

## **STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall**

#### **PRESENT**

The Chairman Cllr C Nicholson, Cllrs B Bell, E Leitch, P Nedved, C Savory, D Small and N Watson.

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Two members of the public (arrived 7.13). Cumberland Cllr. J Mallinson (arrived 7.13). The Clerk, S Kyle

#### **SR 546/05/25 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**Resolved** unanimously to elect Cllr Nicholson as Chairman for the Council year 2025/26. Cllr Nicholson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### **SR 547/05/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr's A Bell and A Robinson. Apologies were also noted from Cumberland Cllr B Wernham.

#### **SR 548/04/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

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

#### **SR 549/05/25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No dispensation requests were received, and no declarations of interest were made.

#### **SR 550/05/25 PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **539.1 To Consider New Applications Received:**

**25/0032/S211 Rickerby Lodge, Rickerby Mews, Rickerby, Carlisle, CA3 9AA** - Works To 1no. Leylandii, 3no. Beech, 1no. Yew & 1no. Lime Tree in Rickerby Conservation Area

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

##### **550.2 Resolved to Receive Permission Notices**

**25/0047 Rose Cottage, Crosby Moor, Crosby on Eden, Carlisle, CA6 4QX** - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Application 23/0501 (Demolition of Existing Dwelling; Erection Of 1no. Replacement Dwelling with Detached Garage) To Increase The Height Of The Garage By 1m

##### **550.3 Resolved to Receive Updates regarding Ongoing Planning Issues:**

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

It was noted that the earliest the application will be considered is likely to be July.

#### **SR 551/05/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **551.1 Cumberland Cllr's**

Cumberland Cllr Mallinson reported that it has been confirmed that the path from Junction 44 to Houghton is a designated cycle path.

##### **551.2 Members of the Public**

One member of the public was in attendance to discuss item 552.1. The following main points were noted:





- The April minutes noted that the same resident claimed they do not own the access when referring to the driveway that accesses their house. The resident confirmed that this was the conclusion of their solicitor.
- A lengthy historical presentation of the issue dating back to 1927, including correspondence from the Parish Council to residents of The Green in 2015.
- Clarification of the likely surface material of the road in 1928, i.e. compacted cinders.
- Reiteration of the stressful situation the residents face upon heavy rainfall.
- A request to have minuted that the residents believe that there is no evidence to state the drainage along the Green belongs to the residents.

The Chairman offered to provide further minutes relating to the above points and will forward to the resident in due course.

## **SR 552/05/25 VILLAGE MATTERS**

### **552.1 Drainage, Houghton**

The Chairman made a statement, noting the following points:

- Nearly a century ago now, the Parish Council granted a wayleave to permit the laying of a pipe. The sole purpose was to enable a ditch to be filled in to allow access to adjacent private dwellings. It was not installed to provide drainage services to any of the dwellings, and does not drain any land for which the Parish Council is responsible. The Council did not install the pipe for drainage purposes; it was installed solely to permit access.
- The pipe appears to convey the surface water away from the vicinity of South view and Greenfield Farm and over time some of the residents of 1 to 8 The Green have broken into it to discharge surface water from their properties.
- The Parish Council is aware of the pipe being blocked beneath a residential access as the matter has been considered in previous meetings.
- The potential costs are high to deal with the blockage. One estimate to deal with the section under the private drive would be approximately £4,200 and under the grassed area £3,350.
- Further estimates, for both areas were well over £1,000 .
- Both sets of estimates are not firm quotations and the final cost may vary considerably depending what the Contractor might find.
- The Parish Council would not be able to reconnect the drainage from the private households to the pipe, because that would be connecting the private service at public expense and it would be ultra vires.
- The Parish Council does not own the pipe. Therefore, even if it were to renew or repair, it cannot then tacitly authorise unofficial private connections.
- The detriment to the neighbouring small area of Village Green is seasonal and sporadic. It does not permanently damage the Green and the likely expense of dealing with it therefore cannot be justified.
- The issue has been going on now for a number of years, over which the knowledge and experience that can be brought to bear on it has amassed considerably and it culminates now in the recommendation of the Chairman that the Council should consider the matter closed and will not engage in any further discussion or expenditure on this issue unless legally required to do so.

