tax discounts and premia on empty properties (emailed to Cllrs.30/11/20)
- xxii. SLDC – Links to SLDC council meetings on 8/12/20 & 15/12/20 (emailed to Cllrs.7/12/20 and 9/12/20)
- xxiii. SLDC – Free parking in the run up to Christmas (emailed to Cllrs.7/12/20)

- xxiv. Power for People – Webinar on 9/12/20 re Local Electricity Bill (emailed to Cllrs.7/12/20)
- xxv. CALC – November / December 2020 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.9/12/20)
- xxvi. CALC – Developing your skills programme January to June 2021 (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/20)
- xxvii. Cumbria Police – Wildlife and Rural Affairs bulletin (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/20)
- xxviii. SLDC – National lockdown business support grants (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/20)

**52.20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**53.20 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

**54.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.