

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting Held on Wednesday 12th April 2023
at 7:30 in the Parish Hall, Crosby-on-Eden

PRESENT

The Chairman Cllr C Nicholson, Cllr's A Coles, H, Phillips, A Robinson, C Savory and N Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cumberland Cllrs H Davison, J Mallinson and B Wernham. Thirty-six members of the public.
The Clerk, S Kyle.

SR 281/04/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs E Leitch and D Milburn.

SR 282/04/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8 MARCH 2023

Resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

SR 283/04/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A previously granted dispensation for Cllr Robinson remains current, with regards to planning application 22/0297. No other requests for dispensations or declarations of interest were made by Cllrs.

Cumberland Cllr J Mallinson noted that he had been appointed to the Planning Committee of Cumberland Council and would therefore not be offering any opinion or support with regards to planning matters, although could provide factual information.

SR 284/04/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

284.1 Cumberland Cllrs: Receive Reports from Cumberland Councillors

The Chairman welcomed the three newly vested Cumberland Cllrs to the meeting, advising them that it was the Parish Council's custom and practice to refrain from introducing party politics in to debate before inviting each to report to the Council on matters affecting their ward or the parish.

Cllr Mallinson having being re-elected, gave way to the newly elected Cumberland Ward Councillors.

Cllr Wernham was politely reminded on multiple occasions that the PC meeting strives to be non-party political and was asked to restrain himself from introducing the practice, and that the purpose of the item on the agenda is to allow the presentation of reports to the Parish Council, not an opportunity to personally hold a public meeting. Cllr Wernham then reported his concerns in reference to planning application 22/0297, particularly regarding Police concerns surrounding the access road and the lack of s106 contribution, including towards education.

Cllr Davison thanked the Council for the invitation to attend and report. She reported on two matters relevant to residents. The first regarding the waste incinerator application at Harker, noting she was supporting resident objections. Cllr Davison also reported on a community tree planting initiative taking place at the Kingmoor Nature Reserve.

284.2 Members of the Public

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting, with the majority in attendance to provide representations regarding planning application 22/0297. Members of the public were invited to speak for up to three minutes each during the allotted twenty-minute period of public participation.

- Resident A thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak, stating she had been recently blocked on social media by a Cumberland Cllr so was unable to articulate her views now in that manner. She sought clarity regarding the opposition of some to the increase in housing, given the increase in population, including from immigrants who are currently residing in hotels.

The Chairman responded confirming that it was the appropriateness of the site that was causing Parish Council concern, including access issues, rather than any question of the need for low-cost housing.

- Resident B queried why we need 100 more properties when it is reported that there are currently 3,600 empty properties in the district?

Cumberland Cllr Mallinson reported on Cumberland Council policy, with financial penalties, to encourage the occupation of empty dwellings.

- Resident C expressed concerns regarding the lack of infrastructure, including dentists, for existing residents and questioned how services could cope with more residents?

- Resident D reported an error in the planning documents, detailing the incorrect siting of trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order. He detailed how the incorrect detail of the tree location on the document meant that block plans for building locations were consequently incorrect.

- Resident E expressed serious concerns regarding highways safety on Tarraby view, citing four to five near misses per day as vehicles were unable to pass due to the narrow road. She queried the effect that a further 200 cars would therefore have.

The Chairman added to this comment, noting the effect of HGV's including during the construction phase, would be detrimental to existing residents.

- Resident F questioned the description of the development site, noting that only one field, shown as U11 within the Carlisle Council District Plan 2015 - 2030, was ever identified for housing development. They reported that the second field, had not been approved for development and was approximately 60% of the area within the red proposal line.

Resident F also expressed concerns regarding the repeated flyers that were being received by householders stating, incorrectly, that the construction traffic for the development will use Lansdowne Crescent for access to the building site. Such inaccuracies were also being posted by a Cumberland Councillor on the Knowfield/Nextdoor community web site. The Chairman confirmed that this was inaccurate and

no mention of any such construction road is contained in any of the planning documents.