Cllr's were asked to show hands if they agreed to the above statement and a unanimous vote occurred.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council considers this matter closed and will not engage in further discussion or expenditure on this issue unless legally required to do so.

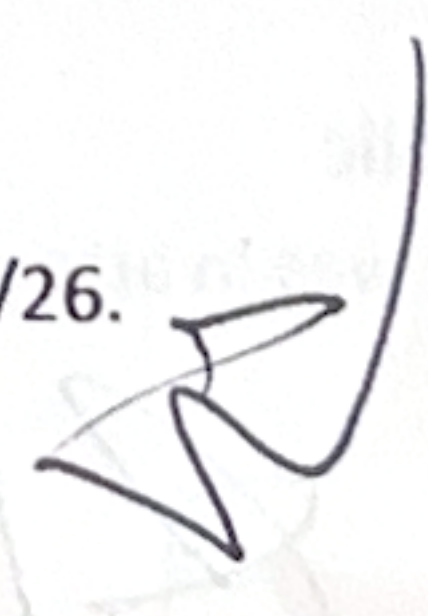
### **552.2 Linstock Track Repairs**

**Resolved** to accept a quotation from J Dinwoodie for £1175 for the above.

## **553/04/25 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **553.1 Appointment of Vice Chairman**

**Resolved** to appoint Cllr C Savory as Vice-Chairman for the Council year 2025/26.





### **553.2 Cumberland Council Housing Strategy - Formal Stakeholder Consultation**

**Resolved** to ratify the Council response which had been circulated alongside the agenda.

### **553.3 Programme of Meetings**

**Resolved** to agree the calendar of meeting dates. It was confirmed that Cllr's should notify the Clerk in writing of any expected absences and that the dates were not formalised until the publication of the agenda.

### **553.4. Review of Policies and Procedures**

**Resolved** to agree the review undertaken by the clerk of the Council's Standing Orders; Financial Regulations, complaints procedure; procedures and practices in respect of freedom of information, General Data Protection Regulations; and policy for dealing with the press/media, with no amendments suggested.

### **553.5 Carlisle Rural Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Review – Request for Input**

Request for input had been received from Cumberland Council. The Parish Council had responded with three suggestions:

- A one-way system for Jackson Road
- A 20mph speed limit in select parts of Houghton
- A 7.5tonne weight limit except for access on Brampton Road

A response had been received stating that the one-way system was unfeasible however the other two items will be considered in due course. Concerns over the number of HGV's using Brampton Road were re-stated.

### **554/05/25 CLERK'S REPORT**

In addition to items on the agenda, the following items were noted:

#### *Bus Shelter Noticeboard Relocation*

This matter remains outstanding and will be actioned in due course.

#### *Linstock Play Equipment*

The due date for installation has been confirmed as late June.

#### *Benches*

Three new benches have been delivered and will be installed around the parish in due course.

#### *Noticeboard*

Further to inspection, the noticeboard (public) at Houghton was irreparable and a replacement has been delivered. This will be installed in due course.

#### *Speed Indication Device Data*

This has now been added to the website for public viewing.

### **SR 555/05/25 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

#### **555.1 Verges, Houghton**

Renewed complaints had been received regarding the damaged verges on Houghton Road. It was confirmed that Cumberland Council will investigate in a future financial year and there is little else the Parish Council can do other than to keep notifying them of the damage.

### **SR 556/04/25 FINANCE MATTERS**

#### **556.1 Payments**

**Resolved** to authorise payment of the accounts listed in document SR0525. The schedule was signed following the meeting by Cllrs Savory and Nedved.





#### **556.2 Bank Reconciliation**

**Resolved** to note the bank reconciliation as noted in document SR0425.

#### **556.3 Receipts**

**Resolved** to note the receipt of the precept of £51,150 from Cumberland Council.

#### **556.4 Internet Banking**

**Resolved** to reconfirm approval for the Clerk to authorise Internet banking payments and to confirm approval for the direct debit for ICO and pension payments to continue

#### **556.5 Bank Mandate/Signatories**

To resolve to update the bank mandate following the resignation of A. Coles with Cllr A Bell being added to the authorised bank signatories.

