

**STANWIX RURAL
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

May 2006

to

April 2007

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th May 2006 in the Village Hall, Houghton

SR 01/5/06. Election of Chairman for the year 2006-07

Cllr C Nicholson was unanimously elected Chairman for the coming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

SR 02/5/06. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S Alecock, A Gosling, L Kielty, N Woodmass, County Cllr J Mallinson and City Cllr M Bowman.

SR 03/5/06. Present

Cllr C Nicholson(Chair) and Cllrs W Aldred, S Aglionby, G Cawley, M Clarke, W Clark, M Naylor, P Gascoigne, A Lightfoot, W Wannop and A Welsh

In attendance - City Cllr J Bainbridge and Police Constable K Hughes and 17 members of the public

SR 04/5/06. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr G Cawley was unanimously elected Vice Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

SR 05/5/06. Appointment of representatives to be members of or attend outside bodies

It was resolved to appoint representatives to the following outside bodies

Stanwix and Wetheral Neighbourhood Forum – Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk

Cumbria Police Authority Community Forum(Carlisle) - Cllrs M Clarke and M Naylor

Houghton Village hall Committee – Cllr A Lightfoot

Carlisle City Council Environment forum – Cllr M Clarke

SR 06/5/06. Declarations of Interest

No declarations any personal and or prejudicial interests relating to any item on the agenda were declared.

SR 07/5/06. Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th April 2006.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th April 2006 be received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SR 08/5/06. Public Participation

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to address the Council or raise matters of interest.

Several members of the public raised the following matters in respect of the Houghton Police cells issue –

Refusal to answer questions
 Criticism of the advice of the Clerk
 Non Circulation to Councillors of the Minutes of the Police Authority Community Forum of January 2006
 Criticism of individual Councillor actions

There was a discussion during which the Chairman supported members who had been criticized, clarified his own approach during the meeting in August 2005 and confirmed his view of the role of the Parish Council as maintaining the social integrity of the Parish.

Upon the Chairman's invitation the Clerk confirmed advice previously given that questions could be asked only of the Council and not individual Councillors; minutes of the Police Authority Community Forum were not routinely circulated to Councillors and that the agreed minutes of the Council need only contain the decisions of the Council.

Further points raised included –

Strong praise of Parish Council's general record
 The use of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to obtain information.
 Failure of the Council to congratulate the RACS group for its success
 The difference between the reports of representatives and the minutes of the Police Authority Community Forum minutes of January 2006.

During the ensuing discussion reference was made by Councillors to concerns about the behaviour of some residents towards Councillors. Reference was also made to the wish by some, to continue debating issues that had already been concluded. If there was continued public concern about individual Councillor actions, then recourse could be made to The Standards Board for England or though the normal election process.

It was resolved to reconvene the meeting and further resolved that there be no further discussion of these and related issues, during Public Participation at future meetings.

SR 09/5/06. Finance matters

HSBC Bank Mandate – Change of Clerk – Resolved to authorise Mr C Moth, the new Clerk to the Council, to supply information to the Bank in regard to the Council's accounts and to act as correspondent with the Bank in regard to the financial matters of the Council.

Receipt of the precept for 2006/07 in the sum of £34,550.00 was noted.

Resolved to reimburse the Crosby On Eden Parent and Toddlers Play Group the cost (in the sum of £195.76) of the annual insurance premium for play equipment to the rear of Crosby Village Hall and that the Clerk be authorized to identify the correct payee and take action to make payment.

Resolved to authorise the following payments -

CSMoth	Salary & expenses April 06	512.72	VN 111	100929
HM Rev & Customs	Employer's Tax & NI April 06	155.1	VN 112	100930
BT TELECOM	Tel Bill to April 06	273.15	VN 113	100931
BT Telecom	Tel bill for 01228 675996	54.73	VN 114	100932

Resolved to make a donation the "Pride of Cumbria Air Ambulance" in the sum of £50 and that the Clerk be authorized to identify the correct payee and take action to make payment.

SR10/5/06. Planning matters

The following permission was noted -

Appn 06/0418 Stonegarth, Houghton – Formation of breakfast room to rear elevation

The following applications were considered –

Appn 06/0004 TPO – Hunters Moon, Kingstown Road – Crown Lift to 4m trees within Tree Preservation orders 84 and 87

Resolved to offer no objection provided that the work was done under the strict supervision of a qualified officer

Appn 06/0456 – Frontage of Houghton C of E School, Houghton – erection of non illuminated signs.

Resolved that no observations be made

Appn 06/0480 – Houghton Vicarage, Houghton – Erection of conservatory, porch and detached garage

Resolved that no observations be made

SR 11/5/06. Highways matters

30mph limit past Hadrians Park entrance on the Old Brampton Road.

Resolved to support the principle of a lower speed limit and await the outcome of a forthcoming traffic survey in the area

Additional signage and turning space at Park Broom.

Resolved to support the principle of creating a large vehicle turning area at the end in the incoming road.

SR 12/5/06. Parish Plan

Resolved that comments on the proposed final publication of the Parish Plan be made by the end of June 2006

SR 13/5/06. Parish Charter review

Resolved that comments in response to a request for views in regard to the updating of the Charter between Carlisle City Council and Parish Councils be given to the Clerk by the end of May 2006.

SR 14/5/06. Emergency Planning

It was reported that-

Leaflets had been delivered in Linstock

The emergency plan would be completed within weeks

The Community Group with County Council and Police Officers will be taking part in a "what if" session next week.

Data Protection issues had to be resolved quickly

SR 15/5/06. County & Carlisle Gypsy and Traveller Groups

It was noted that consideration was being given to an emergency site in Cumbria and especially in the Carlisle area where statistics support the need. It was hoped that Parish Councils in addition to CALC, would be consulted about this and ongoing Gypsy and Traveller issues.

Resolved that Cllr Aglionby would respond in future if a Parish Council representative was required

SR 16/5/06. Carlisle City Council Development Framework

The response to the Carlisle City Council in regard to the Statement of Community Involvement was received and agreed.

SR 17/5/06. Cumbria Police Authority Community Liaison Forum (Carlisle) 24th April 2006

No report was available from a recent meeting of the Community Liaison Forum. In response to a question from the Clerk it was resolved that the minutes of the Forum need not be circulated to Councillors

SR 18/5/06. Village matters

Houghton – provision of a litter bin adjacent to the Near Boot/Tarraby Lane.

Resolved to ask the City Council if a waste bin collection service would be available

Houghton Village Green – drainage and turf repairs to the green, especially in the football goal areas

Resolved to obtain a report, with costs, on what needs to be done

Houghton - Grass Cutting

It was noted that there had been a delay in cutting due to the weather. Action had been taken to ensure that pathways and pavements were kept clear of grass cuttings.

Houghton -Notice Board adjacent the Post Office,

Resolved that the litter bin be moved and the notice Board be lowered for better access to display papers.

Linstock – overhanging tree from the South Green.

Resolved that Cllr Wannop will assess a recent complaint from a resident and report to the next meeting.

Linstock – dog fouling on the North Green

Resolved that the matter be reported to the City Council Dog Warden

Linstock – Car Boot sale on North Green

Resolved to give permission for a car boot sale to be held on the green on 7th July

SR 19/5/06 Resignations from the Council

Cllr W Clarke submitted a letter of resignation from the Council, largely for health reasons and this was accepted

Cllr W Aldred submitted a letter of resignation from the Council for personal reasons and this was accepted

Tributes were paid to the contribution made by both Councillors.

SR 20/5/06. Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was received and noted.

SR 21/5/06. Agenda items for future meetings

Resolved that the following items be included on the agenda for the next meeting

Councillor Vacancies

Charges for information supplied under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Meeting venues

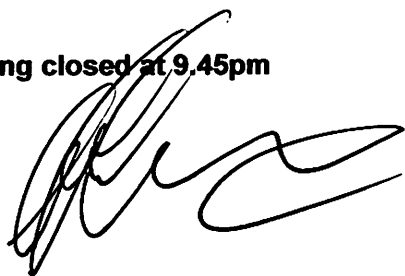
Condition of road adjacent to the former vicarage

Tarraby drains

SR 22/5/06. Date of next meeting – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

**Signed
Chairman**



Date

14/06/06

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th June 2006 in the Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden

SR 23/6/06. Present

Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Aglionby, G Crawley, P Gascoigne, A Gosling, M Naylor and A Welsh

SR 24/6/06 – in Attendance

City Cllrs J Bainbridge and M Bowman

Ms A Richardson – Cumberland News

5 members of the public

SR 25/6/06. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Alecock, M Clark, L Kielty, A Lightfoot W Wannop and N Woodmass

SR 26/6/06. Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Gosling declared a personal interest in Appn Ref 06/0665 within item 6.3

Cllr C Nicholson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Appn Ref 06/0577 within item 6.3

SR 27/6/06. Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th May 2006.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th May 2006 be received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record within the exception that the resolution of Minute SR 08/5/06 be amended to exclude the words "during Public Participation at future meetings"

SR 28/6/06. Public Participation

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to address the Council or raise matters of interest. The time allowed would be 20 minutes and speakers were asked to identify themselves.

