

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

(Draft copy of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th July 2016)

MINUTES

Present: Chair Julie Knowles, Vice Chair John Stott, Councillors: Geoff Wilson, Sarah Kitching, Mark Holmes, Clerk Karen Wells, District Cllr Sheila Eccles, Rev Ian Swift (4 members of the public)

(The vacancy which occurred after the May elections was advertised and there was only one applicant Mark Holmes, who was offered and accepted the post)

21.16 APOLOGIES: District County Cllr Brenda Grey (attending other meeting), PCSO, David Holden and Bernard Whewell

22.16 MINUTES: the minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 23rd May 2016 were signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

23.16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: none

24.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations were made.

25.16 FLOODING: It was felt by the meeting that there are still outstanding issues from the floods in December 2015. Although there has been continued communication between the EA and the council and parishioners, there seems to be little progress in solving the problems which have been reported. It is now 7 months since the floods and people are concerned that we are heading back into the autumn and winter months, with the very real possibility of more flood events.

It was therefore decided that the clerk will contact the EA with copies to Tim Farron, Brenda Grey and Sheila Eccles. With the councils concerns and requests:

- i. We need a clear plan of action and time scale from the EA and other agencies to address the previously reported issues.
- ii. Issues still outstanding: gravel removal from bottle necks in the river, cutting back of vegetation obstructing flow, repair of walls that come between road and river, replacement of public footpath bridges, repair to the lip of the ford in centre of village (which is directing the flow of water towards the cottage), and Stainton Cross aqueduct repairs.
- iii. An explanation of why the Bela river catchment and Stainton do not appear on the Cumbria Flood action plan?
The chair reported she had a copy of a letter that the residents of Millbeck lane have sent the highways dept. This is to raise the problem of flooding at the junction (grid ref 532874).
The progress of any work will be reviewed at the September meeting.

The clerk and Cllr Kitching are to investigate the possibility of funding for the Parish from the 'Cumbria Flood recovery Fund'.

26.16 OPEN SESSION

The chair has obtained some new copies of the 'Neighbourhood watch members' guide', they are available from the clerk.

The council have been asked to report the quality of the drinking water in the parish, the clerk will contact United Utilities.

27.16 POLICING IN THE COMMUNITY: PCSO did not attend the meeting. The clerk read out a report sent to the council. (Copy of full report held by clerk)A summary of the points:

- i. There were no crimes reported in the parish.
- ii. There were two car break-ins reported at Crooklands.
- iii. There has been a report of dangerous parking near Crosscrake School, which the police are to monitor in September as the school return from their holidays.

28.16 UPPER KENT LAP: Next meeting 5th Oct as Chair Julie Knowles will be away at that time it was suggested that the Vice Chair or one of the other cllrs should go to the meeting.

29.16 HIGHWAYS:

- i. Clerk to report faults: pot holes, drainage at church, resurfacing and repair of slaughter house lane.

- ii. Peter Hoskings from the highways department to attend the September meeting.
- iii. Recent work on the footpath on the A65 has made a real difference and the council would like to thank the dept for doing such a 'good job'.

30.16 PLANNING.

Application Received: SL/2016/0505 Steps End Stainton, single storey garden room ext.

SL/2016/0645 Sellett Hall Stainton, extension to stable block and detached garage.

Notifications Received: SL/2016/0362 St Sundays Cottage, Stainton, Kendal. First floor extension. Full permission granted

31.16 FINANCE:

Authorised schedule of payments for July/ August

i. **Payments:**

Made between meetings: None

Payments sanctioned during the meeting:

Pay rise to £8.717 per hour (15hours per month) back dated to April 1st 2016

Clerks July wage 130.75 + £4.80 back pay +expenses
£10(broadband/telephone) = £145.55

Clerks August wage £130.75 + expenses £10 (broadband/telephone) = £140.75

Hire and associated costs of meeting payable to church = £20

SLDC Bin emptying litter bin collection 13/6/16 to 31/3/17
25 collections @ £3.58 per empty + £17.90 VAT = £107.40

Payments received:

HMCR payment (clerk has contacted HMCR about this payment) = £162.30

Int. payment. = £0.26

- i. Investment register was agreed and signed.
- ii. Pension Regulator – automatic enrolment declaration has been completed 20/06/16
- iii. Sheila Eccles £250 fund it was provisionally decided to put the money towards buying a picnic bench for the canal head Stainton Cross.
- iv. Transparency fund application, an application has been made to cover the costs for the council to fulfil the legal obligation to make all information transparent. Inc. the costs of setting up and running a web site, a computer and printer for the use of the clerk.

32.16CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: none

33.16. Meeting dates: for 2016/17 were agreed.

34.16 Broadband: progress is being made, the Sedgwick exchange is now live for 'superfast broadband'. However it is still being connected to the network in the parish. If residents would like more information and register their interest go to. <http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/>

35.16 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

- i. **Environment fund:** the council have been successful in obtaining funds to renovate the Millennium cross and replace two benches in the parish. The ordering and payment for these items was agreed during the meeting.
- ii. **Complaint about dangerous cycling during triathlon race:** the council has received assurances from the organisers that there will be more marshals stationed in the Shyreakes and church area. Plus that the competitors are all reminded before the race that road is still open to all other road users and due consideration must be made at all times.

36.16 AOB: None

37.16 Councillor's issues to be raised at next meeting – None

(No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda)

38.16 Meeting closed at 9.15

39.16 next meeting – Next Meeting Monday 26th September 2016 7.30pm to be held in St Thomas' Church. Crosscrake

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