

# STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm in Stainton Institute

**Present:** Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and one member of the public

**62.23 APOLOGIES:** Westmorland & Furness Cllr. Jonathan Brook

The Chair opened the meeting by expressing regret at the sad death of Thomas Nelson, a long-time resident at Cockrigg Farm. Thomas was also a dedicated Parish Councillor for many years

**63.23 MINUTES:** Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

**64.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION:** None

**65.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Stott declared his interest in the Kingsland Livery planning application

**66.23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Thanks were expressed to the organisers of the Duck Race for a very successful event

### **67.23 REPORTS:**

a) Cumbria Police: There was no report but the Cllrs. noted receipt of the South Lakes Focus newsletters (emailed to Cllrs. 6/6/23 and 19/7/23)

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone reported that everything was bedding down and there was a daily update on the W&FC website. A comprehensive 20mph policy is being developed with a formal policy to be adopted in September. Cllrs. were of the opinion that a 20mph limit was needed from the A65 to the Canal Bridge; from the Canal Bridge to the crossroads west of the church; and from those crossroads to the A65. Cllr. Rathbone also reported that in future, if a Parish Council and the planners don't agree on a planning application, it would automatically be referred to the planning committee

### **68.23 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:**

a) It was noted that the outstanding work had been done by Highways on the potholes. Attention was drawn to the email forwarding the slides from the potholes briefing on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

b) It was reported that the Packhorse Bridge had large chunks of tarmac missing

c) The Clerk reported that he had no further news on the outstanding work on the ford or the beckside walls

**69.23 TREES & WOODS:** It was reported that both picnic tables had been removed as they were in a bad condition

### **70.23 PLANNING:**

a) 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/2023/0403 Low Barrows Green, Barrows Green**

Single storey side extension, change of use of land from agricultural to domestic garden and installation of packaged treatment plant (part retrospective)

#### **SL/2023/0533 Kingsland Livery, Crosscrake**

Erection of a field shelter for livery business

The Council made **no comments** on these applications

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

#### **SL/2023/0198 Crosscrake Farm, Stainton**

Conversion of outbuilding to annexe accommodation

#### **SL/2023/0370 Disused Lancaster Canal from Sellet Hall Bridge to a point about 55m short of where its line would intersect with the A590 Embankment**

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate (Proposed) to re-line and install a retaining structure (eg sheet piles). The canal will then be re-watered and connected to the existing restored section towards Stainton. It will then be accessible by small leisure craft, running along the short length of canal from Millness

### **71.23 FINANCE:**

a) **The following receipt between meetings was noted:**

Barclays Bank – compensation £150.00

It was noted that this was in respect of additional time spent by the Clerk in resolving mandate problems and it was **resolved** to pay the £150 to the Clerk with his salary for August & September

b) **The following payments were approved:**

M R Richardson – Clerk's June and July salary £675.90 less PAYE £135.20

plus expenses £51.05 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/photocopies/ postage),

Conversion of pdfs £10.57 and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles @ 45p) £623.92

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson £135.20

c) The budget comparison 2022/23 was received and noted

d) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was £11,363.13. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

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**72.23 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS:** None

**73.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

a) **Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr. Wilson reported that he was still waiting to hear from the Canal & River Trust; that there was a build-up of stone in the beck before it flows under the aqueduct bridge; and that “no horses” signs have been placed on the towpath. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to the reason for the signs as they were considered to be an affront to several parishioners who have helped the Trust in the work on the canal

**74.23 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

- i. Further climate change information and updates
- ii. CALC – Cumbria Community Resilience Group – The Flood Hub website (emailed to Cllrs.29/5/23)
- iii. W&FC – Invitation to Utd Utilities future plans event on 23/6/23 (emailed to Cllrs.22/6/23)
- iv. CALC – Community renewable energy event on 29/6/23 (emailed to Cllrs.22/6/23)
- v. CALC – Request for pledge to make positive change for pollinators (emailed to Cllrs.22/6/23)
- vi. CALC – NALC legal update June 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.26/6/23)
- vii. CALC – Community renewable energy event presentations and support pack (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- viii. CALC – Agenda for 22/7/23 meeting to approve application for CALC to become a private company limited by guarantee (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- ix. Allithwaite & Cartmel Parish Council – Removal of Kendal CHoC out of hours service (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- x. CALC – Pot hole emergency – highways briefing on 19/7/23 (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- xi. CALC – Notice of South Lakes District Association AGM on 26/7/23 (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- xii. CALC – Civility and Respect Project information sheet (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- xiii. W&FC – Recording of Code of Conduct session on 11/7/23 (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- xiv. CALC - Letter regarding Government’s Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- xv. CALC – Agenda for South Lakes District Association AGM on 26/7/23 (emailed to Cllrs.19/7/23)
- xvi. Power for People – Ministerial promise re community energy sector growth (emailed to Cllrs.20/7/23)
- xvii. CALC – Slides from pothole emergency highways briefing on 19/7/23 (emailed to Cllrs.20/7/23)

**75.23 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

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

**77.23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

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