Mrs. Roberston stated that the minutes of the last meeting had incorrectly referred to her criticising that advice of the Clerk (which she had found to be correct) when in fact she had criticised the actions of the Clerk. The Chairman accepted this point.

Mr. Taylor asked if a response to his letter (listed as received under a later item) would be given. The Chairman confirmed that a response would be made soon and agreed that the matter be raised under the Correspondence item.



Mr. Taylor also referred the issue of charges for information supplied under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and made reference to a right of access to the Clerks home to look at Parish Council papers. Mr. Taylor was advised that whilst there was public access to Parish Council documents, access to the Clerk's home was discretionary on the part of the Clerk.

There being no other items the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

SR 29/6/06. Finance matters

Accounts to year ended 31st March 2006 – Resolved to approve the accounts

Internal Auditor's report – It was noted that attention should be given to Risk Management and the high end of year balance.

Resolved to receive and approve the internal auditor's report for the Accounting period ended 31st March 2006, to convene the Risk Working Group and to explore the use of unspent balances at a future meeting.

Audit Commission - Annual Return – Resolved to approve the Statement of Assurance and authorise the Chairman to sign the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2006.

HSBC Banking mandate – Resolved to agree the temporary reduction of cheque signatories to 5 following the resignation of Cllr W Aldred

Payments – Resolved to approve payments as follows:

CSMoth	Salary & expenses April 06	512.72	117	100935
HM Rev & Customs	Employer's Tax & NI April 06	155.1	118	100936
Jean Airey	Internal audit 3rd&4th QTRS	100.00	119	100937
Eden Woodland Cons	April grass cutting	496.18	120	100938
Cumbria Plg Fields Assn	Subs 06/07	19.00	121	100939
Thurnams	Stationery items -	39.87	122	100940
Mrs W Aldred	Emergency Plan Copy expenses	16.50	123	100941
Eden Woodland Consultants Ltd	May grass cutting	496.18	124	100942

Resolved also to confirm two payments agreed at the meeting on 10th May 2006 for action by the Clerk :-

Ms R Byers – Crosby on Eden Play equipment insurance - £195.76 (VN115, Ch No. 100933)

GNAAS – donation -£50 (VN116, Ch No.100934)

SR 30/6/06 Planning matters

The following decisions were noted –

Appn Ref: 06/0366 – New House Poplars Farm Houghton – Single storey extension – “permission granted”

Appn Ref: 06/0369 – 7 Pennington Drive Windsor Park, Carlisle – Extension to dining room – “permission granted”

Appn Ref: 06/0384 – High Crosby Farm – Wooden shed to be used as refreshment stop – “permission granted”

Appn Ref: 06/0480 – Houghton Vicarage, Houghton – Erection of conservatory et al – “permission granted”

Resolved to confirm Chairman’s action in regard to the following applications that required Parish Council comment before the next meeting –

Appn Ref: 06/0456 – Frontage to Houghton Nursery – erection of non illuminated signs – revised application – “no observations”

Cumbria County Council – Traffic regulations variation order – Houghton Nursery School – restrictions on school “keep clear” markings – “no comment”

The following applications were considered –

Appn Ref: 06/0179 – Land at barn at Crosby House – Conversion of barn to create camping barn(revised application)

Resolved that no observations be made

Appn 06/0420 – Land at Field 5124 adjacent South View, Houghton – Wood Chalet to be used as annexe for visitors and /or office (retrospective application)

It was noted that for this application a change of use had been notified

Resolved to object on the following grounds -

“The site lies in open countryside, well outside the defined boundary of any settlement. The development is therefore contrary to the Carlisle District Local Plan and the Redeposit Draft Local Plan.

The proposed development, if allowed, may also set a precedent.

The Parish Council therefore objects to the un-authorized development and urges most strongly that it be refused consent; and that any necessary enforcement action be taken.”

Appn Ref 06/0504 – The Croft, Linstock – Installation of new Windows

Resolved to support the application

At this point Cllr Nicholson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the next item and left the meeting.

The Vice – Chairman, Cllr G Crawley assumed the Chair.

Appn Ref: 06/0577 – Crosby on Eden Primary School – New Classroom extension

Whilst some concerns were expressed as to why some Houghton children attended Crosby on Eden Primary school, members were advised that the matter had to be judged on planning grounds only.

Resolved to support the application

Cllr Nicholson returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.



Appn Ref 06/0586 and 06/0587 – Rozelle, Brunstock Mews, Brunstock – Ground Floor extension - resubmitted application

Resolved to support the application as revisions were now tasteful and more in keeping with the rest of the building

Appn Ref 06.0634 – Land adjacent Tarraby Farm, Tarraby Lane, Carlisle
- Erection of one detached dwelling.

Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds -

“The proposal is contrary to policies of the Carlisle District Local Plan. The application is for a dwelling that is incompatible with the criteria set out in the Local Plan and resembles a proposal, in respect of a neighbouring brown-field site, which was refused permission in 2002. The Parish Council therefore objects to the application and recommends the refusal of planning consent.”

Cllr A Gosling declared a personal interest in the next item.

Appn Ref 06/0665 – Complete Engineering Services, Holme End, Crosby on Eden – Demolition of existing workshop and construction of steel framed building to provide improved machinery workshop (revised application)

Resolved to support the application, given the continued maintenance of a Right of Way that allows access of emergency vehicles.

SR 31/6/06 Highways matters

Consultation on Tourism signs – The response from Cumbria Highways rejecting signage at Stanwix Bank was noted

B6264 – It was noted that the police would be commencing a speed data survey in the near future.

Newby East – proposed speed restriction – members welcomed being consulted and resolved to support the proposal.

SR 32/6/06 Administration and Governance matters

Planning Group – resolved that the Clerk identify options and training opportunities at the next meeting

Councillor Vacancies – the Electoral Services Officer, Carlisle City Council had confirmed the following -

No request had been received for an election in the Crosby and Linstock ward and that the Parish Council could now fill the vacancy by co-option.

A request for an election had been properly made in regard to Vallum ward. The election would take place on Thursday 3rd August with nominations submitted between 29th June and 7th July.

Only those electors listed in the register for the Ward are eligible to vote in the election and to subscribe a nomination paper. If only one nomination was received, that person would be declared elected after the last date for withdrawals on 12th July.

The cost of the election (estimated at £1000 for a contested election) would have to be met by the Parish Council. Election notices will be available soon

Resolved to note the situation and request the Clerk to advise in regard to the process for seeking a co-opted member at the next meeting

Meeting venues - Resolved that the Clerk report on options at the next meeting

Freedom of information Act 2000 (charges for information supplied) – it was noted that a recent request had cost approximately £80 but that the spirit of the Act was generally to meet requests with no charge being made.

Resolved that the Clerk report on options at the next meeting.

Cllr A Welsh left the meeting at 9pm

SR 33/6/06 Emergency Planning

It was reported that –

A recent “what if” project had been successful

Cllr Nicholson was acquiring, for integration into the plan, a copy of the Crosby on Eden school evacuation plan

Data protection issues remained unresolved

An application for filled sandbags for a House in Green Lane, Crosby needed to be met

The final plan for Crosby (No. 6) had been circulated to all parties

The Parish Coordinators needed to meet before the Launch date

The launch of the plan will be on Wednesday 28th June at the Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden. Invitees will include representatives of the press, police and City and County Councils

Resolved that –

The launch on June 28th be the opportunity to thank all involved for their hard work

The plan be placed on the Cumbria Community Web site

That notices about the plan be placed on notice boards

That a copy of the plan with personal information deleted, be placed at the Stag Inn, Crosby

SR 34/6/06 Village matters

Crosby on Eden



It was noted that the U1181, Green Lane would closed soon to allow flood bank works

In regard to Crosby Moor, Moor Park Lane the Clerk was asked to write to the organizers of the Pirelli Rally about the use of the lane by spectators

Slow progress was reported in regard to a comprehensive drains map of the locality

The Clerk was asked to contact the utility companies to obtain direct line and email access.

