

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2024
at 8pm in the WI Hall, Linstock

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Four members of the public. The Clerk, S Kyle.

SR 404/4/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr A Robinson. Apologies were also received from Cumberland Cllr J Mallinson.

SR 405/4/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 20th MARCH 2024

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

SR 406/4/24 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Resolved to co-opt David Small to the Parish Council with immediate effect. Cllr Small signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

SR 407/4/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Leitch's dispensation regarding 22/02672 remains ongoing. Cllr Nicholson declared a precautionary non-pecuniary interest in 24/0176 1 Whiteclosegate and a non-pecuniary interest in the Houghton Village Hall grant application. Cllr Watson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Linstock WI Grant application and a pecuniary interest in planning application 24/0233.

SR 408/4/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the Public's

One resident was in attendance with several points:

- Parking restrictions outside The Old Fire Station, Carlisle.
- Quality of road works undertaken in Jackson Road, Houghton.
- He had spoken to the Planning Officer with regards to 23/0347 and had been informed it may be going to the Development Control Committee in June.
- Concerns regarding parked cars outside St. John's Church.

These matters will be referred to Cumberland Cllrs for consideration. Regarding the parked cars at the Church, the resident was advised to forward details so the matter could be referred to the Police.

A second member of the public raised concerns regarding overgrowing on the footpath to Close House. He also reported that the footpath stile was broken and the signage was inadequate. This will also be referred to Cumberland Council.



Cumberland Councillors

Cllr Wernham reported updates regarding the local panel meetings taking place in Cumberland Council, noting that the Chief Constable had attended following concerns raised regarding electric motorcycles. He also reported the threatened closure of Moot Lodge Nursing Home in Brampton had been discussed.

SR 409/4/24 PLANNING MATTERS

409.1 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

This matter is ongoing and will be considered at the May meeting. It was noted that the documentation is not explicit with regards to proposed changes and that discrepancies have been found in the submitted documentation.

24/0182 5 Smithy Croft, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0NS - Erection Of Two Storey Side Extension To Provide Living Room, Utility Room, Snug, Shower Room And Garage On Ground Floor With 3no. Bedrooms (1no. En Suite) Above

Resolved to recommend determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance, although noting concerns regarding potential dominance due to height and massing.

24/0192 7 Green Lane, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0NT - Erection Of Two Storey Side Extension To Provide Carport On Ground Floor With En-Suite Bedroom Above

Resolved to recommend determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

24/0176 1 Whiteclosegate, Carlisle, CA3 0JA - Erection Of Rear Single Storey Extension To Provide Kitchen, Utility, Diner & Lounge Extension

Resolved to recommend determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance with a condition that the flat roof of the single storey rear extension shall not be made available at any time for use as a balcony or veranda of any form, to avoid intrusive overlooking and safeguard the living conditions of neighbouring dwellings.

24/0199 Fairholme Farm, Birky Lane, Walby, Carlisle, CA6 4QL - Change Of Use Of Former Poultry Units To 4no. Units For Use Class B8 (Storage & Distribution)

Resolved to recommend determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

Cllr Watson left the room for this item

24/0233 Eden Meadows, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PY - Demolition Of 1no. Bungalow; Erection Of 1no. Replacement Two Storey Dwelling

Resolved that the Parish Council object to the proposal due to the proposed balcony. However, this objection may be overcome through removal of the projecting balcony to protect the residential amenity of neighbouring dwellings and the privacy of their occupants.

7.47pm, Cumberland Cllr Wernham left the meeting.

409.2 To Receive Permission Notices:



24/0001 48 Lansdowne Close, Carlisle, CA3 9HN - TPO Pollard 1no. Ash Tree To 5m Subject To TPO 288

It was noted that Cllr Robinson had attended the meeting to consider this on behalf of the PC. His report of the meeting had been circulated to members.

409.3 To Receive Updates

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

No further update, following public participation, was provided.

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

Cllr Leitch reported that the matter remained ongoing with further works taking place without consent. She also reported that correspondence with Cumberland Council was inadequate. Cllr Leitch will consider escalating the matter to MP Dr Neil Hudson if appropriate.

