

**STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Draft Minutes of a Meeting Held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7:30pm in the**  
**WI Hall, Linstock**

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

County Cllr J Mallinson. City Cllrs E Mallinson and F Robson. The Clerk, S Kyle.

**SR 214/07/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr A Coles. City Cllr P Nedved also sent apologies.

**SR 215/07/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8 JUNE 2022**

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

**SR 216/07/22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A previously granted dispensation for Cllr Robinson remains current, with regards to planning application 22/0297.

**SR 217/07/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

City Cllr E Mallinson reported on the following issues:

- Brampton Road, from the art college to the top of Longlands Drive, would be closed from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August (excluding weekends). The diversion route map was provided to the Clerk for onward publication.
- Concerns with nuisance vehicles in Rickerby Park had been noted, as had problems with parking, particularly during football games.
- Negotiations are continuing regarding planning application 22/0297, with particular regard to the access road.
- Additional funding has been made available to combat anti-social behaviour, particularly graffiti, which is being investigated by the Police
- NHS England has confirmed that there is no business case need for an additional Stanwix pharmacy
- Primary schools north of the river had confirmed spare school places, including Houghton, although the changing nature of the data was confirmed.

Cllr Leitch thanked the ward members for their assistance in preventing overnight parking in Rickerby Park and noted that the parking problems during football were acute.

**SR 218/07/22 PLANNING MATTERS**

**212.1 Resolved** to ratify responses made out with the PC meeting:

**22/0409 Norfels, Crosby on Eden, Carlisle, CA6 4QY** - Erection of Agricultural Steel Portal Building

**22/0434 Stonedale Farm, The Green, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LN** - Erection of General-Purpose Implement Store and Extension to Existing Hardstanding

**22/0483 5 Chestnut Grove, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4RS** - Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Boot Room, Lobby and W.C. (Revised Application)

**218.2 Resolved** to note permission noticed received:

**22/0301 Land at Warwick Holme, Aglionby, Carlisle, CA4 8AP** - Reprofiting of Existing Flood Defence Embankment

**22/0150 Gosling Sike Farm, Houghton Road, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LD** - Erection of Detached Wooden Building to House A Seed Bank

**22/0384 The Orchard, Houghton House, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4DX** - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Application 21/0195 (Three Storey Side Extension to Provide Stairwell/Link Leading to Kitchen on Ground Floor, Living Room with Terrace on First Floor & 1no. En Suite Bedroom Above on Second Floor; Provision of Powered Access Gates to Existing Entrance) To Amend The Design

**22/0375 Green Acres, High Knells, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4JW** - Demolition of Existing Carport and Greenhouse; Erection of Side Extension to Provide Car Port with Balcony/Terrace Above.  
Erection Of Single Storey Detached Store Building to Rear

**22/0331 The Craig, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PY** - Erection of Detached Garage with Extended Hardstanding Driveway

**218.3 Resolved** to Consider Updates with Ongoing Planning Applications:

**19/0452 - L/A Croft House Brunstock**

No update was provided.

**21/1143 - Land Adjacent to Meadow Cottage, Tarraby, Carlisle CA3 0JS**

The Chair reported he had attended the Development Control Committee to object to this application, however the application had been granted planning consent.

**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  
This item was covered under public participation.

## **SR 219/07/22 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **219.1 Speed Indication Device**

Consideration was given to approving a recommendation from the Finance/Risk Working Group to approve the expenditure required to purchase a speed indication device, with solar panel and data collection. Three quotations had been obtained and the local company, Pandora, was suggested as the supplier of choice.

**Resolved** to authorise expenditure of £3220 on the above. County Cllr Mallinson was thanked for his kind offer to donate some grant funds towards the project. Highways consent for installation on a lamp post is to be sought.

### **219.2 Bus Timetables**

Cllr Phillips updated members regarding planned timetable changes to the Houghton bus service, noting that many services on the two provided routes were infrequently used and were unviable to continue. It was however noted that the 10.04am service was the most supported and had been withdrawn.

**Resolved** to write to Stagecoach to request that consideration be given into re-routing a later bus to enable the restoration of the 10.04am service.

## **SR 220/07/22 VILLAGE MATTERS**

### **220.1 Houghton Village Green Damage**

Consideration was given to the purchase of boulders, for installation on Houghton Village Green to attempt to prevent vehicular damage.

**Resolved** to authorise expenditure, dependent on weight, estimated to be in the region of £800. Consideration is also to be given to installing signage to direct users to the correct Village Hall car park entrance.

### **220.2 Linstock Play Equipment**

The Finance/Risk Working Group had reviewed three quotations for the purchase of new swings for Linstock Village Green.

**Resolved** to authorise expenditure of £12,643.19 on new swings from Sovereign Play Equipment. City Cllr E Mallinson was thanked for her offer of a donation towards the project.

### **220.3 Smithy Croft Footway**

Complaints had been received regarding the overgrown footway between Houghton Road and Smithy Croft.

**Resolved** to report to the correct authority.

## **SR 221/07/22 CLERK'S REPORT**

### *Drains, Linstock*

A report that a problem with the drain that takes the water away from Linstock Village Green was received, noting that the drain was blocked down the side of the motorway embankment. No clarity on ownership between United Utilities and Highways was available. The matter had been raised with Highways.

### *Trees*

Concerns had been raised regarding the lane past the church at Houghton, which was reported to have become overgrown and unable to safely carry two-way traffic. Similar concerns regarding the road from Brunstock to Brampton were also raised. The issues had been raised with Highways.

### *Bench, Crosby*

A report had been received that a bench in The Garth, Crosby-on-Eden, was in a state of disrepair. Efforts were ongoing to trace the owner.

### *White Moss Wood*

The Parish Council were approached by a company looking to undertake management on the woodland. They had been advised to speak to Natural England in the first instance.

### *Goalposts*

Three new sets of goalposts have been delivered and are waiting for installation in Houghton, Crosby and Linstock.

### *Centurions Presentation Day*

Consent had been applied for and granted for the above on Houghton Village Green, which took place following receipt of the necessary documentation.

### *Willow Tree*

following 2 near miss incidents of spontaneous branch failure, works are ongoing to establish the viability of a willow tree on Houghton Village Green. It was agreed that a price for a full inspection from BHA trees should be obtained.

## **SR 222/07/22 FINANCE MATTERS**

### **222.1 Payments**

**Resolved** that the following payments be approved:

Sarah Kyle	July salary & reimbursements	£1349.05
HMRC	July PAYE	£196.61
NEST	July Pension	£98.58
Houghton in Bloom	Bench Painting	£38.00
B Smith	Noticeboard Repairs	£60.00
CALC	Training	£15.00
Houghton Village Hall	Grant	£240.00
Equiphase	Domain renewal	£17.00
R Gordon	Audit	£108.00
Play Inspection Company	Quarterly Inspection	£168.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2290.24</b>

### **222.2 Bank Reconciliation**

**Noted:** Balances at bank as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022:

Cash Account	£31,022.10
Unity Bank (current a/c)	£2,656.15
Unity Bank (savings a/c)	£65,569.57
Income to 30/06/22	£49,440.07
Expenditure to 30/06/22	£11,457.48

**SR 223/07/22 COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

**Cllr Phillips** noted that the Houghton Wildlife Group would be submitting a planting schedule and proposal for areas throughout the parish, at the September meeting.

**SR 224/07/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Village Hall, Houghton at 7.30pm. Apologies were submitted in advance by Cllrs Robinson and Leitch.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.