

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 28th March 2022

at 9.00pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson and Ryan Whipp; the Clerk and six members of the public

21.22 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Hilary Waterhouse (reasons noted and accepted) and District Cllrs. Roger Bingham and Brian Cooper

22.22 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

23.22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

24.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

25.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

26.22 REPORTS:

a) District Councillors: District Cllr. Bingham had reported to the preceding Annual Parish Meeting regarding progress on local government reorganisation and drug dealer concerns

b) County Councillor: There was no report

27.22 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) The Clerk confirmed that the repairs to the ford were scheduled for the next financial year

b) The Chair confirmed that the fifth bridge repair / replacement was awaited

d) Many potholes had again been reported on HIAMS and most had been repaired

e) Flooding was reported at the top end of the aqueduct

f) The temporary closure of various footpaths for 2 days each was noted and was reported to relate to interpretation signs

g) It was proposed to consider at the next meeting a working party for the removal of Himalayan Balsam

28.22 TREES & WOODS:

The Clerk stated that he would order the copse pack for the tree planting under the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree initiative in Underhelm Wood for planting in November

29.22 LITTER PICK

It was confirmed that this would take place on 9th April 2022 and that it was thought that there should be another one later in the year

30.22 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: The Chair reported that there was to be a further meeting in approx. one month

31.22 SPEED LIMITS & SPEED CALMING: It was reported that the speed and number of vehicles exercises had now been set up by Cumbria County Council in the correct place and the report was awaited

32.22 PLANNING:

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

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

Detached triple garage with first floor gym and games room

It was noted that no planning applications had been submitted to SLDC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting

33.22 FINANCE

a) The following receipt between meetings was noted:

South Westmorland Village Maintenance Association – Return of funds £312.17

b) The following payments were approved:

M R Richardson – Clerk's February and March Salary plus arrears £658.20

less PAYE £131.60 plus expenses £125.05 (broadband/telephone/stationery/postage)

and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles @ 45p)

£673.25

HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson

£131.60

c) It was resolved that the Asset Register dated 28th March 2022 be approved and signed

d) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 28th February 2022 was £7,428.60. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

34.22 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

35.22 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) **Towpath Trail:** Cllr. Wilson reported that the bund had not yet been taken out

b) **Possible replacement village noticeboard:** Enquiries were still being made regarding any finance available from SLDC

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36.22 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. SLDC – Handy person scheme helps people maintain independent living (emailed to Cllrs.25/1/22)
- iv. CALC – Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria letter re Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations (emailed to Cllrs.31/1/22)
- v. CALC – New CCC Cumbria Highways online reporting system (emailed to Cllrs.4/2/22)
- vi. CALC – South Lakeland District Association minutes of 27/1/22 meeting (emailed to Cllrs.4/2/22)
- vii. CALC – North West Coastal Access update February 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/22)
- viii. CALC – Civility and respect newsletter February 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/22)
- ix. SLDC – Election of councillors of Westmorland and Furness Council (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/22)
- x. SLDC – Below inflation Council Tax rise as final SLDC budget approved (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/22)
- xi. CALC – Cumbria independent custody visiting scheme recruitment (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/22)
- xii. CALC – Cumbria in Bloom, Tourism and RHS “It’s your neighbourhood” awards 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/22)
- xiii. SLDC – Applications open for final Additional Restrictions Grant scheme (emailed to Cllrs.27/2/22)
- xiv. CALC – News January and February 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.20/3/22)
- xv. CALC – Parliamentary constituencies secondary consultation (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/22)
- xvi. SLDC – Innovative projects to create more affordable homes (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/22)
- xvii. Cumbria Police – February 2022 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/22)
- xviii. CALC – Updates including developing your skills programme January – July 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/22)
- xix. CALC – South Lakeland District Association now remote meeting 24/3/22 (emailed to Cllrs.22/3/22)

37.22 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

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

39.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 23rd May 2022 in Stainton Institute at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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