Houghton

The following was noted:-

South View drainage - a full drains inspection was needed to resolve recent problems

Provision of Bus Shelter, Longlands Road North - the County Council Area Committee will be considering the request at their July meeting.

A local resident and dog owner had requested that Dog Litter bins be provided for area adjacent to the church. It was agreed that the City Council be asked to advise.

Linstock

South green – over hanging tree. It was noted that no Tree Preservation Order was in place for the tree in question. It was agreed that action be taken to make the tree safe.

Tarraby – it was reported that some works had been undertaken.

SR 35/6/06 Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was received.

The Chairman summarised the letter sent to him recently by Mr. J Taylor which included a request for an informal meeting. It was noted that the Chairman would respond soon and it was also agreed that the Chairman was not authorised to meet Mr. Taylor on behalf of the Council.

It was noted that Cllr Gosling had received a decision letter from the Standards Board of England which stated that a recently referred complaint about him “should not be investigated”.

SR 36/6/06 Agenda items for future meetings

Resolved that the following item(s) be included on the agenda for the next meeting -

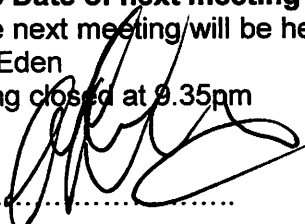
Parish Plan

SR 37/6/06 Date of next meeting –

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed
Chairman.....



Date..... 12/07/06

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on 12th July 2006 in the Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR 38/7/06 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Alecock, Cllrs S Aglionby, G Cawley, P Gascoigne, A Gosling, A Lightfoot, M Naylor and A Welsh, W Wannop and N Woodmass

SR 39/7/06 In Attendance

City Cllrs J Bainbridge and M Bowman

1 member of the public

SR 40/07/06 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Clark and L Kielty.

SR 41/07/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of any personal and or prejudicial interests relating to any item on the agenda

SR 42/07/06 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th June 2006.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th June 2006 were received, agreed and signed by the chairman as a correct record

SR 43/07/06 Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 70 the Chairman adjourned the meeting so as to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.

Mr. Richard Batey, a resident of The Knells referred to the recent application for outline planning permission in respect of a 70 bed care home to be sited on land adjacent to his farm. He was particularly concerned about –

Drainage, especially soakaway systems which did not work at all levels in the area

The development setting off other developments at The Knells

The large area of land needed fro the proposed development

The need for such a facility as near homes were known to have vacancies

These comments were noted for later discussion of this item.

SR 44/07/06 Finance matters

Receipt of the Concurrent Services grant 2006/07 in the sum of £6181.00 was noted

A letter of thanks from GNAAS for the Council's donation of £50 was noted

Payments - Resolved that the following payments be approved:-

CSMoth	Salary & expenses May 06	488.82	125	100943
HM Rev & Customs W	Employer's Tax & NI May 06	155.10	126	100944
Aldred	Emergency Plan expenses	4.90	127	100945
Eden Woodland Cons	June grass cutting	496.18	129	100947
Information Commissioner	notification Fee	35.00	128	100946
RJ Telford & sons	Supply of Notice Boards	1316.00	130	100948

Internal Auditor's Report – Resolved that a group comprising Cllrs G Cawley, C Nicholson, A Welsh and the Clerk be asked to make recommendations in regard to the management of high reserves currently held by the Council

SR 45/07/06 Planning matters

The following decisions were noted –

Appn 06/0179 Land at barn at Crosby House, Crosby – conversion of barn to create camping barn(revised application) – permission granted

Appn 06/0456 Frontage of Houghton Nursery, Jackson Road, Houghton – erection of non-illuminated signage – permission granted

Appn 06/0504 The Croft, Linstock – Installation of new windows – permission granted

The following applications were considered–

Appn 06/0707 Tower Villa, Rickerby – Erection of conservatory – **resolved to comment** that the location of the conservatory was unclear from the information provided.

Appn 06/0743 Land adjacent road, The Knells, Houghton – Outline Planning permission for new care home facility with car parking and water treatment plant. **Resolved to object** to the application for the following reasons:-

Firstly supporting the view of residents that -

1. The proposed development is in open countryside outside the defined boundary of any settlement.
2. The site is an important open space between the separate communities of Townfoot and the Knells
3. A unique wildlife habitat has evolved over many years. This would be lost with any development of the land
4. The site is very wet and there is regular flooding of the adjacent road
5. There are major concerns about sewage disposal as there are problems with existing soakaways
6. There would be major adverse impact upon the environmental and residential amenity of the surrounding landscape and property.

- 7. Any development would set a precedent and may attract more applications for adjacent land which would destroy the identity of the settlements of The Knells and Townfoot.
- 8. The adjacent road is not suitable to support the proposed development. There are no footpaths for pedestrians and visibility for exits is limited. The increase in traffic arising from the development would have a major detrimental impact on road safety and upon the environmental amenity of the area

Secondly the view of the Parish Council:-

The proposal is contrary to Policy H1 of Carlisle District Local Plan Redeposit Draft

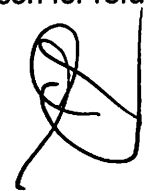
It is understood that there is a surplus of care home places in the Carlisle area; furthermore that only 60 to 70 care home places are needed for the entire Carlisle area over the next few years. The Knells therefore could not sustain the need for such a large development on its own.

- 1. Public transport through The Knells is limited to twice per day at off peak times. The proposal is, therefore, unsustainable in that regard
- 2. The adjacent road is a 'C' classification and unsuitable to support the development
- 3. Without land suitability studies and site plans no comments can be made on the development itself. It appears to go beyond that needed for the area and cannot be sustained by the local site and road infrastructure.
- 4. The proposed development may be roughly equated with a 70 bedroom hotel including all ancillary provisions and services. A development of such magnitude, especially when proposed for such a site, cannot be properly considered as an outline application. A fully detailed application including all required drawings and suitability studies should be demanded

Appn 06/0783 Houghton Hall Garden Centre, Houghton – display of illuminated and non-illuminated signage

Resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:-

- 1. The proposed signage is contrary to Policy E48 Areas of Special Control, of the Carlisle District Local Plan and Policy EC17 Areas of Special Control of Advertisements, of the Carlisle District Local Plan Redeposit Draft.
- 2. The council wishes to see a consistent and fair approach to signage in the area. The above policies were strictly applied to applications:
 - 04/1396 - Display of pole mounted sign - St John's Church, Houghton (on the outskirts of the village)
 - 06/0456 - Erection of non-illuminated signage, Houghton Nursery, Jackson Road, Houghton, (within the village centre) and
 - 05/0503 Erection and display of directional signage (retrospective application) Land opposite St Johns Church/M6 Northbound, Houghton, Carlisle
- 3. Appn. No. 06/0782 relates to a site which lies within open countryside and the policies mentioned should therefore, be applied with the utmost rigour.
- 4. The Council is also concerned that illuminated, or other high visibility signage, may distract drivers on the A 689 and indeed on the northbound carriage way of the adjacent M6 motorway; possible driver distraction being given as a reason for refusing 05/0503.



Appn 06/803 Rozelle, Brunstock – conversion of existing garage to an en-suite bedroom and alteration of existing kitchen window to a doorway – **resolved to support the application**

Appn 06/0399 1 Vestaneum, Crosby on Eden – Single storey extension to side elevation to form living room, w.c. and utility room – **resolved to support the application**

SR 46/07/06 Highways matters

Resolved to support speed limit proposals for the villages for Kirkandrews Moat and Newby East (the latter was the subject of a previous consultation).

Moor Park Lane, Crosby – **resolved to further clarify** the status of the footpath in regard to its use by Pirelli Rally traffic

SR 47/07/06 Administration and Governance matters

Planning Group (Min SR 32/6/06 refers)

Resolved that the council's Consultation and Surveys procedure be amended to include planning applications.

Council Vacancies

It was **noted** that in regard to the election called in **Vallum Ward**, two candidates had been nominated and that the election would take place on 3rd August 2006. Two polling stations at Windsor Way and Houghton Village Hall would be open between 7am and 10pm on election day.

In regard to co-opting a member for the **Crosby and Linstock Ward** it was **resolved** that interested residents be approached to make a written application

Meeting Venues

Resolved that meetings of the Council be held at the Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden and at Houghton Village Hall as follows;-

- August 06 to May 07 – Crosby
- June 07 to August 07 – Houghton
- September 07 to May 08 - Crosby

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Resolved that ordinarily charges for requests not be made but that discretion be reserved to the Council in exceptional circumstances.

