

# STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### at 7.00pm in St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake

The meeting followed Covid-19 government guidance with regard to multi use community centres

**Present:** Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp (from 7.30pm); District Cllr. Brian Cooper (until 7.15pm); the Clerk and one member of the public

**01.22 APOLOGIES:** None

**02.22 MINUTES:** **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

**03.22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** None

**04.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**05.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

#### **06.22 REPORTS:**

- a) District Councillors: District Cllr. Cooper reported regarding progress on local government reorganisation and on some licence fee increases including those for taxis
- b) County Councillor: There was no report

#### **07.22 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:**

- a) The Clerk reported that the repairs to the ford were scheduled for the next financial year and that he would make enquiries before the next meeting regarding the date
- b) The Chair reported that the fifth bridge repair / replacement was expected to be done soon
- c) It was agreed to refund Bryan Knowles for costs of £26.40 incurred on the previous bridge repair
- d) Many potholes had been reported on HIAMS and had been repaired. Several more were mentioned and were to be reported on HIAMS
- e) It was noted that the school lights were still not working and the Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding this

#### **08.22 TREES & WOODS:**

- a) It was agreed to keep Underhelm Wood as an asset and to monitor the tree safety situation
- b) It was agreed that the location for tree planting under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree initiative was to be Underhelm Wood (one copse pack). The next available time for submitting a request was Spring for planting in November

#### **09.22 LITTER PICK**

It was agreed that this should take place on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### **10.22 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was agreed that the meeting would be in Stainton Institute on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and that enquiries were to be made to see if a speaker could be obtained to discuss the work of the first responders and use of the defibrillator at the Institute

**11.22 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** The Chair said that she would co-ordinate arrangements for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with Sedgwick Parish Council and the Church

**12.22 SPEED LIMITS & SPEED CALMING:** It was reported that the speed and number of vehicles exercises had been set up by Cumbria County Council in the wrong place and the Chair was to contact CCC to request they be done again

#### **13.22 PLANNING:**

It was noted that no planning applications had been approved since the last meeting

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

#### **SL/2021/1172 High House, Millbridge Lane, Stainton**

Detached triple garage with first floor gym and games room

It was **agreed** that the Council had **no comments** to make on the above application

#### **14.22 FINANCE:**

##### **a) The following payments were approved:**

St Thomas' Church – Hire and associated costs of meeting	£20.00
M R Richardson – Clerk's December & January Salary £595.80 less PAYE £119.20 plus expenses £21.51 (broadband/telephone/postage) and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles @ 45p)	£519.71
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson	£119.20
Bryan Knowles – Bridge repairs	£26.40

**b)** The Chair and Vice-Chair reported that the Clerk's annual appraisal had been carried out and that they were more than happy with the professional way in which he performed his work. It was agreed to increase the broadband, telephone and use of home as an office payment to £20 per month from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

**c)** It was noted that the Clerk had informed the Parish Council as necessary under his contract of employment that he had been appointed Parish Clerk to Crosthwaite and Lyth Parish Council from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

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- d) The Clerk reported on the difficulties experienced by the South Westmorland Village Maintenance Association as the contractor no longer wished to do the gritting work on a reactive basis. Efforts had been made to source a replacement contractor, who had to be authorised by CCC, but these had been unsuccessful. It was therefore being proposed that the Association should be closed and the remaining funds distributed to the Parish Councils. It was agreed to support this proposal, which would result in £312.17 being returned to the Council
- e) The budget 2022/23 was finalised at £5,180 including £100 parish election costs charged by SLDC. The signing of the parish precept form was authorised
- f) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was £8,113.91. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

## **15.22 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS:** None

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

a) **Towpath Trail:** Cllr. Wilson reported that the bund would be taken out soon. He was concerned about the risk to persons with prams, for example, having to walk up the road and over the bridge. It was agreed to ask the Canal & River Trust to put a notice where someone would leave the path and to monitor the situation

b) **Possible replacement village noticeboard:** It was agreed to investigate whether there was finance available from SLDC

## **17.22 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- i. Further items giving information re coronavirus (covid-19) matters
- ii. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- iii. Multi-agency including SLDC, CCC & Cumbria Police - Response to restoration of power and compensation due after Storm Arwen
- iv. CALC – Cancellation of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 25/11/21 (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- v. SLDC – Greening Campaign subsidies still available (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- vi. SLDC – Free parking on SLDC operated car parks on Sundays until Christmas (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- vii. SLDC – New app to protect local heritage goes live (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- viii. CALC – Civility and respect newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.24/11/21)
- ix. CALC – Zero Carbon Cumbria newsletter and green investment plan launch (emailed to Cllrs.26/11/21)
- x. CALC – Fuel poverty awareness day event on 3/12/21 (emailed to Cllrs.26/11/21)
- xi. CALC – November/December 2021 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.3/12/21)
- xii. SLDC – Review and consultation of the statement of licensing policy (emailed to Cllrs.3/12/21)
- xiii. CALC – Developing your skills programme January to July 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.3/12/21)
- xiv. SLDC – Street naming & numbering policy consultation extended to 7/2/22 (emailed to Cllrs.16/12/21)
- xv. CCC – Connecting Cumbria newsletter December 2021 (emailed to Cllrs.16/12/21)
- xvi. CALC – New chief officer appointment (emailed to Cllrs.16/12/21)
- xvii. CALC – NALC policy consultation briefing on the OFCOM postal regulation consultation (emailed to Cllrs.19/01/22)
- xviii. Lancashire CC – Community electric car club survey (emailed to Cllrs.19/01/22)
- xix. CALC – South Lakeland District Association meeting agenda 27/01/22 (emailed to Cllrs.19/01/22)

**18.22 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

**19.22 TO NOTE ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (No discussions or action permitted):** None

**20.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Stainton Institute following the Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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