SR 410/4/24 Administrative Matters

410.1 Community Led Plan

Plans to run an event to engage community members on 24th April were confirmed. All Cllrs are asked to attend for all or part of the evening, which will run from 7pm to 9pm, with additional time for set-up before and after. The working group are to meet to finalise plans on 19th April.

Resolved to agree a provisional working budget up to £500. Cllr Nicholson to compose a press release to publicise the evening.

410.2. Play area Maintenance

Members were informed that tenders had been issued for play area repairs; an update will be provided in May.

Resolved to authorise expenditure up to £500 required for additional urgent maintenance at Linstock play area on the tower piece of equipment. Safety tape is to be renewed to prevent its use.

SR 411/4/24 CLERK'S REPORT

In addition to the matters listed on the agenda, the following matters were noted:

Speed Camera

It was reported that there has been no progress with the request for this installation on Houghton Road. Cllr Savory is to provide additional information regarding the speed data collected however concerns regarding the Highways system were considered in conjunction with this.

Speedwatch

Members were informed that, contrary to expectations, the radar gun had not been made available for use in Houghton. No further update about when it would be available again was available.



Linstock Green Drainage

The Chairman had met with one drainage contractor on-site to consider the problems raised in two areas of the Green. They will return when possible to undertake a proper survey and suggest potential solutions. A further issue regarding blocked drains in Linstock had been brought to the attention of the Council and would be taken up with Highways as a priority. Additionally, concerns had been raised regarding the state of the track – quotations for repair with road plainings will be obtained.

SR 412/4/24 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

412.1 Jackson Road Parking

It was reported that surveys had been returned with a response rate of 63%. A full report will be circulated for the May meeting. Thanks were noted to Cllr Savory for his work compiling the report.

412.2 Speed Indication Device

A report indicating the six-monthly data and annual figures had been circulated alongside the agenda and was noted. It was highlighted that up to 1 million vehicles are using the road annually.

SR 413/4/24 FINANCE MATTERS

413.1 Payments

Resolved to authorise the payment of invoices below:

Payee	Details	Method	Gross Amount
Sarah Kyle	April Salary	BACS	£1,280.10
HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£140.35
NEST	Pension April	DD	£93.69
A Kyle	April Salary	BACS	£232.40
SLCC	Subscription	BACS	£188.00
CALC	Subscription	BACS	571.47
Cumbria Payroll	Annual Invoice	BACS	£252.00
			£2,758.01

413.2 Bank Reconciliation

Cash Book	Balance at 01.04.2023	£48,554.48
	Receipts to 31.02.24	£56,394.90
		£104,949.38
	Expenditure to 31.03.24	£50,131.96
	Cash book balance 31.03.24	£54,817.42
Represented by: Current A/C (Unity)		£2,948.70



Savings A/C (Unity)	<u>£50,863.57</u>
Balance at bank 31.03.24	<u>£53,812.27</u>
plus cheques still to be deposited	£1,005.15
less payments still to be made	<u>0</u>
	<u>£54,817.42</u>

Cllr Watson left the room for this item

413.3 Grant Scheme

Resolved to agree the recommendations of the Finance Working Group and award grant payments to the following applicants:

- Linstock WI Hall - £1500 towards new windows
- Houghton School PFTA - £500 towards a community fete.
- Houghton Village Hall - £800 as a third-party contribution towards a larger grant application for
- Houghton in Bloom - £500 towards planting costs
- Susan's Farm - £400 towards a community bonfire
- Brunstock Residents - £2300 towards resurfacing of Pond Lane (to be paid directly to Tolson's)

SR 414/4/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Coles reported flooding adjacent to the bus stop opposite Eden Gate. It was reported that this was leading to residents having to access and alight the bus in alternate locations. Suitable alternatives, such as applying to have the bus stop relocated, were discussed.

Cllr Coles also reported that he had alerted police to a potential suspicious vehicle in Eden Gate.

SR 415/4/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall. Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk before 22nd April 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.31pm.



Handwritten signature and date: 1/5/2024