Database capacity

Resolved to purchase of a Microsoft Access database programme for use by the Clerk

SR 48/07/06 Open Spaces – Green Spaces

Resolved to support Cllr S Aglionby in putting forward a proposal for grant funding.



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SR 49/07/06 Emergency Plan

It was noted that the launch on 28th June 2006 had been well attended by residents and supported by the principal agencies. There had also been good publicity given to the plan. A trial of flood barriers had identified some communication issues. The suggestion that the exercise be repeated annually was supported.

SR 50/07/06 Carlisle Schools Reorganization

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Forum meeting on 13th July 2006 at Scotby Village hall would be devoted to discussion of the Carlisle Schools reorganization proposals. Maps showing the possible use of common land adjacent to Pennington Drive for the "North School" had been circulated and a number of concerns about the use of the land and also traffic issues were raised. It was noted that there were 4 options for debate but that doing nothing was not an option especially with £30m of government funding on offer for a new school

SR 51/07/06 Village matters

Crosby on Eden – Outside play area adjacent to the Parish Hall

A request from the local playgroup that the Council assume responsibility for the play area was **agreed**. **Furthermore it was agreed** that the play area be refurbished and that the Chairman and Clerk be given power to act in regard to obtaining estimates and commissioning the work.

- **Drains - Resolved** that pressure be brought on the City Council to undertake urgent works

Houghton – South View drains.

It was noted that the City Council will be undertaking a drains survey in the near future

Greens Grass cutting

Resolved that the Chairman and Clerk be given power to act to improve the current contract, by way of increased grass cutting frequency and improved quality.

Linstock, South Green – overhanging tree

Noted that Eden Consultants work undertake the cutting out of a bough

SR 52/07/06 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was noted.

SR 53/07/06 Agenda items for future meetings

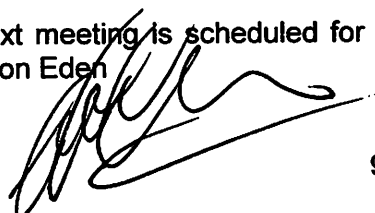
Resolved that the following items be place on the agenda for the next meeting:

- The Parish Plan
- Home End Farm (Crosby Tyre Co.)
- Footpaths in the area of the Scaleby/Houghton A689 junction

SR 54/07/06 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th August 2006 at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Signed
Chairman



9th August 2006.

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STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th August 200⁶ in the Parish hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR 55/08/06 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Alecock, G Cawley, M Clark, A Lightfoot, and L Kielty, J Taylor, A Welsh, W Wannop and N Woodmass.

Mr. Taylor was welcomed to his first meeting following the recent election in Vallum Ward. Mr Taylor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed the Notification of Interests form.

SR 56/08/06 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
7 members of the public

SR 57/08/06 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Aglionby, P Gascoigne, A Gosling and M Naylor, City Cllr M Bowman and County Cllr J Mallinson

SR 58/08/06 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5.2 of the agenda.

SR 59/08/06 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th July 2006.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th July 2006 were received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Reference SR 48/07/06 Open Spaces- Green Spaces. It was noted that an application for funding had been unsuccessful

SR 60/08/06 Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 70 the Chairman adjourned the meeting so as to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.

An elector, speaking for others, congratulated Cllr. Taylor upon his electoral success.

The Clerk, in answer to a question concerning the need for the recent election, confirmed the requirements of the law and that the cost to the Council would be approximately £1200.

The Chairman, in answer to a question regarding the transfer of several meetings from Houghton to Crosby-on-Eden, explained the necessity of the transfer.

SR 61/08/06 Finance matters

Money Management and Risk Assessment – a report from the working group (SR 44/07/06 refers) was received and it was resolved to accept the following recommendations:



Action to reduce balances in the current financial year:-

Village Halls

Complete projects and achieve reduced balances

Parish Plan priorities

New Linstock playground
Refurbishment of the Crosby Playground
Football pitch and Play Equipment in Vallum ward

Communications

New Parish Council notice boards for Brunstock, Linstock, Rickerby and the Knells
New Community notice boards for Houghton, Crosby, Linstock and Windsor Way,

Administration

New duplex printer
Microsoft 'Access' data base software
Risk Management software

Actions for future financial management :-

That General Balances be held at a level that represents a minimum of 4 months of running costs of the Council (currently £8500).

That it may take more than one financial year to achieve the desired level of General Balances.

There be an annual programme of general maintenance and projects.

Grants to the Village halls be subject to bids based on a rolling 3 year programme drawn up by the Village Hall Committees. Where necessary, Earmarked Reserves be established to meet this expenditure.

The Council's annual precept reflects the approved budget, annual programmes and village hall grants and an appropriate level of General Balances. Furthermore that in order to achieve this an annual planning and budgeting programme be agreed.

That the Group identify risks and provide a written report to the Council

Cllr W Wannop took the Chair

Broadband – It was resolved that the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk be reimbursed 50% of their monthly cost of a Broadband Internet connection at an approximate cost of £324 per year in total.

Cllr C Nicholson resumed the Chair

Payments – Resolved that the following payments be approved:-

CSMoth	Salary & expenses July 06	489.71	VN 131	ChNo.100949
HM Rev & Customs Eden	Employer's Tax & NI July06	155.10	VN 132	ChNo.100950
Woodland Cons	July grass cutting	875.41	VN 133	ChNo.100951

SR 62/08/06 Planning matters

The following decisions were noted –

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Appn 06/0420 Land at field 5124 adjacent South View, Houghton - Wood Chalet a self catering holiday accommodation - permission refused

Appn 06/0577 Crosby on Eden Primary School – New Classroom (LBC) – permission granted

Appn 06/0634 – Land adjacent Tarraby Farm, Tarraby lane, Tarraby – erection of one dwelling – permission refused

Appn 06/0665 –Complete Engineering Services, Holme End, Crosby on Eden – Demolition of existing workshop and construction of new steel framed building to provide improved machinery workshop(revised application) – Permission granted

In regard to the following applications, it was agreed to make “no observations”–

Appn 06/0899 – 10 Rickerby Court, Rickerby – Proposed summerhouse to rear garden (revised application)

Appn 06/0901 – Newby Grange, Crosby on Eden – extension to North Wing to provide a sunroom, hall and WC on ground floor with sitting room and balcony above

SR 63/08/06 Cumbria Police Authority Community Forum

A report of the meeting held on 13th July 2006 was received and noted.

SR 64/08/06 Administration and Governance matters

Council Vacancies –

Vallum Ward - The outcome of the election held on 3rd August last, in that Cllr J Taylor had been elected was noted.

Crosby and Linstock Ward. It was agreed that persons wishing to be considered for co-option to the Council be asked to submit their applications in writing to the Clerk in time for the next meeting.

Meeting venues – The dates and venues of meetings of the Council to December 2007 were noted.

SR 65/08/06 Parish Plan

Several members had yet to comment on the draft plan. It was **resolved** to circulate the draft plan electronically to members and finalise comment at the next meeting.

SR 66/08/06 National Flood Forum – Govt. Funding Cuts for flood defence

City Cllr J Bainbridge reported that he had spoken at length with officers of the National Flood Forum about their serious concern at the effect of government cuts in flood defence funding. It seemed that there would be delays in maintenance, reductions in advertising flooding issues and the non-upgrading of flood warning systems.

Whilst noting that work on the Crosby on Eden Flood defences was nearing completion, members **agreed to the issue of a press release** expressing the Council's concern at the cuts and the possible effect on future standards of flood defence and warning arrangements.

SR67/08/06 Village matters

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Notice Boards

Correspondence from Houghton WI concerning community notices was received concerning the lack of Community notice board facilities following the provision of lockable boards earlier in the year. Recognising this a general problem in the Parish, members confirmed their earlier decision to provide new community boards as part of the reduction of financial balances process(SR 61/08/06 above refers)

Crosby on Eden

It was **noted** that several issues concerning the number and siting of drains in the village remained to be resolved.

Houghton/Scaleby crossroads

It was resolved to review the approach to a number of issues concerning road safety in the parish at the next meeting. These would include extended footpaths and lowered pavements at the Houghton/A689 junction and the possible need for a comprehensive survey of speed and traffic density in the parish as a whole. Information on a government Rural Speed initiative may be available to aid discussion.

Houghton

Complaints had been received that several cars were being parked for the day in the bay opposite the Post Office. **Resolved** that this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

Whiteclosegate

Several maintenance issues concerning the lane between Millcroft and Longlands Rd North, land at Longlands Rd North/Brampton Rd/Whiteclosegate and the lane between Millcroft and the old Lonning were reported. It was noted that some action had already been taken. **Resolved** that the City Council be asked to undertake remedial works.

