

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2024
at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Crosby-on-Eden

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

One member of the public. Cumberland Cllr J Mallinson. The Clerk, S Kyle.

SR 429/6/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

SR 430/6/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st May 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 431/6/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The dispensation for Cllr Leitch in respect of planning application 22/0672 remains ongoing.

It was also stated that the dispensation for Cllr Robinson in respect of planning application 22/0297 will end now that the application has been determined.

SR 432/6/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the Public

One member of the public was in attendance to make representations regarding planning application 22/0297. He first thanked the Parish Council for their support in the application process and then reported concerns regarding the criteria upon which Cumberland Council refused the application.

Cumberland Councillors

Cllr Mallinson had no representations to make.

SR 433/6/24 PLANNING MATTERS

433.1 Resolved to ratify responses submitted prior to the meeting:

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

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

Resolved to submit an addendum regarding the principle of consistency to the earlier objection. This will be circulated, submitted, and ratified in July.

24/0304 42 Whiteclosegate, Carlisle, CA3 0JB - Erection of Two Storey Rear Extension to Provide Dining Area on Ground Floor with Extended Bedroom Above

24/0248 Garden Cottage, Crosby on Eden, Carlisle, CA6 4QZ - Change of Use of Existing Garage to Provide 1no. Dwelling; Single Storey Front Extension and Changing Flat Roof to Pitched Roof



433.2 To Consider New Applications:

24/0342 Lea Cottage, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PZ - Erection of Single Detached Garage

Resolved to recommend that the application is determined in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

24/0343 Green Acres Caravan Park, High Knells, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4JW - Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Form 12no. Additional Caravan Pitches & Associated Infrastructure Together with Extension to Existing Shower Block

It was noted that this application was received, and a response would be formulated for consideration and ratification at the July meeting.

433.3 Resolved to Note Received Permission Notices:

24/0145 59 Millcroft, Carlisle, CA3 OHT - Erection of Single Storey Extension to Rear to Provide Additional Living Accommodation; Front Extension to Provide Porch on Ground Floor with New Roof Over to Create First Floor Area; Installation of Solar Panels to Rear Elevation; Extension to Driveway (Revised Application) (Part Retrospective)

24/0176 1 Whiteclosegate, Carlisle, CA3 OJA - Erection of Rear Single Storey Extension to Provide Kitchen, Utility, Diner & Lounge Extension

24/0264 The Near Boot Inn, Whiteclosegate, Carlisle, CA3 OJA - Display of Externally/Internally Illuminated and Non-Illuminated Signage to Exterior of Building; Redecoration of Exterior of Building (LBC)

23/0378 Stonedale Farm, The Green, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 OLN - Siting of A Residential Caravan to Be Occupied in Conjunction with The Existing Equestrian/Agricultural Business

433.4 Resolved to Note Received Refusal Notices:

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

It was briefly noted that the application was refused on the grounds of the veteran trees on the site, and the lack of a suitable nutrient neutrality/habitats assessment. Conditions for appeal were considered. It was noted that the matter is now closed pending any further notification from the LPA.

433.5 To Receive Updates

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

It was reported that the application is now unlikely to be heard at the July Development Control Committee. Highways now appear satisfied with a revised layout. Updated drainage plans have now been submitted with the relevant water-based authorities now being reconsulted It was also reported that a revised Nutrient Neutrality Mitigation Strategy is still being awaited from the applicant.

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 on the above as a member of the public, noting that the developer continues works. They were advised to consult with Darren Crossley at Cumberland Council.

SR 434/6/24 Administrative Matters

434.1 Community Led Plan

Consideration was given to the future formulation of a Community Led Plan, noting concerns that there is still insufficient interest to drive the initiative by the community to present a resident-led rather than Council-imposed plan.

Resolved to defer consideration of a Community Led Plan until further notice. A forward-plan for operations will instead be considered. Cllrs Leitch and Nedved to consider in the first instance.

SR 435/6/24 Village Matters

435.1 Linstock Trees

Concerns had been raised by a household in Linstock regarding falling leaves and bird droppings from trees on the Village Green onto their driveway. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had conducted a site visit to inspect the problem and reported on their findings, presenting photos of the site. It was reported that the trees appear healthy and pose no safety risk.

Resolved to allow the household to undertake maintenance works within their own boundary and at their own expense, provided a Council approved contractor be engaged and only after submission of a plan for the works has been approved by the Council.

435.2 Crosby Parish Hall Gate

Resolved to purchase and install a galvanised metal gate to replace the damaged wooden gate in the boundary fence.

435.3 D-Day Bench

Resolved to purchase two benches in commemoration of the above. One bench to be donated for use at the Crosby play area if the Hall Committee agree; the other to replace the damaged bench in Linstock. It was clarified that the damaged bench belongs to Crosby Parish Hall, and they will be recommended strongly to remove the bench immediately from usage due to safety concerns.

435.4 Replacement Noticeboards

Resolved to purchase two replacement noticeboards using grant funding obtained from Cumberland Council. The Clerk has already requested a quotation for maintenance for the other boards and bus shelters in the parish. Cumberland Cllr Mallinson offered to support the above projects with a small financial contribution. The Clerk will follow this up.

SR 436/6/24 CLERK'S REPORT

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

Grass Cutting

It was noted that some complaints had been received regarding the grass cutting frequency in Linstock. The matter was in-hand with the contractors who were working to resolve the issue.



