

## STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm in the WI Hall, Linstock

### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### SR 466/10/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr's A Coles, A Robinson and C Savory.

### SR 467/10/24 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 468/10/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

### SR 469/10/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### *Members of the Public*

One resident from Linstock was in attendance to seek updates and provide clarity on various matters previously raised in written correspondence:

- East Green Linstock drainage; concerns over the ponding issues that remain. It was reported that an on-site meeting with the contractor is still planned.
- Grass cutting, Linstock; concerns were expressed by the resident regarding the frequency of cuts this year.
- Rickerby Cycle Track. Thanks were given following recent works undertaken by Cumberland Council to make the track usable.
- Speeding, Linstock; concerns over speeds noted. Cumberland Cllr Mallinson reported that all speeding issues are being deferred for consideration in 2026/27 but he can request Linstock is added to the list for speed limit reduction.
- Village Green, Linstock vehicular damage; concerns over vehicles mounting the kerbs and damaging the Green; this is to be considered further by the Parish Council.

#### *Cumberland Councillors*

Cumberland Cllr J Mallinson reported progress with Highways regarding Houghton Village Green drainage, although noting that the Council will not be prepared to undertake further works due to ownership issues. Cllr Mallinson also reported his satisfaction at the works undertaken at Rickerby Cycle Path, as noted above, with further works requested to alleviate roots making the surface uneven.

### SR 470/10/24 PLANNING MATTERS

#### 470.1 To Receive Updates

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

It was reported that the nutrient neutrality submission remains outstanding therefore there will be no progression to the Development Control Committee imminently.



**21/1143 Land Adjacent to Meadow Cottage, Tarraby, Carlisle, CA3 0JS - Erection of 4no. Dwellings and Associated Works**

Members were informed that an ancient hedgerow had been removed and trees felled in conjunction with above, as yet undecided, planning application. Enforcement action is now being pursued by Cumberland Council. An update will be provided at a future meeting

**SR 471/10/24 Administrative Matters**

**471.2 Proposed reforms to the National Policy Framework**

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

**SR 472/10/24 Village Matters**

**472.1 Houghton Village Green**

Reports of ponding at the above had been received, with photographs circulated demonstrating the extent of the issue.

**Resolved** to seek quotations for remedial works to two areas of Houghton Village Green; the first adjacent to the pathway at the rear of the Green and the second relating to the ongoing issues adjacent to houses 1 – 3. Once costs have been established for both areas, the matter will be brought back to a meeting for further consideration.

**472.2 Felling of Brunstock trees**

Members were informed that several large, established trees had been felled at the end of the bridleway in Brunstock. Correspondence had been exchanged with Cumberland Council, Highways and the Forestry Commission with serious concerns being expressed that the works have been undertaken without appropriate consent and that Highways appear reluctant to accept responsibility or ownership of the land.

**Resolved** to write to Cumberland Council urging that appropriate and substantial action be taken against the offenders.

**472.3 Brunstock Common Land**

An on-site meeting with the pond contractor had been attended by the Chairman. A full report will be considered at a future meeting when a cost estimate for the final proposed works is received.

**SR 473/10/24 CLERK'S REPORT'**

In addition to the items on the agenda proper, the following were noted after being circulated alongside the agenda:

*Linstock Play Area Consultation*

A consultation drop-in event will be held from 6pm to 7pm on 13<sup>th</sup> November in Linstock WI Hall prior to the Parish Council meeting. Flyers have been printed for circulation and will be delivered in due course. The consultation is also live on the website.

*Street Furniture*

There is no update with the bench and noticeboard installation. With regards to moving the Whiteclosegate noticeboard, a request has been lodged to Cumberland Council regarding ownership of the bus shelter adjacent on Houghton Road. No response has yet been received. Confirmation



has been obtained from Cumberland Council that the bus stop at Crosby Moor is used by at least one school child however it is not believed they ever use the shelter. A decision regarding removal or repair will therefore be made in due course.

*Emergency Plan*

This matter has been deferred until the November meeting.

*Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment*

The above documents will now be presented to the November meeting to allow for consideration by the Finance/Risk working group.

**SR 474/10/24 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**474.1 Updates**

As noted in public participation above, consideration has been requested to manage the damage being incurred on Linstock Village Green due to vehicles mounting the grass. The placement of boulders or bollards will be placed on a future agenda.

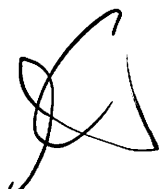
It was also requested that consideration be given to extension of the Speedwatch scheme to Linstock to mitigate the perceived speeding issue. It was explained that this would need an increase in capacity of volunteers, following appropriate training, as well as an agreed risk assessment by the Police. The matter will be discussed with Cllr's Savory and Watson and considered further at a future meeting.

**SR 475/10/24 FINANCE MATTERS**

**475.1 Payments**

**Resolved to authorise the payment of invoices below:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Gross Amount</b>
Sarah Kyle	September Salary	£1,309.80
HMRC	PAYE September	£140.35
NEST	Pension September	£93.69
A Kyle	September Salary	£232.40
Sarah Kyle	August Salary	£1,256.50
HMRC	PAYE August	£93.69
NEST	Pension August	£140.55
A Kyle	August Salary	£232.40
Crosby on Eden Parish Hall	Hall Hire	£384.00
Pattinson's Painters and Decorators	Painting	£820.00
Cluaran Landscape Services	Grounds Maintenance	£1,746.00
Sarah Kyle	Defibrillator Pads	£143.88
Ali Vaughan	Mole Catching	£150.00
Greenbarnes Ltd	Noticeboards	£2,918.32
Cluaran Landscape Services	Grounds Maintenance	£492.00
Tolson & Sons	Grant Brunstock	£2,760.00
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#### **475.2 Bank Reconciliation**

**Resolved** to note the bank reconciliation on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024:

#### **475.3 Quarterly Budget Update**

A schedule of income and expenditure against budget from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 had been circulated alongside the agenda and was **noted**.

#### **475.4 Audit 2023/24**

**Resolved** to note the completion of the audit, with the Notice of Conclusion of Audit displayed as required on the website and noticeboards from 23 September 2024.

#### **SR 476/10/24 COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

Cllr Nicholson reported that drainage issues on Gladwin Drive, Houghton, relating to the soakaway were being attended to. He also reported concerns over the inadequate information circulated regarding the road closures for the Cumbrian Run and the lack of clarity over procedures.

Cllr Nedved reported that The Stag Public Inn had reopened in Crosby-on-Eden.

#### **SR 477/10/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved** that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Linstock WI Hall. The drop-in event for the Linstock Play Area consultation will be held from 6pm – 7pm on the same evening. Agenda items must be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm.



13/11/2024