SR 66/08/06 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was received and noted.

SR 67/08/06 Agenda items for future meetings

Resolved that the following items be placed on the agenda for the next meeting –

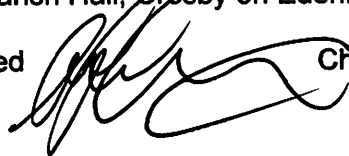
- A689 – Condition of pathway from Houghton crossroads to J44 of M6
- Houghton – car parking in bay opposite Post office
- Houghton/A689 crossroads – range of issues
- Traffic speed and density survey
- Parish plan

Resolved also that the agenda now regularly include a “Councillor Matters” item to enable members to raise issues. It was noted that these matters could not be decided upon but the item afforded the opportunity for discussion and clarification in advance of a future agenda placement.

SR 68/08/06 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th September 2006 at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm

Signed



Chairman 13th September 2006

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2006 in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR 69/09/06. Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Alecock, G Cawley, A Lightfoot, P Gascoigne, A Gosling, W Wannop and N Woodmass.

SR 70/09/06 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
City Cllr M Bowman
3 members of the public
Reporter – Cumberland News/ENews &Star

SR 71/09/06 Apologies for absence

Cllrs S Aglionby, M Clarke, L Kielty, M Naylor, J Taylor, A Welsh and County Cllr J Mallinson.

SR 72/09/06 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of a personal and or prejudicial interest relating agenda items were recorded as follows:

City Cllr Bowman – item 8 – Consultation on new Parish Charter – personal and prejudicial
Cllr C Nicholson – item 6 – planning applications - personal

SR 73/09/06 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th August 2006.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th August 2006 were received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

SR 74/09/06 Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 70 the Chairman adjourned the meeting so as to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

A request was made for the provision of a bus shelter opposite the WI Hall in Linstock. Approximately 15 children wait for the bus to Carlisle each day by the corner of the Village Green. There were issues of safety and protection in inclement weather. It would also improve safety if the Bus could stop by the lay by rather than the corner of the green. Members indicated their support and a report will be presented to a meeting of the Council in the near future.

Reference was also made to the need for a youth club in Linstock and issues concerning playing football on the north green.

A resident of Crosby on Eden once again raised issues with the lack of attention to local drainage, citing difficulties during recent heavy rain. There were also issues about the extent to which flood clearance companies could be flexible when asked to attend to non reported areas. Members indicated their wish for tougher action.

SR 75/09/06 Finance matters

The report of the Internal Auditor for the period 1st April to 30th June received and noted.

Litter Bins (Houghton Village) – It was noted that the City Council was about to fund and provide the bin for Tarraby lane. It was agreed the Parish Council fund the remaining bins in Houghton at a cost of £404 fitted and make a contribution of up to £100, if required, towards the cost to the City Council for the movement of the litter bin adjacent to the post office

Payments - resolved that the following payments be approved

CSMoth	Salary & expenses August 06	490.09	134	100952
HM Rev & Customs	Employer's Tax & NI August 06	154.88	135	100953
CSMoth	Arnold Baker 7th Edition	53.45		
	Copier USBextension cable	19.99		
	B/W+Colour copier cartridges	41.98		
	Scty Local CI Clks -Subs 06/07	93.00		
	Access software package	155.08		
	total	363.62	136	100955
Eden Woodland Cons.	August grasscutting	496.18	137	100956
Armstrong Bldg/joinery	Houghton VH ladies toilets	7988.48	138	100957
Thurnams	Copier	351.33	139	100958
DMH Solutions Ltd	Risk Mgt Software	91.87	140	100959
BT	Tel Acct 7th May to 4th Aug 06	59.62	141	100960

Receipt of grants in the sum of £3000 from the City and County councils towards the upgrading of the Ladies Toilets in Houghton Village Hall **was noted with thanks.**

SR 76/09/06 Planning matters

The following decisions were noted:

Appn 06/0399 – 1 Vestaneum, Crosby on Eden – Single storey extension to side elevation to form living room, WC, and utility room(revised/retrospective application) – permission granted

Appn 06/0782 – Houghton Hall Garden Centre – Display of illuminated & non illuminated signs – permission granted

Appn 06/0803 Rozelle, Brunstock Mews, Brunstock – Conversion of existing garage to en-suite bedroom and alteration of existing kitchen window to doorway (LBC) – Permission granted

The Chairman's action in regard to the following applications was agreed:

Appn 06/0920 - Townhead House, Scaleby Road, Houghton – Extension to provide bedroom, bathroom and kitchen – "no observations"

Appn 06/0996 – 14 Jackson Road, Houghton – Extension to provide sun room, kitchen,living room and garage – "no observations"

Appn 06/0970 – 2 Primrose Bank, Crosby on Eden – First floor extension over existing garage to form bedroom – "no observations"

Appn 06/0995 - 5 Centurions Walk, Carlisle - Single storey extension to provide garage, utility and WC. – "no observations"

The following applications were considered as follows –

Appn 06/0707 – Tower Villa, Rickerby – New conservatory – position now identified – “No observations”

Appn 06/0757 – Greenfield Farm, Houghton – Demolition of existing brick built stable and outhouses and erection of new hay storage shed. The Parish Council objects for the following reasons:

1. There are mistakes in the application in that it uses an area and buildings referred to in another application (06/0090) on the same site
2. The Hay Shed has been erected despite there being no grant of permission to do so.
3. **Furthermore it was resolved** to request the City Council to take enforcement proceedings against the applicant.

Appn 06/0990 – Land Adjacent California Road, Kingstown – provision of Golf Centre (revised application) The Parish Council objects for the following reasons:

1. The proposed site lies in the rural area in open countryside.
2. Through its intrusive scale, character and use, the proposal would have significant adverse impact on the character of the rural landscape.
3. The proposal would generate noise nuisance in respect of nearby residents.
4. The proposal, even using controlled lighting, would generate significant light pollution especially in respect of the Tarraby Conservation Area.
5. **Furthermore it was resolved** to identify a number of planning continuity issues to the City Council

SR 77/09/06 Highways matters

A689 – Condition of pathway from Houghton crossroads to J44 of M6. It was resolved to seek kerbing and tarmacing as a solution to the very poor condition of this footpath.

It was also agreed to press the City Council to proceed with the footpath from the Houghton junction to the new garden centre as included in the original plans for the centre.

Houghton/A689 crossroads.

It was noted that there might be a delay in providing safety road markings and the 40mph limit in the area of the junction. **It was agreed** that the County Council be requested to implement a lesser road marking scheme as an interim measure

Area Traffic speed and density survey

It was agreed that a multi parish council meeting be convened and attended by City and County Council officers. There were a range of issues concerning road safety, speed and traffic density, M6 improvements and access to the Northern Development Route that councils could receive updates upon and have the opportunity to raise concerns

SR 78/09/06 Consultation on new Parish Charter

It was noted that the draft plan contained many of the points raised during the consultation period. There were however several concerns that were agreed to be included in the Council's response –

- Rights of consultation with Parish Councils needed to be clearly stated
- Parish Councils are equal partners in terms of local democracy and accountability to the electorate
- Principal Authorities should recognise e-mails as "written communications" in regard to applying response time undertakings (2 days is suggested for such e-mails)
- Principle Authority websites should be constantly updated, to ensure accurate delivery of information.
- Principal authorities should recognize resource limitations both in terms of manpower (the part time single handed Clerk) and time (lesser frequency of meeting) when fixing consultation deadlines
- Carlisle City Council should invite a representative of the relevant Parish Council(s) when considering locality specific reports at overview and Scrutiny Committees, Transport committees and working groups etc, in addition to those from the Parish Councils Association.
- Parish Councils should recognise that, due to their size, Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council lack the administrative agility of Parish Councils.
- Parish Councils should **where practicable** have a standard procedure, including arrangements for delegation, which enable the council to respond within consultation deadlines etc.
- There were likely to be few Quality Parishes – the City Council should treat all Parish Councils equally.
- The City and County Councils should agree on a single reception point for the reception of incidents.
- Section E para 3 should be amended to indicate that Parish Councils have every right to disagree with Principle Authority decisions and may, if they consider it necessary resort to any appeal procedure, redress, or legal remedy.
- Parish Councils should undertake to consider the production of Parish Design Statements, or similar, which are suitable for use, by the Principle Authorities, as supplementary guidance

SR 79/09/06 Parish Plan

It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllrs G Cawley and A Welsh together with the Clerk should meet to finalise the Parish Plan.