- Resident G reported discussions with the planning officer in November and questioned the accuracy of the planning documentation citing visitors would be able to park on household drives.
- Resident H requested clarification on what is to become of the closed Belah school site and the proposals for education provision north of the river?
Cumberland Cllr Mallinson reported that it was unlikely that the Belah site would ever re-open as a school and that the new development proposed were citing viability under the provision for low-cost housing to remove their need to provide s106 contributions.

Cllr Wernham questioned the part that Parish Council's would take under Cumberland Council proposals for community panels.

Thirty-four members of the public left the meeting at 8.10pm.

SR 285/04/23 PLANNING MATTERS

285.1 Resolved to ratify responses to planning applications submitted out with the meeting:

23/0165 Rose Cottage, Crosby Moor, Crosby on Eden, Carlisle, CA6 4QX - Erection of Two Storey Side & Rear Extension with Front Porch to Provide Entrance Hall with W.C., Extended Kitchen/Living Area, Utility Room and W.C. To Ground Floor with New Stairs to Gallery Landing, 3no. Bedrooms, And Dormer Windows Above; Erection of Detached Garage/Workshop with Solar Panels to Roof

23/0198 The Hawthorns, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PY - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) Of Previously Approved Planning Permission 23/0022 (Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Garden Room) To Change French Doors with PVCu Frames to Bi-Folds with Aluminium Frames

285.2 Resolved to consider new applications:

22/0297 Land to the east of Lansdowne Close/Lansdowne Court, Carlisle - Erection Of 101no. Dwellings with Associated Parking, Landscaping, Drainage and Surface Water Attenuation, Public Open Space and Access

Further to the public representations, and previous Parish Council concerns regarding infrastructure, drainage, and access, it was **resolved** that an objection be compiled by the Planning Working Group for submission, with ratification in May.

23/0057 Ganavan, Park Broom, Carlisle, CA6 4QH - Raising of Roof Height Over Section of Loft Area to Create 1no. Bedroom & Bathroom; Erection of Side Facing Dormer; Removal of Existing 4no. Flue Chimney and Erection of Replacement Single Flue Chimney

Resolved that the application be determined in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

Cumberland Cllr Davison and Cllr Phillips left the meeting at 8.15pm.

Cllr Phillips returned to the meeting at 8.18pm.

23/0162 Cavalaire, The Knells, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4JG - Demolition of The Building Formerly Known As 'Rose Cottage' & Erection of Replacement Dwelling

Resolved that the application be determined in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

23/0180 Westbank Cottage, 22 The Green, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0NF - Change of Use from Residential to Photography Studio on Ground Floor and Massage/Beauty Therapist on First Floor

Resolved that the application be determined in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

Cumberland Cllr Wernham left the meeting at 8.25pm.

23/0219 47 Antonine Way, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LG - Erection of Two Storey Side Extension to Provide Garage, Utility & Kitchen on Ground Floor with En-Suite Bedroom Above

Resolved that the application be determined in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

23/0109 - Land at Fern Bank, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PZ - Erection Of 2no. Dwellings (Outline)

Resolved that following amended plans, the Parish Council has no objection to the amended application.

23/0021 Rickerby Retreat, Rickerby, Carlisle, CA3 9AA - Erection of Car Port with Roof Mounted Solar Array Installation

Resolved: A draft response to be compiled by the Planning Working Group for submission with ratification in May.

285.3 Resolved to note permission notices received:

23/0022 The Hawthorns, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PY - Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Garden Room

23/0062 59 Millcroft, Carlisle, CA3 0HT - Erection of Single Storey Extension to Rear to Provide Additional Living Accommodation; Front Extension to Provide Porch on Ground Floor with New Roof Over to Create First Floor Area; Installation of Solar Panels to Rear Elevation; Extension to Driveway

22/0034 TPO (Plots 6 & 8) Land at Lansdowne Close, Carlisle, CA3 9HN - Pollard 1no. Ash Tree to 5m, Crown Raising By 10% Canopy Volume To 1no. Oak & 1no. Ash Tree

Cumberland Cllr Mallinson noted that reforms to the development control committee were proposed, which might increase the number of objections required to trigger committee decision making.

