

STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26th July 2021

at 7.00pm 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 and Hilary Waterhouse (from 8.20pm); District Cllr. Brian Cooper (for his report); the Clerk and two members of the public

25.21 APOLOGIES were received from District Cllr. Roger Bingham

26.21 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

27.21 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY: It was **resolved** to co-opt Mr Ryan Whipp as a councillor and he signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, which was witnessed by the Clerk

28.21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

29.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

30.21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: A parishioner reported further problems with himalayan balsam and it was agreed to set up a working party next year after requesting volunteers at the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting.

31.21 REPORTS:

- a) District Councillors: District Cllr. Cooper reported on the government announcement that they would be supporting the proposal for two new unitary authorities (east and west) in Cumbria
- b) County Councillor: There was no report

32.21 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

- a) The Clerk reported that, although the repairs to the beckside walls had been scheduled for June/July 2021, he was still waiting for confirmation of an actual date and that he was still waiting to hear about the repairs to the ford
- b) The chair reported that the fifth bridge repair / replacement had not yet been done
- c) Several potholes were reported
- d) The problems arising from the emergency work carried out in Stainton by United Utilities were discussed

33.21 TREES & WOODS:

- a) The Clerk was asked to ascertain from SLDC the legal position regarding a possible sale or transfer of Underhelm Wood
- b) It was agreed that a contractor could remove some ash trees in exchange for the wood obtained
- c) It was agreed to discuss possible locations for tree planting and the Queen's Platinum tree initiative at the next meeting

34.21 CELEBRATION OF END OF LOCKDOWN: It was agreed that this would not be a good idea at present

35.21 SPEED LIMITS & SPEED CALMING: It was reported that an exploratory meeting had been held with Sedgwick and Heversham Parish Councils and Hincaster Parish Meeting and that a further meeting was to be held on 11th August 2021 with the leader of the Traffic Management Team at Cumbria County Council

36.21 PLANNING:

It was noted that the following planning application has been approved since the last meeting:

SL/2021/0324 & 0406 The Barn and The Bothy, Willowsay Country Estate, Stainton

Amendment of conditions 6 & 8 of approvals SL/2020/0714 & 0715

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/2021/0570 St Thomas' Church, Shyreakes Lane, Crosscrake

Community hub/hall building and associated facilities

PN/2021/0053 Cockrigg Farm, Stainton

Agricultural storage building – application to determine if prior approval is required

37.21 FINANCE:

- a) **It was noted that there had been no receipts between meetings**
- b) **The following payments were approved:**

Stainton Institute – Defibrillator costs	£350.00
St Thomas' Church – Hire and associated costs of meeting	£20.00
M R Richardson - Clerk's June & July Salary £606.20 less PAYE £121.20	
plus expenses £60.09 (broadband/telephone/pdf conversion/postage)	
and motor expenses £28.80 (64 miles @ 45p)	£573.89
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson	£121.20
- c) The budget comparison 2020/21 was received and noted

- d) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 30th June 2021 before making the payments in b) was £10,627.30. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

38.21 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

39.21 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) **Towpath Trail:** Cllr. Wilson reported that it was expected that the bund would be taken out in September with a potential risk for walkers and that the promised signs had not yet been put up

b) **Purchase of a new bench:** It was agreed that this would be a replacement for the one on the Green when the locality grant had been confirmed

40.21 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. Further items from SLDC, CCC and Cumbria Police relating to coronavirus (Covid-19) matters
- ii. Further items from SLDC and CALC concerning local government reorganisation and The Bay authority proposal
- iii. The items listed in a schedule emailed to Cllrs on 21st July 2021, which is attached to the minutes in the minute book and on the website

41.21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

42.21 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

43.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 27th September 2021 in St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake at 7.00pm. Stainton Institute had offered to hold meetings but it was decided that the Council required assurance regarding parking before the offer could be accepted

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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To note the following correspondence, which has been received and not included as an item on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 26th July 2021, and to decide upon any necessary action:

- i. Lake District National Park Partnership – Public consultation on the LDNPP’s plan 2020-25 (emailed to Cllrs. 24/5/21)
- ii. SLDC – New look Kendal Town Hall opens doors (emailed to Cllrs. 24/5/21)
- iii. Canal & River Trust – Towpath Trail Steering Group minutes plus events information (emailed to Cllrs.27/5/21)
- iv. CALC – South Lakeland District Association meeting agenda 10/6/21 (emailed to Cllrs. 10/6/21)
- v. CALC – CCC Highways HAIMS launch & briefing 24/6/21 (emailed to Cllrs. 10/6/21)
- vi. SLDC – Town & Parish Councils briefing 21/6/21 on the South Lakeland Local Plan Review (emailed to Cllrs.10/6/21)
- vii. SLDC – Grant from outgoing chairman supports debt centre project (emailed to Cllrs.10/6/21)
- viii. Lancashire CC – Zero carbon communities event 25/6/21 (emailed to Cllrs.10/6/21)
- ix. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan Review – “Issues & Options” stakeholder virtual workshop 14/7/21 (emailed to Cllrs.19/6/21)
- x. CALC – Analysis of local council precept data 2021-22 (emailed to Cllrs.23/6/21)
- xi. Power for People – Parliamentary debate re Local Electricity Bill on 1/7/21 (emailed to Cllrs.23/6/21)
- xii. Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership – Summer 2021 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.13/7/21)
- xiii. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan Review – “Issues & Options” consultation (emailed to Cllrs.13/7/21)
- xiv. CCC – HAIMS project: “One Front-Door” approach for Parish Councillors (emailed to Cllrs.13/7/21)
- xv. SLDC – Locality Services newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.13/7/21)
- xvi. SLDC – Support for communities fighting against climate crisis (emailed to Cllrs.13/7/21)
- xvii. CALC – Invitation to participate in DCMS survey about mobile rural network coverage (emailed to Cllrs. 13/7/21)
- xviii. CALC – Newsletter June and July 2021 (emailed to Cllrs.21/7/21)
- xix. SLDC – Council agenda for meeting on 27/7/21 (emailed to Cllrs.21/7/21)