Playgrounds and football facilities

Recognizing the need to take a broad approach across the Parish it was agreed to form a working group comprising -

Cllrs S Alecock, G Cawley, P Gascoigne, C Nicholson, N Woodmass and the Clerk.
The purpose of the working group will be to identify need, local issues, costs and funding opportunities and report to the Council. The refurbishing of the playground at Crosby on Eden will be included in the group's remit

SR 80/09/06 Administration and Governance matters

Vacancy – No applications from candidates who wish to be co-opted to the Council had been received to date. It was resolved to advertise the vacancy on the notice boards in Crosby on Eden and Linstock.

Clerks Hours – It was resolved to increase the hours of the Clerk from 64 to 96 per month at an extra annual gross cost of £3541.56 based on the present salary scale point with effect from 1st October 2006.

SR 81/09/06 Emergency Planning

The response of Defra in regard to suggestions of cuts in Flood defence spending in that there would be no reductions in spending for local flood defence measures, was noted.

Correspondence between Mr. A Plane of Cosby on Eden and the Environment agency was noted

Provision of emergency generators to the village halls – it was resolved that the village halls should be rewired for emergency lighting and power. It was further resolved to seek an arrangement with an agency for the immediate supply of generators in the event of an emergency rather than provide a permanent standby generator at each hall.

SR 83/09/06 Village matters

Houghton - car parking in bay opposite Post office – resolved to seek advice in regard to the provision of a polite "no parking" notice.

SR 84/09/06 Councillor Matters

Grass cutting – the need for an improved contract specification was identified

Litter – it suggested that an officer attend the Council to advise on current practice and community self help schemes

SR 84/09/06 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was noted

Rural Voice – those present (save one) agreed to receive "Rural Voice" direct by e-mail

SR 85/09/06 Agenda items for future meetings

Resolved that the following items be placed on the agenda for the next meeting –


Budget 2007/08

Waste Collection – revision of service by Carlisle City Council – arrangements for a public meeting.

SR 86/09/06 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 3rd October** at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

**Signed
Chairman
3rd October 2006**



STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd October 2006 in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR 86/10/06 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Alecock, M Clarke, L Kielty, A Lightfoot, M Naylor, J Taylor and A Welsh

SR 87/10/06 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
City Cllr M Bowman
4 members of the public
PC K Hughes, Community Police Officer

SR 88/10/06 Apologies for absence

Cllrs S Aglionby, G Cawley, P Gascoigne, A Gosling, W Wannop and N Woodmass
County Cllr J Mallinson

SR 89/10/06 Declarations of Interest

No declaration of a personal and or prejudicial interest relating to any item on the agenda was made.

SR 90/10/06 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th September 2006.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th September 2006 were received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SR 91/10/06 Community Policing Report

PC Hughes reported on recent week long, traffic speed surveys in and around Houghton Village.

Hadrians Park Area – 15% of drivers drove above 56 mph with the highest at 91mph. The average speed was 48mph.

In two other areas 21000 vehicles had been counted :-

Houghton village hall area -16000 drove under 30mph with the average being at 26 mph

Houghton – Police Traffic unit area - 4000 drove over 30 mph with the majority being under 40 mph. 722 drivers exceeded 45 mph. The highest speed recorded was 70 mph.

PC Hughes said that in general drivers were not driving at excessive speeds but he was concerned at the large number of people driving between 30 and 40 mph in the area Police Traffic Unit on Houghton Road. He recommended flashing signs to remind drivers of the 30 mph limit.

Giving a Crime update PC Hughes reported continued Quad bike and Outhouse thefts in the area but that there had also been successful arrests and prosecutions recently.



SR 92/10/06 Public Participation

In accordance with Standing order 70 the Chairman adjourned the meeting so as to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.

Two residents of Crosby on Eden again raised their serious concerns at the lack of action by the principal authorities and agencies to solve the well catalogued drainage problems. The beck adjacent to the Village hall had still not been cleared of debris

City Cllr Bowman agreed to arrange a site meeting in regard to the drainage issues as soon as possible.

The Chairman confirmed that another public meeting would be arranged to allow the various agencies to update residents on any action plans.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

SR 93/10/06 Finance matters

Litter Bins – It was noted that the City Council has agreed to provide the 3 bins requested and to fund the movement of the bin adjacent to the Post office at Houghton.

Grass cutting (extension of contract to 2008) – estimates from Eden Woodland Consultants Ltd for additional work and changes in cutting frequency in some areas was received. Further works were being costed. Increased budget allowances for 2007/08 would be able to absorb the extra cost of about £1000. It was agreed in principle that the contract awarded to Eden Woodlands Consulting Ltd be extended by a further two years to cover the 2007 and 2008 seasons. The final decision would be made at the next meeting after consideration of the extra costings and the Council's budget plans.

Budget 2007/08 – The Clerk reported on expected out turn for the year ended 31st March 2007 and expected expenditure for the year 2007/08. Sufficient funds were available to cover the Council's core business responsibilities, hall projects and to begin work on recommendations of the Parish Plan. Early indications were that the Precept need not be raised for 2007/08 but the risk assessment exercise had yet to be undertaken.

The report was noted and the matter placed on the agenda for the next meeting

VAT reclaim – receipt of reclaimed VAT for the period 1/3/05 to 31/8/06 in the sum of £6566.91 was noted.

Payments – the following payments were approved:

CS Moth	Salary&Expenses	507.21	142	100961
HM Customs & Rev	Tax & NI	155.1	143	100962
DKinnard	Hedge Cutting, Linstock	117.00	144	100963
Carlisle City Council	Election Costs	1208.50	145	100964
Eden Woodland Cons Ltd	– Sept grass cutting	551.99	146	100965

SR 94/10/06 Planning matters

The following **decisions** were noted –

Appn 06/0707 – Tower Villa, Rickerby – erection of a conservatory (LBC) – permission granted

Appn 06/0899 – 10 Rickerby Court, Rickerby – proposed summerhouse to rear garden – permission granted

Appn 06/0901 – Newby Grange, Crosby on Eden – Extension to North Wing to provide sunroom et al – permission granted

Appn 06/0966 – 14 Jackson Road, Houghton – Extension to provide sun room, kitchen, living room and garage – permission granted

Appn 06/0970 – 2 Primrose Bank, Crosby on Eden – First floor extension over existing garage to form bedroom – permission granted

Appn 06/0990 – Land Adjacent California Road, Kingstown – provision of Golf Centre (revised application) – permission granted

The following **applications** were considered –

Appn 06/0757 – Greenfield Farm, Houghton – Demolition of existing brick built stable and outhouses and erection of new hay storage shed (revised description and retrospective application)..

The response of the City Council to the original observations of this Council was received.

It was agreed that the previous view of the Council should stand and that concern should be expressed about the possibility of applications being flawed because of insufficient officer checks on the information supplied by applicants.

Appn 09/1092 – Land adjacent to Oak House, Linstock – replacement workshop and joiners store, change of use from agriculture field to storage yard and new access. It was agreed that “no observations” be made

Appn 06/1115 – land at rear of The Beeches, Houghton Road – Formation of access road and erection of three dormer bungalows.

It was agreed to object on the following grounds –

1. The increased danger generated by the proposal, to pedestrians especially children.
2. The proposed access is in close proximity to 'give way' markings on Houghton Road which are not indicated on the location and block plans.
3. The proposed access is close to the junction of Houghton Road and The Green.
4. The above junction is already difficult to exit, from The Green, due to the design and siting of a 'pinch point' at the junction.
5. The proposed access is close to the southern commencement of the traffic calmed area in Houghton.
6. The narrowing of the footway, as it approaches the traffic calmed area.

7. The volume and speed of traffic approaching the proposed access.
8. That the construction of the turning/parking requirements would lead to inconvenience and danger to road users.

Appn 06/1127 – The Craig, Linstock – Demolition of outside garage and remodelling of existing dwelling to form a 2 storey dormer bungalow with 2 additional bedrooms, office, utility and cloaks/storage room. It was agreed that “no observations” be made

SR 95/10/06 Administration and Governance matters

Vacancy – three written applications had been received and it was agreed that a panel comprising Cllrs L Kielty, M Naylor and A Welsh be convened to interview the candidates before the next meeting of the Council

(Post meeting note – Cllr A Welsh has withdrawn from the panel as he is known to one of the candidates. His place will be taken by the Cllr G Cawley)

SR 96/10/06 Village matters

Houghton - It was agreed that checks be carried out in respect of building activity in Orchard Lane Houghton.

