

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th March 2023

at 7.50pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice Chair John Stott; Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Shadow Authority Cllrs. Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone; the Clerk and one member of the public

21.23 APOLOGIES: District Cllrs. Roger Bingham and Brian Cooper

22.23 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

23.23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

24.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

25.23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

26.23 REPORTS:

a) District Councillors: There was no report

b) County Councillor: There was no report

c) Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority Councillors: Cllr. Brook had reported to the preceding Annual Parish Meeting on the arrangements for the new authority from 1st April 2023

27.23 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) New potholes were to be reported on HIAMS and it was noted that work had been done on those on Shyreakes Lane. It was agreed that Cllr. Wilson would speak to a resident at Bridge End to see if the flood water there could be released by making a pathway in the grass verge

b) The Clerk reported that the missing western signpost as the footpath crosses the road from Crosscrake Farm to Sellet Hall, which was due to be replaced in January 2020, had still not yet been replaced. He had also reported repairs necessary to a signpost and gate near Cross House

c) The Clerk reported regarding a reply from Highways Dept concerning the outstanding work on the beckside walls and he was asked to continue to urgently pursue this matter

28.23 TREES & WOODS: There was no report

29.23 SPEED LIMITS & SPEED CALMING: It was reported that the Shyreakes Lane yellow lines had been done

30.23 LITTER PICK: It was confirmed that this would take place on 1st April 2023

31.23 CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III: The provisional agreement to hold a cream tea garden party at the Chair's house on the afternoon of Sunday 7th May 2023 was discussed and it was agreed to make enquiries to judge interest from the community. If there were insufficient responses, the plans would be cancelled

32.23 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/2023/0131 Brookside, Stainton

Siting of detached annexe accommodation

The Council had **commented** regarding the current and future use of the proposed cabin

SL/2023/0198 Crosscrake Farm, Stainton

Conversion of outbuilding to self contained annexe accommodation

The Council had **supported** this application

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

SL/2022/1094 Field End, Stainton

Single storey extension to north elevation together with internal and external alterations to the original barn conversion

33.23 FINANCE:

a) The following receipts between meetings were noted:

South Lakeland District Council – locality grants

£1000.00

HMRC – VAT refund to 31st March 2022

£139.63

b) The following payments were approved:

M R Richardson – Clerk's February and March salary £663.75 less PAYE £132.80

plus expenses £52.48 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/photocopies/ postage)

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| and motor expenses £23.40 (52 miles @ 45p) | £606.83 |
| HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson | £132.80 |
- c) The Asset Register was **approved**
- d) The upgrade of the computer hard drive at a cost of £130 incl VAT was **approved**
- e) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 28th February 2023 was £7,236.92. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

34.23 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

35.23 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) **Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr. Wilson reported regarding discussions with the Canal & River Trust about the perceived danger leaving the car park and crossing the bridge when the bund is removed and about the path under the aqueduct having been eroded by the river flow

b) **Replacement village noticeboard:** It was noted that it was now complete

36.23 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. Further items concerning local government reorganisation including report on “Next Council Conversation” event on 8/2/23
- ii. Further climate change information and updates
- iii. Further cost of living crisis information
- iv. CCC – Temporary road closure at Crosscraze on 20/2/23 for 4 days (emailed to Cllrs.6/2/23)
- v. CALC – Draft minutes of South Lakeland District Association meeting on 26/1/23 (emailed to Cllrs.8/2/23)
- vi. CALC – Invitation to “Love Windermere” community drop-in event on 14/2/23 (emailed to Cllrs.8/2/23)
- vii. Cumbria Police – January 2023 newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.7/3/23)
- viii. SLDC – South Lakeland strategic housing and economic needs assessment (SHENA) study available to view and comment (emailed to Cllrs.7/3/23)
- ix. Shadow Authority recommends budget for new Council and approval (both emailed to Cllrs.7/3/23)
- x. Shadow Authority pre April 1st briefing on 21/3/23 (emailed to Cllrs.7/3/23)
- xi. CALC News January & February 2023 (emailed to Cllrs.23/3/23)

37.23 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

38.23 TO NOTE ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (No discussions or action permitted): The Clerk referred to the need to consider working parties to remove himalayan balsam

39.23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 22nd May 2023 in Stainton Institute at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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