

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Linstock
PRESENT**

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

IN ATTENDANCE

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

SR 478/11/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

SR 479/11/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9th OCTOBER 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 480/11/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

SR 481/11/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public were in attendance regarding SR 484/11/24.1 Houghton Green Drainage. Representations by the attending residents were made, detailing ongoing issues with drainage affecting their property. -It was confirmed by the Chairman that quotations are being sought for investigative works and further discussions will be held once the costs are confirmed. This may involve the Parish Council undertaking works as a goodwill gesture or might necessitate a request to residents for a financial contribution to enable their completion. Until the costs are known however, no progress can be made, and the matter was therefore left ongoing.

SR 482/11/24 PLANNING MATTERS

482.1 To Ratify Responses Submitted Prior to the Meeting:

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

Resolved to ratify an additional response made confirming the Parish Council objection to the above, following circulation to all members prior to the meeting.

482.2 To Consider New Applications

24/0471 82 Longlands Road, Carlisle, CA3 9AF - Erection of Detached 4no.Bedroom Dwelling Together with New Vehicular Access to Neighbouring Property

Resolved that the Parish Council previous response to the application remains unchanged following the proposed amended roofing material and responses from statutory consultees.

24/0672 Eden Meadows, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PY - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Permission 24/0233 (Demolition Of 1no. Bungalow; Erection Of 1no. Replacement Two Storey Dwelling) For Minor Alterations to External Elevations



Cllr Watson left the room for this item only.

Resolved that the Parish Council's previous objection to the original balcony design in respect of Appn Ref 24/0233 has been overcome through the proposed use of solid plinths supporting panels of obscure glass at the ends of the balcony. It therefore now recommends determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

482.3 Resolved to Receive Permission Notices:

24/0543 8 Beech Grove, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0NU - Erection of Single Storey Side and Rear Extension to Provide Additional Living Accommodation; Erection of Front and Rear Dormers to Roof to Provide 1no. Additional Bedroom at First Floor Level

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

24/0457 Greenside, Brunstock Mews, Brunstock, Carlisle, CA6 4QG - Replacement of Existing Garage Roof with New Structure Incorporating 2no. Roof Dormers Together with Creation of Bedroom Within Garage Roof Space

482.4 Updates Regarding Ongoing Issues

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

Members were informed that the nutrient neutrality statement still remains outstanding, and progress is not anticipated prior to the February Development Control Committee. Thanks were given to Cllr Nedved for his continued assistance with monitoring the application.

SR 483/10/24 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

483.1 Local Government Scheme Pay Award 2024

Resolved to agree the implementation of the Clerk & Assistant annual one-point spinal increase following successful appraisals and to resolve the implementation of the newly agreed NJC pay scales, effective from April 2024.

483.2 Emergency Plan

An update to the plan was provided, noting that good progress is being made with the draft anticipated to be circulated for approval at the January meeting. Thanks were given to Cllr's Leitch, Nedved and A Bell for their ongoing efforts.

SR 484/11/24 VILLAGE MATTERS

484.1 Houghton/Linstock Village Green Drainage

The matter was considered in public participation. Quotes are still awaited, and the matter was therefore deferred until they are received.



484.2 Felling of Brunstock Trees

Further to previous reports of felling of trees without consent in Brunstock, residents had applied for the application of Tree Protection Orders on the remaining trees. A response from Cumberland Council had been received confirming that, as the trees form part of the hedgerow, they are protected under The Hedgerow Regulations 1997 and therefore TPO's would not be required. Cumberland Council also confirmed that the affected hedgerow/verge where the trees had been felled is not within their ownership and that the householder responsible for the loss had agreed to replant 2 x 10cm girth Rowan trees to compensate for the loss within the next six weeks.

484.3 Brunstock Common Land

An invoice had been received from the contractor for which itemised details were being sought.

484.4 Tarraby Common Bench

It was reported that vandals had destroyed the above, which had been reported to the Police. **Resolved** to gratefully accept a generous offer of the installation of a replacement bench from Top Notch Contractors Ltd.

484.5 Vallum Walkway

Resolved to offer sincere thanks to Mr R Macdowall for undertaking improvement works on the above for the benefit of the community.

SR 485/11/24 CLERK'S REPORT

Financial Regulations

The document will be considered at the forthcoming Finance/Risk working group.

Bus Shelter Noticeboard Relocation

This matter remains outstanding whilst waiting for a response from Cumberland Council.

Crosby Bus Shelter

No action has been taken regarding removal of the shelter to date.

Replacement Street Furniture

The installation of the new noticeboards and bench in Linstock remains outstanding.

SR 486/11/24 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

486.1 Speed indication Device

The half-yearly data report had been circulated alongside the agenda. It was noted that fewer vehicles are travelling south to north than north to south and that monthly figures are similar, with August figures lower, coinciding with school holidays. It was also confirmed that average speeds are slightly higher at weekends, although similar month by month and significantly lower than before deployment of the speed indicator device. The highest speeds are 60 mph south to north and 65 mph north to south, with lowest speeds (10-20 mph) consisting of deliveries/vehicles turning in & out of drives. It was also reported that a casual observation of



the speed sign shows that most vehicles that are speeding as they approach do slow down, but not necessarily to thirty mph.

486.2 Cumberland Council (Footpath No 132015 Parish of Stanwix Rural) Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2024 & Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order (No 5) 2024

The above documentation had been received and was noted. It was confirmed that the ongoing three-year process would result in Cumberland Council assuming maintenance responsibilities for the right of way.

SR 487/10/24 FINANCE MATTERS

487.1 Receipts

Resolved to note the receipt of income from Cumberland Council (£1500 grant) and Unity Bank (£551.35 interest).

487.2 Payments

Resolved to authorise the payment of invoices below:

Payee	Details	Gross Amount
Sarah Kyle	November Salary	£ 1,700.62
HMRC	PAYE November	£ 396.59
NEST	Pension November	£ 136.61
A Kyle	November Salary	£ 396.60
Unity Bank	Monthly charge	£ 23.40
Moore	Audit	£ 378.00
C Nicholson	Reimbursements	£ 36.29
Linstock WI Hall	Rental	£ 70.00
		£ 3,138.11

487.3 Bank Reconciliation

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

Balance at 01.04.2024	£ 54,817.42
Receipts to 31.10.24	£ 51,128.63
	£ 105,946.05
Expenditure to 31.10.24	£ 30,821.07
Cash book balance 31.10.24	£ 75,124.98

SR 488/11/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS

Cllr Bell reported required maintenance of the track on the small Green in Linstock; this is to be investigated and brought to a future meeting.



Cllr Coles reported ongoing works to the drainage connections at Eden Gate.

Cllr Nicholson reported concerns over rodents in Brunstock; the matter will be taken forward to the December meeting.

SR 489/11/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in Houghton Village Hall. Agenda items must be submitted by 2nd December 2024.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 8.12pm.

Exclusion of Press & Public - Part B Item

The following item is considered confidential and the exclusion of members of the public or press as permitted under the Local Government Act 1972 is necessary.

SR 490/11/24 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Consideration was given to the renewal of the ground's maintenance contract for 2025.

Resolved that a further 12-month contract be issued under the conditions that the schedule must be adhered to.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.27pm.



10/12/2024