

# STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 p.m. At Crosscrake School.**

**Present:** Councillors John Stott, Tot Mason, Thomas Nelson, Geoff Wilson, Julie Knowles, Sheila Eccles (District Councillor) Brenda Grey (County Councillor), Karen Wells (clerk), Rev Ian Swift and a number of members of the parish. Linda Fletcher (joined the meeting later)

**88.15 APOLOGIES** –.Bernard Whewell.

**89.15 MINUTES** – the minutes of the meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**90.15 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS- None**

**91.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations were made.**

**92.15 OPEN SESSION** - A member of the parish asked for an update on the repairs to footpath signs and stiles. Clerk to check on progress of repairs and what has been reported with Guy Timperley. The possibility of the council carrying out its own survey and repairs was discussed.

Cllr Knowles advised that the 17 houses on Millbridge Lane can now use the words 'Millbridge Lane' officially, in their addresses, with no change to the post code.

**93.15 - Upper Kent Lap** – Cllr Knowles attended the LAP meeting and provided feedback on the main points; Highways; continue to use Staveley website for 6 priorities, Hotline for potholes etc., area steward Glyn Wharton, John Mills to head team. Health; Travel to hospital, ambulance response time, care at home for the elderly. Communication; £75 costs for Parish Newsletter, data base needs creating for emails of interested parishioners, some training and data base protection to be offered. Updates Speed watch scheme in Old Hutton successful. Broadband in Sedgwick imminent. LDNP £500,000 drop in budget CCC/SLDC 5<sup>th</sup> year of Council Tax freeze.

**94.15 POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY**– No police attended. Clerk read out main points of Police report received since last meeting. Of 102 calls for service made only 3 related to Stainton. 2 x cannabis warnings issued to people stopped in vehicle near the canal, 1 burglary reported from stables. £6000 worth of saddles taken. A reminder given to report any suspicious cold callers or vehicles on tel no 101.

### **95.15 HIGHWAYS**

No updates on matters arising from highways report from last meeting.

Cllr Grey reported that the 50 mile and hour speed limit on the A65 is hopeful in the next 12 months.

Cllr Stott requested clerk to inquire what the insurance for the speed detector, near the church, covers as it has gone faulty.

**96.15 PLANNING –  
Notifications Received- none**

**97.15 FINANCE- (i) Schedule of payment were authorised as follows.**

**Payments made between meetings**

None

**Payments to sanction during the meeting-**

Clerks March wage = 129.15

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Hire and associated costs of meeting payable to School - £20.00

**Payments received - None**

**98.15 CONSULTATIONS & FUNDING REQUESTS - None**

**99.15 –AOB**

- a) Canal trust; It was decided to ask a speaker to come from the trust to speak for about 20mins at the AGM. Also the council would like to be involved in any celebrations at the opening of the new stretch of canal. Cllr Wilson suggested that the council could become affiliated to the trust. Clerk to Email trust to request speaker.
- b) Update on complaint about black bales on common land; Cllr Stott gave feedback on his visit to the land owner involved. It has been agreed that the bales will be removed by the end of April. Another letter has been received from the same complainant, asking for an update clerk will send reply explaining action taken by council. Cllr Knowles expressed her concerns that the council need some advice on the rules and regulations on common land. Clerk to research possibility of someone coming to the July meeting.
- c) Litter picking; organisations for the day were discussed and are in hand. The problem of large amounts of litter on the Underhelme wood car park were reported and extra collection may be needed. Council to consider putting up sign.
- d) I vote of thanks to Cllr Mason for making and putting up owl boxes in the wood was sanctioned.
- e) The Stainton village notice board is to be removed for repair on the 24<sup>th</sup> March by Harry Hughes. (There has been a problem with it leaking in).
- f) It was decided that the contribution to the Parish magazine was going well as a start towards better communication with the wider parish.

However it needs to continue to develop. Rev Swift suggested that the clerk make a mock-up of a page for the Church council meeting to approve. Other suggestions were; the council to make a financial contribution to the magazine, to collect email addresses from interested parishioners to help keep the parish informed.

**100.15** – The AGM will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – 6.30pm for refreshments meeting starting at 7pm at Crosscrake School,

**Meeting Closed at 9.05pm**

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