Concerns had also been raised regarding the grass cutting in Tribune Drive, Houghton. This matter had been referred to Cumberland Council for their attention as landowners.

Linstock Drainage

Investigative works had been undertaken at Linstock regarding the concerns over drainage on the Green. The matter will be reported in full at the July meeting. Cllr Nicholson added that the previously raised concerns over Highway flooding in Linstock were being progressed.

Brunstock A689 tree maintenance

Concerns regarding the above had been raised regarding safety when exiting the junction from Brunstock onto the A689. This has been reported to Highways.

Planning Enforcement, Houghton

A resident had raised concerns regarding planning enforcement at South View, Houghton. The matter had been referred to Cumberland Council.

Linstock Play Area

Two site meetings had taken place, with a further two planned, to get quotes for replacement of the main piece of play equipment.

General Play Area Maintenance

It was reported that no response to the invitation to tender for the above had been received. Work remains ongoing to engage a suitable contractor.

SR 437/6/24 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

9.1 Speedwatch

The Speedwatch team, comprising Cllrs Savory and Watson ran seven sessions in May, with 31 vehicles caught speeding. A noticeable effect is evident when the team are in operation. A further four sessions were cancelled due to the rain. Confirmation had been obtained from the Police that most of those caught had received warning letters. It was noted that the fastest speed recorded in the 30mph zone was 61mph. It is anticipated that the camera will be available in June when a further eight sessions are planned.

It was also reported that concerns were raised during a session regarding the parked vehicles on the pavement, causing an obstruction for pedestrians. Residents are advised to report vehicles who cause a complete obstruction of the footway to the Police.

9.2 Bus Stop, Houghton Road

Cllr Small reported that he had investigated the site during periods of precipitation and whilst the area was dry. It was suggested that the drainage system has either collapsed or is blocked and requires Highways intervention.

Resolved to refer the matter to Highways.

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9.3 Footpath

A request had been received for a footway to be created between Brunstock and the Linstock Roundabout on the A689. Further, request for a footway to be mown into the grass between Brunstock and Houghton Hall Garden centre, were renewed.

Resolved to forward the requests to Highways for their consideration.

SR 438/6/24 FINANCE MATTERS

438.1 Payments

Resolved to authorise the payment of invoices below:

Payee	Details	Method	Gross Amount
Sarah Kyle	Salary	BACS	£1294.50
HMRC	PAYE	BACS	£140.35
NEST	Pension	DD	£93.69
A Kyle	Salary	BACS	£232.40
Houghton Village Hall	Hall Hire	BACS	£95.00
Linstock Village Hall	Hall Hire	BACS	£20.00
Craig Nicholson	Flyer reimbursement	BACS	£79.00
Sarah Kyle	Reimbursements	BACS	£237.13
Parish Online	Mapping Software	BACS	£228.00
Houghton in Bloom	Grant	BACS	£500.00
Houghton PTA	Grant	BACS	£500.00
TG Norman	Post for Linstock	BACS	£31.20
			<u>£3451.27</u>

438.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to note the bank reconciliation on 31st May 2024:

<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>		
Cash Book	Balance at 01.04.2024	£54,817.42
	Receipts to 31.05.24	£48,500.00
		<u>£103,317.42</u>
	Expenditure to 31.05.24	£5,968.84
	Cash book balance 31.03.24	<u>£97,348.58</u>
Represented by:	Current A/C (Unity)	£2,979.86
	Savings A/C (Unity)	£93,363.57
	Balance at bank 31.05.24	<u>£96,343.43</u>
	plus cheques still to be deposited	£1,005.15
	less payments still to be made	<u>0</u>
		<u>£97,348.58</u>



SR 439/6/24 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24

439.1 Internal Auditors Report

Resolved to accept the end of year internal auditors report for the financial year 2023/24.

439.2 Annual Governance Statement

Resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 and authorise the Chairman to sign the Annual return.

439.3 Accounting Statements

Resolved to approve the Accounting Statements for 2023/24 and authorise the Chairman to sign the annual return.

SR 440/6/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Clr Savory queried whether a traffic detection unit was in operation on Brampton Road and whether the Council might obtain the data when available.

Clr Leitch reported that road markings require maintenance in Rickerby; the matter to be referred to Highways.

Clr Leitch also reported that following tarmac works in Rickerby, vehicles in the area are speeding on the smooth surface. A request was therefore made for support in signage. The matter will be considered in July once clarification regarding the road status has been obtained.

Clr Watson reported concerns over suspected abandoned vehicles on Pond Lane, Brunstock. The matter will be placed on the July agenda.

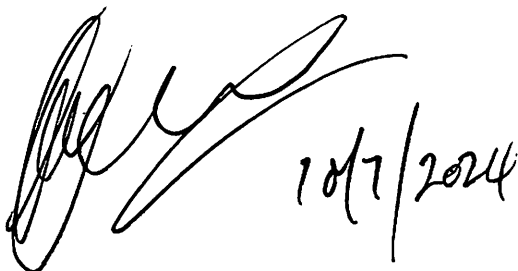
Clr A Bell reported resident's concerns regarding the grass cutting in Linstock, which had been considered under the Clerk's report.

Clr A Bell also noted concerns that hedges were encroaching onto the road/footpath and prohibiting access. Residents are advised to report such matters to Highways who can enforce cutting if necessary.

SR 441/6/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall. Agenda items should be submitted to the Clerk by 1st July 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.44pm.



10/7/2024