Park Broom - It was agreed that the grass cutting frequency for land at Park Broom be increased to 6 times per year

SR 97/10/06 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

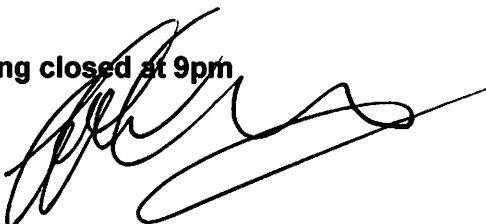
A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was noted.

SR 98/10/06 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 8th November** at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed
Chairman

8th November 2006.



STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2006 in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR 99/11/06 Apologies for absence

Cllrs S Alecock, M Clarke, L Kielty, M Naylor and J Taylor

SR 100/11/06 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Aglionby, G Cawley, P Gascoigne, A Gosling, A Lightfoot, W Wannop, A Welsh and N Woodmass

SR 101/11/06 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
City Cllr M Bowman
County Cllr J Mallinson
Miss A Richardson, Cumberland Newspapers

SR 102/11/06 Declarations of Interest

No declaration of a personal and or prejudicial interest relating to any item on the agenda was made.

SR 103/11/06 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd October 2006.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd October 2006 were received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Ref Minute SR95/10/06 Vacancy - Resolved that the recommendation of the interviewing panel that Mrs. J Telford of Linstock be co-opted to the Council to fill the vacancy for the Crosby and Linstock ward be accepted.

SR 104/11/06 Public Participation

No members of the public were present

SR 105/11/06 Finance matters

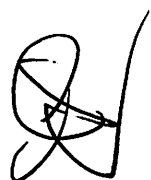
Annual return and Audit for 2005/06

The following comments of the Audit Commission were noted -

“A formal Risk Assessment has not been carried out.

The Fidelity Insurance Cover should be reviewed in the light of increasing balances.

The Council must ensure that its fixed asset Register is updated as per the Internal Audit report



It is noted that whilst the Council owns assets these do not appear to be insured – please review”

Action on each of the points raised was being taken and reports would be submitted to the Council.

Budget and precept 2007/08

Resolved that the recommendations of the Money Management Group in regard to the Budget and Precept for 2007/08 be actioned as follows –

- The ongoing costs of £18782, identified by the Clerk at the last meeting (plus a sum of £800 for the Emergency Planning Groups) be accepted – the estimated deficit of £201 being absorbed by the current balance.
- The One –off project costs be identified as a matter of urgency.
- The Outline Budget for 2007/08 be accepted
- The Council's Precept remain unaltered for 2007/08 at £34550
- The Group continues to monitor budget performance

Additional funding for village halls and parish council grants

Resolved that bids against an extra £10,000, made available to Parish Councils by the City and County Councils be made as follows –

- Refurbishment of Playground, Crosby on Eden
- New Community Noticeboards

Payments – the following payments were approved:-

CS Moth	Salary&Expenses	697.64	147	100966
HM Customs & Rev	Tax & NI	305.24	148	100967
Linstock WI	Hall Grant	1500.00	149	100968
Thurnams	Stationery	65.55	150	100969
Eden Woodland				
Cons	Grasscutting Oct	496.18	151	100970
Cumbria Cnty				
Council	Training	10.00	152	100971

SR 106/11/06 Planning matters

Planning applications– Consultation Process

The helpful response to earlier correspondence from the Head of Planning Services, Carlisle City Council was noted.

The following decisions were noted –

Appn 06/0247 – Houghton Hall, Houghton – Extension of retail floor space by installation of mezzanine floor – permission granted



Appn 06/0995 – 5 Centurions walk, Carlisle – Single storey extension to provide garage, utility and WC - permission granted

Chairman's action – The chairman's action in regard to the following applications was confirmed

Appn 06/1180 – Houghton Vicarage, Houghton – Erection of conservatory, porch and detached garage(revised application) – “no observations”.

Appn 06/1111 – Land to rear of Near Boot public house, Tarraby Lane – erection of 5 bedroom house and garage – a report in regard to an adjacent footpath.

The following applications were considered –

06/1122 – Whiteclosegate Garage – Change of use of land to increase vehicles allowed for sale from 10 to 40

It was agreed to object on the following grounds –

- The proposed increase in the number of vehicles permitted for display, would constitute an over intensive use of the site;
- would have significant averse impact upon the predominantly rural character of the immediate environment and
- would also be prejudicial to the amenity of neighbouring properties.

The Council noted that the site is displaying more cars despite no permission being granted to date and **agreed to seek enforcement action by the City Council.**

Appn 06/1162 – Orchard Holme, Orchard Gardens, Houghton – erection of domestic double garage.

It was agreed that the Council should object to the application on the following grounds -

- The building is of substantial proportions for a garage
- Construction had commenced without permission
- Inappropriate scale and character in relation to the surrounding area

Appn 06/1131 – Newby Grange – Crosby on Eden – Private Rally circuit within the grounds of Newby Grange with occasional use as a rally stage in regional motoring events organized by a recognized body.

In anticipation of objections the Chairman has requested “right to speak” at the Development Control Committee to be held on 10th November 2006.

It was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds –

- Unacceptable levels of noise nuisance
- Would generate excessive traffic volume
- Involves the felling of trees
- Be visually intrusive.

The proposal would thus have significant adverse impact upon the environmental integrity of the local rural area and be prejudicial to the lives and well being of local residents, and communities.

Appn 06/1197 - Stonegarth, Houghton – Formation of breakfast room (revised proposal). It was agreed that “**no observations**” be made

Appn 06/1260 – Stile Farm, Linstock – Erection of field shelter for pet pony

It was agreed that “**no observations**” be made

Right to speak - Appn 06/115 Land at rear of Beeches - formation of access road and erection of 3 bungalows(outline)

The action of the Chairman in asking for the “right to speak” at the Development Control Committee to be held on 10th November **was endorsed**.

Planning Appeals

It was noted that appeals had been lodged by applicants in respect of the following applications -

Appn 06/0132 – Land adjacent Orchard Gardens, Houghton - proposed residential development

Appn 06/0420 – Land at Field 5124, Adjacent South View, Houghton – Wood Chalet to be used as self catering accommodation

SR 107/11/06 Playgrounds

A report of its meeting on held on 1st November was received from the Playgrounds Group. The Group had identified the following play and recreational needs in the parish –

- A new football and recreation area on the edge of Whiteclosegate, opposite the entrance to Longlands road.
- A new play area in Linstock
- A refurbishing the Tribune Drive play ground and a second play area in Houghton
- The upgrading of the Parish Hall playground at Crosby on Eden

The following action was agreed -

Linstock Play ground – the Parish Council will identify need and location options in consultation with residents

Crosby Playground – Carry out a risk assessment, establish an inspection regime and examine potential for upgrading and adding to, play equipment

It was noted that the City Council would fund the “Longlands” recreational facility and “refresh” to Tribune Drive playground.

SR 108/11/06 Risk Assessment

A report from the Risk Assessment group was received. The recently purchased computer software proved to be comprehensive and offered a straightforward approach to identifying, scoring and reporting the council’s risks. A sample exercise in respect of computing indicated risks in regard to the protection of the Council’s data. Solutions will be brought to the next meeting.

SR 109/11/06 Highways matters

It was noted that the multi-parish council meeting will take place on 29th November at the Parish Hall Crosby on Eden. Cllrs G Cawley, P Gascoigne together with the Chairman and Clerk will attend.

SR 110/11/06 Village matters

Crosby on Eden – Action to survey drains adjacent to “The Stag” had highlight blockages and the need for comprehensive drainage maps for the area. It was **agreed to purchase** any maps that may be required. It was **noted** that some debris had been cleared from the beck adjacent to the Parish Hall

Houghton – The Council noted concerns from residents at the proposal for a “polite notice” for the layby. It was **agreed** that no action be taken in regard to the notices.

Linstock – It was noted that the school coach was now stopping opposite the WI Hall. In regard to the Bus shelter it was noted that the cost would be about £1500. It was agreed that the Bus shelter be purchased and installed. The City and County Councillors present agreed assist with funding.