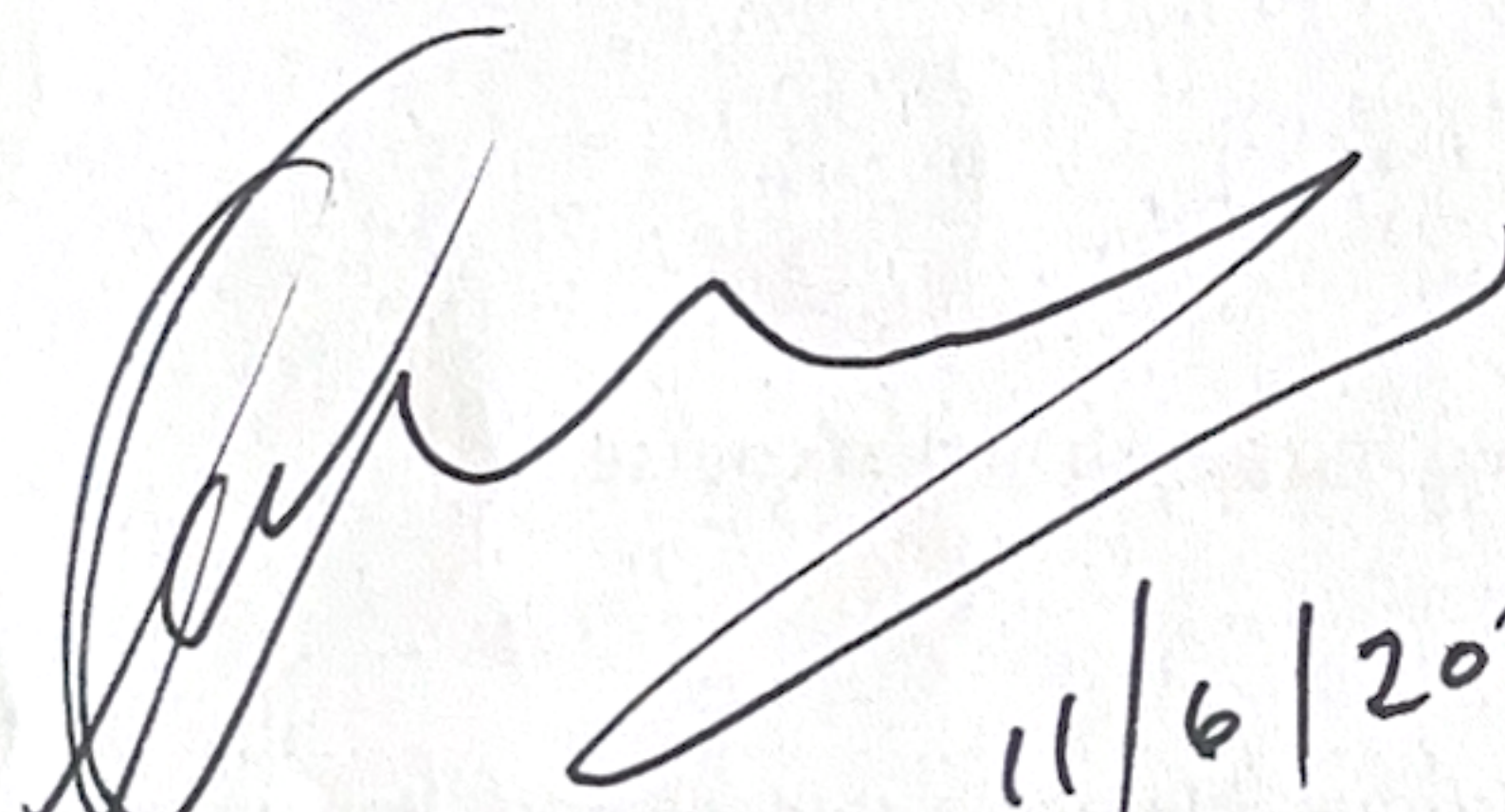
#### **SR 557/05/25 COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

No additional items were raised.

#### **SR 557/05/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved** that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June in Crosby Parish Hall. Agenda items must be submitted by 2 June 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.54pm.



11/6/2025