

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

at 7.00pm in St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake

Present: Vice Chair John Stott (Chair of the meeting); Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Shadow Authority Cllr. Douglas Rathbone; the Clerk and no members of the public

99.22 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Julie Knowles (reasons accepted and noted), District Cllr. Roger Bingham and Shadow Authority Cllr. Jonathan Brook

100.22 MINUTES: Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

101.22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

102.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Waterhouse declared an interest with regard to the planning item for Willowsway Stud

103.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Cllr. Wilson had been asked to report that the road near Old Row was cracking (Cllr. Whipp said that he would make a HIAMS report) and that HGVs had been getting into difficulty using the road from the canal bridge when it was unsuitable for HGVs. It was agreed that the Clerk should request that a "Not Suitable for HGVs" sign be placed at that end of the village similar to that at the Cross

104.22 REPORTS:

- a) District Councillors: Cllr. Bingham had sent a written report which had been circulated to the Cllrs and which the Clerk read to the meeting. Matters included therein were that SLDC is running down to the reorganisation on 1st April 2023 and there have been complaints about the planning dept; members attendance has deteriorated; work on restoring the canal towpath (on which a government grant of £600,000 had been made) could be delayed until the spring; and "warm spots" were opening across the county. Cllr. Wilson commented that the Institute is to discuss such a proposal
- b) County Councillor: There was no report
- c) Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority Councillors: Cllr. Rathbone reported that work continued on getting everything in order for a smooth handover on 1st April 2023 with several posts ratified and statements of intent agreed for children in care, biodiversity and cost of living

105.22 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

- a) It was reported that there were potholes on the road between Bridge End and Field End and one near Stainton Cross, which had been marked for attention
- 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

106.22 TREES & WOODS:

It was reported that the copse pack had been received via the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree initiative and that planting would be arranged when the Chair and her husband returned from holiday

107.22 SPEED LIMITS & SPEED CALMING: It was reported that rumble strips would soon be placed on Shyreakes Lane

108.22 BOUNDARY COMMISSION: The 2023 Boundary Review (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/21) was discussed. It was **agreed** that the Council unanimously objected to the proposed boundary revision as it split current economic and social boundaries and that the Clerk should forward an objection

109.22 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/2022/0890 Green Riggs, Barrows Green

Creation of improved access, with turning area, and change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden

The Council had made **no comments** on this application

SL/2022/1009 Willowsway Stud, Willowsway Country Estate, Stainton

Variation of condition 3 (temporary accommodation) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0673

(variation of condition 1 (temporary accommodation) attached to planning permission SL/2018/0379

– temporary living accommodation for the duration of the construction phase of works)

It was agreed that the Council **fully supported** the above application

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

SL/2022/0890 Green Riggs, Barrows Green

Creation of improved access, with turning area, and change of use of agricultural land to domestic garden

c) It was noted that an application to determine if prior approval was required had been **submitted** to SLDC since the last meeting and that it had been determined that prior approval was **not required**:

PN/2022/0131 Cockrigg Farm, Stainton

Roofing existing yard

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110.22 FINANCE:

- a) **It was noted that there had been the following receipts between meetings:**
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| South Lakeland District Council – locality grants | £1000.00 |
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- b) **The following payments were approved:**
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| St Thomas' Church – Hire and associated costs of meeting | £20.00 |
| M R Richardson – Clerk's October & November salary plus arrears £720.00 less PAYE £144.00 plus expenses £65.22 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/computer security/postage) and motor expenses £21.60 (48 miles @ 45p) | £662.82 |
| HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson | £144.00 |
| South Lakeland District Council – Parish election costs | £100.00 |
| A2A Advertising Ltd – Annual website security fee | £48.00 |
- c) The appointment of Jean Airey as Internal Auditor for 2022/23 was confirmed
- d) It was noted that there had been a national salary award in the Clerk's rate of pay of £1 per hour backdated to 1st April 2022, which was incorporated in the above payment
- e) It was confirmed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would carry out the Clerk's annual appraisal
- f) The receipts and payments report and the budget comparison for the half-year to 30th September 2022 were received and noted
- g) The Clerk presented the draft budget 2023/24 including the proposed parish precept for initial discussion. It was agreed to finalise the budget at the next meeting
- h) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st October 2022 was £6,957.20. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

111.22 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

112.22 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) **Towpath / Canal update:** Cllr. Wilson reported that a water main does go through bridge 172; it had been agreed to open up the next section; dye was to be inserted to check for leaks and the bund was to be taken out, which will necessitate walking over the canal bridge thereby increasing that hazard. The Clerk was asked to write to the Canal & River Trust and Highways Dept regarding this matter

b) **Replacement village noticeboard:** It was noted that the noticeboard had been received

113.22 CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- i. Further items concerning local government reorganisation
- ii. CALC – Cumbria local authority climate update (emailed to Cllrs.27/9/22)
- iii. SLDC – Update on review of South Lakeland Local Plan – have your say (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/22)
- iv. SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.29/9/22)
- v. Westmorland & Furness Shadow Authority backs cost of living motion (emailed to Cllrs.30/9/22)
- vi. Westmorland & Furness Shadow Authority declares climate and biodiversity crises (emailed to Cllrs.5/10/22)
- vii. CALC – Local Government Association's cost of living support hub & bulletin (emailed to Cllrs.11/10/22)
- viii. CALC – ACTION with Communities AGM & rural wellbeing discussion on 19/10/22 (emailed to Cllrs.11/10/22)
- ix. CALC – Carbon literacy training session on 1/12/22 (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/22)
- x. CALC – Cost of living crisis – warm spots (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/22)
- xi. SLDC – Do the right thing with your rubbish (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/22)
- xii. CALC – Annual review (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/22)
- xiii. CALC – Resilience update; warm spots; covid & vaccinations (emailed to Cllrs.25/10/22)
- xiv. CALC – Survey re engagement on local issues, decisions and services from the Westmorland & Furness Shadow Authority (emailed to Cllrs., **completed and submitted 14/11/22**)
- xv. Cumbria Police Newsletter September / October 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/22)
- xvi. CALC – Green Space 2 Grow support pack (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/22)
- xvii. Power for People – Local electricity bill update (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/22)
- xviii. CALC – Updates on cost of living crisis information (emailed to Cllrs.14/11/22 and 22/11/22)
- xix. CALC – Cumbria local authority climate update (emailed to Cllrs.15/11/22)
- xx. CALC News September / October 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/22)
- xxi. CALC – South Lakeland District Association minutes 21/9/22 (emailed to Cllrs.22/11/22)
- xxii. CALC – Training programme January – July 2022 (emailed to Cllrs.23/11/22)

114.22 COUNCILLORS' ISSUES TO BE RAISED AT NEXT MEETING (No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda): Gritting

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

116.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.00 pm – venue to be agreed

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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