

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday, 10th September at 7.30 pm in Linstock WI Hall

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cumberland Cllr J Mallinson. Three members of the public. The Clerk, S Kyle

SR 581/09/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Resolved to receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr P Nedved. It was also resolved to extend the permitted period of absence for Cllr Nedved for longer than the standard six-month period if required. Apologies were also noted from Cumberland Cllr B Wernham.

SR 582/09/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd JULY 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 583/09/25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

SR 584/09/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

584.1 Members of the Public

One resident was in attendance to raise concerns about traffic safety on the A689 between the exit from Scaleby and towards J44, particularly given the standing traffic recently in the area. They requested that consideration be given to the installation of an additional lane or traffic lights to alleviate the problem. Furthermore, they questioned why roadside verges remain uncut hindering visibility for motorists. The Chairman thanked the resident for his comments and offered to pass on the queries to Highways. Cllr Savory also requested that we obtain traffic counts for the area.

One further resident was in attendance to further discuss the planning of trees on Houghton Village Green to replace the boulders. The resident confirmed that the trees have been ordered and offered a contact for removal of the boulders. The Chairman thanked him for his assistance, noting that the boulders also required re-siting at a confirmed location.

584.2 Cumberland Cllrs

Cumberland Cllr J Mallinson responded to the member of the public who raised road safety concerns on the A689, noting that the section from Brunstock junction to J44 was among the most problematic in the area. He mentioned that realistically, adding another lane or installing traffic lights was unlikely, but adjusting the timing of the lights was a viable option. He confirmed that he is already in dialogue with the national Highways team about this matter and will continue to pursue it.

Cllr Mallinson also reported that the pathway at St Johns Bridge has been confirmed as a cycle way. Although it does not currently meet standards, as it did when installed, its designation remains. Cllr Mallinson is pursuing signage for it.

Finally, Cllr Mallinson also reported that concerns had been raised that Crosby Village Hall playing field was being used for drug taking. The Clerk has already reported the matter to the PCSO and will request a site meeting for Cllr Mallinson and the Chair to follow up on the matter urgently.



SR 585/09/25 PLANNING MATTERS

585.1 Resolved to Ratify responses to Application Submitted Prior to the Meeting:

25/0282 Shortdale Farm, Tarraby, Carlisle, CA3 0JT Demolition Of Existing Outhouses And Sheds To Existing Farmhouse Courtyard; Erection Of Two Storey Side Extension To Farmhouse To Provide Living/Dining/Family Room At Ground Floor With 1no. En Suite Bedroom Above; Installation Of Air Source Heat Pump And Associated Solar Panels To Farmhouse; Erection Of Detached Stable Block And Formation Of Horse Arena With Associated Flood Lights; Creation Of Associated Field Track Access To Neighbouring Paddock (Part Retrospective)

25/0288 76 Tribune Drive, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LE Demolition of Existing Garage & Erection of Two Storey Side Extension to Provide Garage, Utility & Snug on Ground Floor With 2no. Bedrooms & Bathroom Above Together with Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Kitchen

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

585.2 To Consider New Applications:

25/0313 Land South of Ellengrove, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4QD Erection Of 10no. Dwellings & Associated Infrastructure

Concerns were raised about the effectiveness of the public notification of the application and references to a total of up to 73 dwellings in the application documents. The Chairman had sought clarification on both issues from the Planning Officer and will update members in due course. A draft response will also be circulated.

585.3 Resolved to Receive and Note Permission Notices

25/0182 Croft House, Brunstock, Carlisle, CA6 4QG Erection of Detached Garage with Home Office & Storage Above

25/0328 Rewanda, The Knells, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4JG Extension of Existing Attached Garage

25/0377 Eden Meadows, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PY Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) of Previously Approved Application 24/0233 (Demolition Of 1no. Bungalow; Erection Of 1no. Replacement Two Storey Dwelling) To Make Alterations to House Design

25/0360 7 Drumburgh Avenue, Carlisle, CA3 0PD Erection of Single Storey Side Extension to Provide Dining and Family Room

585.4 Resolved to Receive Refusal Notices

24/0230 Land South of The Knells, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4JG Erection Of 6no. Detached Dwellings on Former Gardens to Knells House

585.5 Cumberland Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

The above has been distributed to members, and comments were requested preceding the compilation and dissemination of a draft response.

SR 586/09/25 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

586.1 NJC Pay agreement 25/26

Resolved to agree the above increase for salaried staff members, with back payment to 1st April 2025.

