

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE/RISK GROUP MEETING

Thursday 27th September 2018, 10.30am at Cumbria Wildlife Centre, Houghton

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Nicholson, Fox, Coles, Gordon and Lightfoot as well as the Clerk.

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. GDPR

Noted that all systems were so far operating successfully. It was considered that many residents still contact the Council to book a village hall but the website had been updated to reflect the new booking secretary's details. It was awkward to respond to these residents rather than forward their emails but a standard response was being sent to them to enable their booking to progress.

3. Houghton Fair 2019

It was noted that a very positive meeting had been held on 26th September, attended by 8 residents. The residents had been very keen to establish a working group to both plan and implement the Houghton Fair in 2019, which has been set for Saturday 29th June. A planning meeting will take place on 7th November to begin the process.

4. Crosby Parish Hall/Playing Field

Cllr Fox noted that it was very clear that the playing field was under the registered ownership of the Parish Council and that maintenance also rested with them, despite a minute and letter from 1992 seemingly delegating responsibility for this to the Village Hall Management Committee.

Resolved: To recommend the Council write to the Management Committee at Crosby Parish Hall confirming current ownership and operational arrangements.

5. Grounds Maintenance 2019/2020

Consideration was given as to whether the grounds maintenance contract should be extended for a twelve month period. It was noted that the work undertaken was always satisfactory and that the team had responded extremely quickly to recent emergencies involving fallen trees.

Resolved: To recommend the Council continue with Colville's Grounds Maintenance for a further twelve months, with the option for an additional twelve months to follow. A full re-tender will be necessary in October/November 2020. Also **resolved** to see how the Linstock drain's work over the winter period before any further consideration is given to grass cutting arrangements around them in the spring.

6. Community Plan

A review was made of the current action plan and it was agreed that working with young people is a priority; although the youth council idea has been deferred until capacity is greater, other opportunities for engagement could be explored. The lack of transport to the youth zone is one area of concern that could be investigated and it was agreed that the volunteers for the Houghton Fair may have some ideas regarding engagement avenues.

It was also agreed that the road safety on the A689 should continue to be prioritised and explored.

7. Projects 2018/19

It was noted that the footpath leaflets have not yet been completed; Cllr Nicholson to chase this matter up and obtain draft copies to enable the Council to progress them. Following this, the interpretation panels can be re-visited, with displays at Brunstock and potentially Tarraby to be prioritised.

A short discussion was also held regarding footpath signage and conditions.

It was noted that the land registry project was on hold until Houghton Village Hall Management Committee can confirm if they agree with their boundary.

Commemoration of WW1 budget was discussed and it was agreed that a plaque to add to existing benches could be a suitable means; Clerk to investigate prices.

Resolved: Cllr Nicholson to obtain the footpath/walks leaflets. Clerk to progress quotations for plaques and panels.

8. Any Other Business

A short discussion was held regarding the parking situation outside Houghton village shop. An increase in heavy vehicles travelling through Houghton had also been observed.

9. Date of Next Working Group Meeting

The next Finance/Risk group will take place on Tuesday 30th October at 10.30am. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.