

STAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

(Draft copy of minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September 2016)

MINUTES

Present: Chair Julie Knowles, Vice Chair John Stott, Councillors: Geoff Wilson, Sarah Kitching, Mark Holmes, Clerk Karen Wells, District County Cllr Brenda Grey, District Cllr Sheila Eccles, (5 members of the public)

39.16 APOLOGIES: PCSO, Rev. Ian Swift

40.16 MINUTES: the minutes of the last parish council meeting dated 25th July 2016 were signed by the chair as a true record of the meeting.

41.16 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: none

42.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – No declarations were made.

43.16 Highways: Peter Hosking (Highway Networks Manager South Lakes. CCC) attending the meeting to give an over view of the service his dept. provides.

- i. Peter explained that his dept is responsible for A,B, and C roads but not Motorways or Trunk roads. The dept is split into several sections. **Routine maintenance:** All roads are fully inspected once a year. **Reactive maintenance:** work generated from reported faults via hot line and web site. **Programmed works:** These are larger projects planned and decided on by a committee of local councillors etc. These projects are identified well in advance and money is applied for from central government. **Adverse weather team:** this covers all weather snow, floods winds etc. **Traffic team:** who deal with signs, road closures etc. **Infrastructure recovery programme:** to deliver works to recover from floods last year, bridges, roads etc. This team are still finding continuing faults caused by the flooding as their inspections are done.
- ii. Peter confirmed that the best way for the parish council and members of the public to report highway faults is via the hotline. 0300 303 2992 or the highways web site <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway> This web site is to be updated in the future to include email alerts for progress of repairs. The council are also to be given details of a highway steward to contact for bigger issues.
- iii. There were several questions put to Peter by the cllrs and the residents. **Who would repair the walls by the river in Stainton which were damaged in the floods last year?** *The highway dept are to do temporary repairs in the next month using grout bags. These repairs are to be made more permanent early 2017. The continues issue of flooding by the church?* *Peter had a look at the area earlier in the day and is to get a team to investigate. The ownership and upkeep of Slaughter House lane and the ford?* *Peter has been looking into this matter and as yet has not found the answers but he intends to continue with the investigation. The ongoing problem of the culvert on Millbridge lane?* *Preliminary work is to be done, first to investigate for any blockage or collapse. Then to understand the river before any work is done on possible drainage and resolution to the problem. 2017/2018. Was there to be any top surface put on the repaired stretch of Stainton lane?* *No that is the final surface.* The chair asked Peter to pass on the councils thanks to his dept for such a fast response after the floods to repair the road.
- iv. The meeting thanked Peter for attending, for his interesting talk and informative answers.

The chair thanked Brenda Grey and all concerned for the work they did to get a 50 mph limit imposed on the A65. The signs are now in place.

44.16 FLOODING: At the July meeting the clerk was asked to forward outstanding issues arising from the 2015 floods to Tim Farron and the EA, their answers were then discussed.

- i. **Gravel and cut back of some vegetation from Stainton beck:** *This is to be carried out by the EA by mid- October.*
- ii. **Damage to walls and ford:** *this have been answered by Peter in the highways section.*
- iii. **Stop tap possible being covered by new road surface:** *United utilities have explained that the tap is in the water course, it's on the service plan but will be checked out by a highways officer.*
- iv. **River Bela and Stainton not on the Cumbria Flood Plan:** *Bela and Stainton were not specifically mentioned because the plans include an action to- apply the Cumbria Flood Partnership approach of the community led integration working, to all other river catchments in Cumbria.*
- v. **Aqueduct:** *There are no more updates on this issue.*
- vi. **Possible funding from the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund:** *The clerk and cllr Sarah Kitching investigated this possibility. However, the criteria state that if there is an agency going to repair or address problems their work must be finished first. To qualify it has to be a specific community led project. At the moment it is not felt the parish has such a project. This could be revisited in the future.*
- vii. **For any other issues involving private land owners it is their responsibility to apply for permission from the EA to carry out work needed.** *When permission is granted the land owner can apply to the SLDC for grants to help cover the cost.*
- viii. *The council will now keep a watching brief on work completed in the parish and report back at the November meeting.*

45.16 OPEN SESSION: No further issues were brought to the meeting.

46.16 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. 28th Aug another vehicle parked in the layby at Crooklands extensively damaged.
- ii. 1st Sept report of vehicle obstruction on Millbridge lane enquiries conducted and vehicle had moved prior to Police arrival.
- iii. 13th Sept Theft of fuel and a John Deere gator plus trailer from a property at Endmoor.

47.16 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.

48.16 PLANNING. Applications received: SL/2016/0859 land adjacent to Croft House Barrows Green, Dwelling.

Notification received: SL/2016/0505 Steps End Stainton, single storey garden room ext. permission granted SL/2016/0645 Sellett Hall Stainton, extension to stable block and detached garage: granted conditionally.

49.16 FINANCE: Authorised schedule of payments for September/October

i. Payments:

Made between meetings: Provisionally sanctioned at July meeting.

Kedel park bench

= 392.04

Kedel Picnic table

= 472.20

Payments to sanction during the meeting:

Clerks September wage 130.75 + £18.65(ink) +expenses

£10(broadband/telephone)
Payment provisionally agreed at July meeting £100 overtime for setting
up website (costs covered by NALC transparency fund) =259.40

Clerks October wage £130.75 + £4.94 Postage + £3.99 A4 paper+
Expenses £10 (broadband/telephone) = £149.68
Hire and associated costs of September meeting payable to church = £20
Julie Knowles expenses for payment to Wood Finishes direct, for cross
Restoration = £86.39
Julie Knowles expenses for payment to Curry's for printer, computer = £524.65
and software, cement for bench base.

ii. **Payments received:**

Locality grant = £250.00
Transparency fund grant for NALC = 1242.00
SLDC Environment grant for refurbishment of cross area. = £617.11

- iii. Clerk reported to Council on half yearly Income v forecast expenditure. Cllrs were given a copy of updated figures and approved the report.
iv. BDO Annual Return was approved by council.
v. Locality grant £250 has been approved.
vi. Insurance quote for bench and picnic table. Clerk contacted Community Link Insurance and there is no extra cost for insurance for the table and bench.

50.16 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: none

51.16 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

- i. Water quality: Clerk contacted united utilities and the recommend that individual households contact them to report poor water quality and they will run tests. They also supplied an information sheet about chlorine in drinking water. (copy can be obtained from clerk)
ii. The council would like to thank Tot mason, Brain Knowles and the Chair Julie Knowles for the work they done on the renovation of the cross and fixing of the bench.

52.16 AOB: None

53.16 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)

54.16 Meeting closed at 9.15

55.16 next meeting – Next Meeting Monday 28th November 2016 7.30pm to be held in St Thomas' Church. Crosscrake