SR 587/09/25 CLERK'S REPORT

In addition to the matters on the agenda, the following matters were also verbally reported:

Street Furniture

The new notice board has been installed on Houghton Village Green, and the re-siting of the Whiteclosegate notice board has been completed. The new bench has been installed on Linstock Village Green, while confirmation of the

legal agreement for the Whiteclosegate bench is still awaited. Furthermore, the bench at Brunstock is to be replaced while the existing one is repaired. Finally, the new gate has been installed at the Crosby play area.

Police Response to Speed Concerns

It was reported that an email had been sent to Cumbria Police regarding various speed issues. No acknowledgement or response has been obtained; therefore, the email will be posted with a covering letter to the Officer. Disappointment over the lack of response was recorded.

SR 588/09/25 VILLAGE MATTERS

588.1 Rickerby Highways

Cllr Leitch updated members regarding the concerns over Highways as reported at the July meeting. She noted that she had reported the issues to Highways who had confirmed they were reviewing the location to increase visibility splays and line of sight. Cllr Leitch also reported that she had requested verge cutting in the area to also aid with traffic visibility.

SR 589/09/25 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

589.1 Speedwatch

Cllr Savory reported that he and Cllr Watson conducted 12.5 one-hour sessions, registering 144 vehicles speeding over 6mph on Houghton Road. The highest speed recorded was 46mph. Data has been uploaded to the website. Cllr Savory also stated that the volume and speeds of traffic remain consistent and that data shows, when Speedwatch is operating and the automated sign is in the direction of traffic, speeds are noticeably lower than in the opposite direction. The procedure for offenders was explained to members.

SR 590/09/25 FINANCE MATTERS

590.1 Payments

Resolved to authorise payment of the accounts listed in document SR0925. The schedule was signed by Cllrs Savory and A Bell.

590.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to note the bank reconciliation as noted in document SR0925.

590.3 Accounts Audit

Resolved to accept the successful conclusion of the external financial accounts audit by Moore.

SR 591/09/25 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr A Bell reported a request for no through traffic measures on the newly refurbished track on Linstock Village Green. The matter will be considered fully in October.

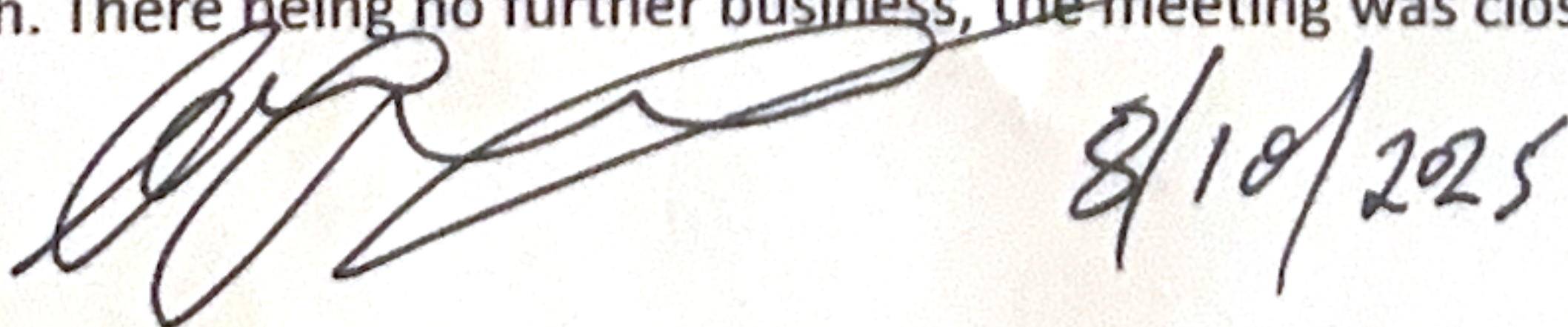
Cllr Watson reported that the traffic access gate to Brunstock Common Land is damaged and requires repair or replacement.

Cllr Leitch reported concerns over enforcement action with the Old School Cottage as well as discharge of effluent from a septic tank onto the road. The matter has been reported to both Environmental Agency and Public Health with no success. Cllr Leitch is to draft letters for the Parish Council to follow up on both issues.

Cllr B Bell raised concerns that the deceased tree remains in place on Linstock Village Green. The Clerk is to progress the matter with the grounds maintenance contractor.

SR 592/09/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday, 8th October 2025, at Linstock WI Hall at 7.30pm. Agenda items must be submitted to the Clerk by 1st October 2025. Apologies were submitted by Cllr Leitch. There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.23pm.



8/10/2025