285.4 Resolved to note updates with ongoing planning applications:

19/0452 - L/A Croft House Brunstock

Problems with anti-social behaviour on-site were re-reported. Legal matters remain ongoing. It is believed that one house is now occupied.

SR 285/04/23 VILLAGE MATTERS

285.1 Houghton Village Green Drainage (1 – 8 The Green)

It was reported that the Chairman and Clerk had visited the Archive Office to collate minute references that may have been relevant to the ownership of the drain. A copy of all information collated has been sent to a resident. It was also reported that a drainage survey has been undertaken, although only partially due to a wooden post being installed on the Green which has pierced the drainage pipe and blocked access to the camera.

Resolved to investigate ownership of the wooden post before any further action can be taken.

One member of the public left the meeting at 8.43pm.

SR 286/04/23 CLERK'S REPORT

Goalposts

The new goalposts have been installed at Linstock, Houghton and Crosby. Cllr Phillips reported that the posts have already been damaged by children in Houghton. The Clerk is to purchase net pegs and have repair works carried out.

A689 Safety

A letter had been sent to Highways detailing concerns over both traffic and wildlife safety. A response had been received in a timely and helpful manner. Discussion was held regarding the unsuitability of the road as a trunk road.

Rickerby Park Trading Application

Correspondence had been received regarding the above application to supply refreshments in Rickerby Park. The Clerk was delegated to write to the licensing authority to request that litter be kept under control, particularly in the neighbouring village of Linstock.

SR 287/04/23 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

287.1 Speed Indication Device

Cllr Savory reported that the device had now been installed on Houghton Road. Its orientation (and where necessary, location) can be moved although would require two personnel due to its weight. Thanks were given to Steve Splinter for his assistance with its installation and to Julian from Pandora for their assistance in the data collection and analysis procedures. Cllr Savory provided some initial statistics from the unit and will provide a further detailed report in May. Cllr Savory also noted that the Speedwatch scheme will continue, although it was unclear when the gun would next be available.

One resident left the meeting at 8.55pm.

SR 288/04/23 FINANCE MATTERS

288.1 Payments

Resolved that the following payments be approved:

Payee	Details	TOTAL
Sarah Kyle	April Salary	£1438.08
HMRC	April PAYE	£227.95
HMRC	April Pension	£105.30
Houghton Village Hall	Rental	£16.00
Cluaran Landscapes	Goal post installation/hedge cutting	£588.00
Cumbria Payroll	Annual Invoice	£252.00
	TOTAL	£2627.33

Invoices from Previous

Year

CBS	Bank Charge (CHAPS)	£25.00
Unity Bank	Bank Charge	£18.00
Pandora	SID	£4038.00
Linstock WI Hall	Grant	£2010.74
	TOTAL	£6091.74

288.2 Bank Reconciliation

Balances at bank as of 31st March 2023:

Cash Account	£997.10
Unity Bank (current a/c)	£409.33
Unity Bank (savings a/c)	£47,148.05
Income to 31/03/23	£55,017.13
Expenditure to 31/03/23	£67,727.88

288.3 Receipts

Resolved to note the receipts of £148.05 bank interest from Unity Bank and £8.05 wayleave from ELNW.

Cumberland Cllr Mallinson left the meeting at 9pm.

288.4 Grant Scheme 2023/24

Resolved to award grants following the receipt of two applications received specifically for the King's Coronation:

- Houghton in Bloom, £116.52 towards commemorative planting
- Houghton School PTA, £100, towards a commemorative community event

Cllr Nicholson noted a partial interest in the latter, due to his spouse being treasurer for Houghton Village Hall, who will be involved in the event.

SR 289/04/23 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Coles reported ongoing anti-social behaviour on Eden Gate with egg throwing. It was urged that residents report any incidents to the Police.

Cllr Phillips noted that this would be his last meeting as a Parish Councillor and thanked everyone for their support, help, advice, and friendship. Cllr Nicholson reciprocated the thanks and wished Cllr Phillips well in his future projects.

SR 290/04/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 10th May in Houghton Village Hall. The meeting will begin directly after the closure of the Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.18pm.