

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024
at 8pm in the Village Hall, Houghton

PRESENT

The Chairman Cllr C Nicholson, Cllrs A Coles, P Nedved, A Robinson, C Savory and N Watson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Three members of the public. Cumberland Cllr J Mallinson (arrived 8.09pm). The Clerk, S Kyle.

SR 382/1/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr E Leitch. Apologies were also noted from Cumberland Cllrs H Davison and B Wernham.

SR 383/1/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13th December 2023

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

SR 384/1/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Robinson declared an interest in planning application 24/0001/TPO due to its proximity to his home.

SR 385/1/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments were made by the attending members of the public.

Following item 387.2 below, Cumberland Cllr Mallinson updated members regarding grant funding and winter gritting routes (min 373/12/23 refers). He also reported that, although unconfirmed, a 4.9 percent increase in council tax was likely.

SR 386/1/24 PLANNING MATTERS

386.1 Resolved to Ratify Planning Application Responses Submitted Prior to the Meeting:

23/0864 4 The Nurseries, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4RR - Erection Of First Floor Extension Above Existing Garage To Provide En-Suite Bedroom & Dressing Room

386.2 To Consider new Planning Applications

24/0001/TPO 48 Lansdowne Close, Carlisle, CA3 9HN - Reduction To 1no. Ash Tree Subject To TPO 288

Resolved to resubmit previous objections to works on this tree due to the lack of evidence to support the re-application.

386.3 To Consider Additional Planning Matters

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

Members were reminded that the deadline for responses for the revised application was 22 January. It was however noted that Statutory Consultee responses regarding drainage,

education and highways were still outstanding and that Natural England have requested further information regarding a Habitats Regulations Assessment. Due to this it was speculated that a further extension will be necessary. Cllr Robinson informed members he had met in a private capacity with Cumberland Officers, including the Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport, Darren Crossley, to discuss concerns over the application.

23/0347 Land at Brunstock Lane, Houghton, Carlisle - Residential Development Consisting Of 163no. Dwellings & Associated Infrastructure

It was reported that Officer concerns regarding access had not yet been alleviated and that information regarding drainage and flooding revisions were still outstanding. Due to this it was assumed that the application would not be heard before April or May.

22/0672 The Park, Rickerby, Carlisle, CA3 9AA - Discharge of Conditions 3 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme); 4 (Foul Drainage); 6 (Construction Vehicle Parking); 7 (Materials) & 10 (Window Detail) Of Previously Approved Permission 21/0762

A briefing note had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting detailing updates with the process regarding parish council concerns over the application.

SR 387/1/24 Administrative matters.

387.1 Community Led Plan

Resolved that Cllrs Nicholson, Savory and Nedved to meet on Monday 22nd January to consider planning the open evening event.

387.2 Pest control

Concerns were expressed that the removal of free rodent pest control services from Cumberland Council may lead to failure to report infestations, thereby increasing the public health and environmental risks.

Resolved to send a letter to Cumberland Council outlining concerns over the removal of the free service.

387.3 Council arrangements for February 2024

It was noted that no meeting will take place during February due to being unable to be quorate.

Resolved that Cllr Nedved will join the planning working group during February. Also resolved that contractual payments will be made and any emergency payments or decisions will be dealt with under delegated powers by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman.

387.4 D-Day Commemorations

Resolved to support the above with grant funding to be made available to community groups to commemorate the occasion. Consideration will also be given to installing a commemorative plaque on a parish bench.

SR 388/1/24 CLERK'S REPORT

A verbal update was provided, noting:

Councillor Vacancies

Thanks were given to the three attending members of the public for their potential interest in joining the Council.

Bus Services

Information regarding the bus service funding has been sent to the Border Rambler and Go North and contact details will be further provided. Cllr Nedved reported that amendments to service provisions are expected to be announced in April.

Play Area Inspections

Tender documents were in preparation for the potential new inspection rota.

Grounds maintenance contract

The 2024 contract has been verbally accepted and documents for signing will be issued in due course.

Grants noticeboard

A grant application to Cumberland Council is being written for the replacement of one to two noticeboard.

SR 389/1/24 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

389.1 Jackson Road

Discussion was held regarding the ongoing problems experienced by residents, primarily due to the school traffic. It was noted that experimental temporary traffic orders were currently in experiment in Inglewood and St Bede's to prohibit parking within a specified distance of their school at designated times. Alternative options such as a one-way system are previously discussed options with Highways.

Resolved that a survey of residents in Jackson Road, Smithy Croft, Green Lane and Beech Grove be consulted regarding potential solutions to the ongoing traffic issues. A copy of the survey also to be sent to the school and nursery. Cumberland Cllr Mallinson will also make enquires regarding the possibility for any experimental traffic order to be considered.

389.2 Speed Camera

The persistent existence of speeding over 30mph on Houghton Road was considered with members being informed that up to a third of vehicles are travelling over 30mph. Debate was held regarding potential solutions, including requesting consideration of a fixed traffic camera on the road.

Resolved that a letter be sent to Highways/Police to request consideration be given to the installation of a camera on Houghton Road.

SR 390/1/24 FINANCE MATTERS

390.1 Payments

Resolved to authorise the payment of invoices below:

Sarah Kyle	January salary & reimbursements	BACS	£1,371.49
HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£146.16
NEST	Pension January	DD	£93.69
A Kyle	January Salary	BACS	£232.40
C Bragg	Pond Ongoing	BACS	£3,681.60
Houghton Village Hall	Rental	BACS	£16.00
S Aglionby	Grant	BACS	£336.11
Unity Bank	Charges	DD	£18.00
			£5,895.45

390.2 Receipts

Resolved to note the receipt of £474.98 interest from Unity Bank.

390.3 Bank Reconciliation

Cash Book	Balance at 01.04.2023	£48,554.48
	Receipts to 31.12.23	£56,003.80
		£104,558.28
	Expenditure to 31.12.23	£37,924.15
	Cash book balance 31.12.23	£66,634.13
Represented by:	Current A/C (Unity)	£1,191.51
	Savings A/C (Unity)	£64,472.47
	Balance at bank 31.12.23	£65,663.98
	plus cheques still to be deposited	£1,005.15
	less payments still to be made	£35.00
		£66,634.13

390.4 Income and Expenditure against Budget 2023/24

The schedule of income and expenditure against budget to 31 December 2023 had been circulated alongside the agenda and was noted.

390.5 Grant Awards 2023/20234

Resolved to donate £150 towards the printing costs for the current financial year to Crosby Parish Magazine.

390.6 Grant Scheme 2024/25

A revised set of grant conditions for the forthcoming financial year had been circulated alongside the agenda.

Resolved to accept the grant criteria and open the 2024/25 scheme, with applications to be considered at the April 2024 meeting.

SR 390/1/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Coles reported increased drainage problems, both at the Eden Gate bus stop, and emerging from the Police site. Both matters are to be reported to Highways.

SR 391/1/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Houghton. Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk before 4th March 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03pm.