Linstock – The concern by residents about football being played on the North Green was noted. It was **agreed** that the present goal posts be moved 15 to 20 metres back on the Village green to alleviate problems. It was **further agreed** that this be a holding measure pending the review of playground siting options

SR111/11/06 Councillor matters

- **Tarraby Drains** – Raw sewage was again evident
- **Rickerby** - the purchase of gravel to repair roads was agreed
- **Millcroft footpaths** – the City council had yet to take action
- **Houghton Hall Garden Centre** – the car park lights were very bright

It was **agreed** that all these matters be followed up by the Clerk

It was also **agreed** that the next meeting should discuss the Parish Plan

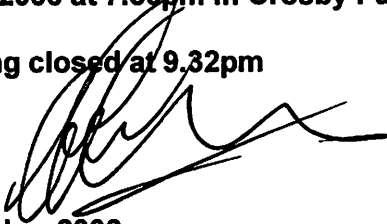
SR112/11/06 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications since the last meeting was received and noted.

SR113/11/06 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 13th December 2006 at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.**

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

Signed
Chairman
13th December 2006



STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on 13th December 2006 in the Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden

SR 114/12/06 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Clark, P Gascoigne, A Welsh and PC K Hughes

SR 115/12/06 – New Councillor

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. J Telford to her first meeting of the Council as co-opted member representing Crosby and Linstock Ward. Mrs. Telford had signed the Declaration of acceptance of office and Financial and other Interests forms

SR 116/12/06 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Alecock, S Aglionby, G Cawley, A Gosling, A Lightfoot, L Kieley, M Naylor and J Taylor, J Telford, W Wannop and N Woodmass

SR 117/12/06 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
City Cllr M Bowman
County Cllr J Mallinson

SR 118/12/06 Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Gosling declared a personal and or prejudicial interest relating to item 6.3 Planning applications

SR 119/12/06 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th November 2006.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th November 2006 were received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Reference Minute SR 117/11/06 - Linstock, it was agreed to amend the first sentence of this section of the minute to read -

“Linstock – The concern by two residents about football being played on the North Green was noted”.

It was also acknowledged with apologies that due to a misunderstanding Cllr S Alecock had not attended the Playground Group meeting held on 1st November 2006.

SR 120/12/06 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

SR 121/12/06 Finance matters

Internal Audit Quarterly report to September 2006

The report of the internal auditor for the quarter July to September 2006 was received. The report identified good progress with Risk Assessment and addressing the management of balances whilst encouraging better asset control.

Tape recorder

Resolved that the Council's tape recorder be repaired at an approximate cost of £40 plus postage and that the policy in regard to the use of the equipment be reviewed at the next meeting

Village hall and parish council grants 2007/08

Resolved to agree the bids to be made to the City and County Councils at the next meeting.

Financial Regulations

Resolved that subject to Paragraph 18.1 being amended to include a review interval of five years the Financial Regulations of 2002(as amended 2006) be approved

Payments

Resolved that the following payments be approved

CS Moth	Salary&Expenses	740.96	153	100972
HM Customs & Rev	Tax & NI	305.02	154	100973
Eden Woodland				
Cons	Goalposts	305.50	155	100974
Thurnams	Cartridge	105.74	156	100975
BT	Tel Bill	59.99	157	100976
Inland	Annual Return			
Rev	penalty	300.00	158	100977
Houghton V Hall	Room Rent	5.50	159	100978
Jean Airey	Qtly Audit Fee	164.50	160	100979
St Johns Ch Crosby	Ch'yd Grant	600.00	161	100980
StJohn's Ch				
Houghton	Ch'yd Grant	600.00	162	100981
Audit Commission	Audit fee 2005/06	293.75	163	100982

SR 122/12/06 Planning matters

The following matters were noted -

Deferments

Appn 06/0743 Land at the Knells, Houghton, Carlisle – outline application for new care home with car parking and water treatment plant

Appn 06/1131 – Newby Grange – Crosby on Eden – Private Rally circuit within the grounds of Newby Grange with occasional use as a rally stage in regional motoring events organized by a recognized body.

Permissions

Appn 06/0920 Townhead House, Scaleby – two storey rear extension to provide kitchen on the ground floor with a bedroom and ensuite above .

Appn 06/1115 – Land at rear of “the Beeches”, Houghton Road, Houghton – Formation of access road and erection of 3 bungalows

Appn 06/1127 The Craig, Linstock, Carlisle – Demolition of outside garage and remodelling of existing dwelling to form a two storey dormer bungalow with two additional bedrooms, office, utility and cloaks/storage

Appn 06/1180 Houghton Vicarage, Houghton, Carlisle – erection of conservatory, porch and detached garage(revised application)

Appn 06/1197 - Stonegarth, Houghton – Formation of breakfast room (revised proposal)

Withdrawals

Appn 06/0757 Greenfield Farm, The Green Houghton –Erection of Hay storage shed (retrospective)

Appn 06/1092 Land adjacent to Oak House, Linstock. – Replacement workshop and joiners store, change of use from agriculture field to storage yard and new access

Appn 06/1111 – Land to rear of Near Boot public house, Tarraby Lane – erection of 5 bedroom house and garage.

Chairman's action – The Chairman's action in regard to the following application was agreed .

Appn 06/1295 Greenfield Farm, The Green Houghton – change of use of land to mixed use and erection of storage shed (retrospective) – objection as previously notified

The following applications were considered –

Appn 06/1193 Houghton Hall Garden Centre, Houghton, Carlisle.

Variation of planning condition twelve ref 05/0477 to allow the display of garden buildings, greenhouses, gazebos, summer houses together with sales office outwith the areas identified within the planning permission

It was noted that a preliminary and detailed statement of objection had been given by the Chairman to meet City Council deadlines, summarised as follows –

The proposal would:

- have major detrimental impact upon the character of a defined woodland site
- constitute unacceptable major intensification of the use of the Garden Centre
- re-define the nature of the approval which was granted
- dilute adequate control regarding the nature and extent of the retail activities able to be conducted from the garden centre.
- cause a significant number of buildings to be erected within 20m of the highway
- adversely affect the setting of the listed building
- have significant adverse impact upon local landscape character
- be prejudicial to the visual environmental amenity of nearby residential property
- lack toilet facilities, to the disadvantage of certain social groups and;
- possibly be conducive to criminal activity.
- Be a fundamental change of use of the land, requiring a fresh application.

Resolved by eight votes to three that the Council object to the development proposed as given in the statement already submitted by the Chairman

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the next item Cllr A Gosling left the meeting

Appn Ref 06/1377 Complete Engineering services, Holme End, Crosby on Eden -

Removal of Condition 3 of planning approval 06/0665 which states -

"the premises shall be occupied as ancillary accommodation by Complete Engineering Services and at no time shall any part be sub-divided and occupied independently"

Resolved that the application be supported

Cllr A Gosling returned to the meeting

SR 123/12/06 Recycling and Waste collection services – Carlisle City council

Resolved that a public meeting be held on Tuesday 30th January 2007 at 7.30pm in Houghton Village hall to allow officers of Carlisle City council to appraise everyone of the new recycling and waste collection service.

SR 124/12/06 Risk Assessment – protection of data (SR 108/11/06 refers)

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Risk Management Group, to authorise the clerk to purchase two portable External Hard Drives in the approximate cost of £180 inc VAT and delivery charges.

SR 125/12/06 Highways matters –

Multi Parish Council meeting 29th November 2006 Members noted the following points of interest to this Council –

- **M6 Junction 44 upgrade** - confirmed that traffic lights would be a permanent feature.

- **A689 Houghton Cross roads (Houghton/Scaleby road junction)** - confirmed that work on the A689 Houghton junction improvements would start the second week in January. The work would include refuge lanes for traffic turning into Houghton and Scaleby roads. . A 40mph speed limit (previously consulted upon) will also be installed at the same time. This project will be partly funded by the Houghton Garden Centre
- **A689 Cycle track** - Concern had been expressed that the cycle track, funded by Stanwix Rural Parish Council on the understanding of maintenance by the County Council, was now in a neglected state.
- **Rural Road Repairs** - There was concern about the poor state of many rural roads. There will be no extra funds for road tarmacing beyond three projects already agreed. These included the Brampton Road, Carlisle but not all of it would be done as there was a cash shortfall on the scheme.
- **Local Issues - Several local issues were highlighted including the A689/ Linstock roundabout.** It was reported that trees and road signs obscured the vision of drivers entering the roundabout from the J44/Houghton nursery side.

Traffic Speed – Houghton

PC Hughes had reported that traffic speed indicator equipment had been deployed with success at both ends of the village. He had also used radar speed detection equipment with similar results. There would be a further exercise soon.

SR 126/12/06 Village matters

Crosby on Eden – Play ground – Resolved to authorise restoration work by the Carlisle City Council in the sum of £2131.00 ex VAT and to give publicity to the upgraded facility once the work was complete. The issue of playground maintenance would be considered at a future meeting

Linstock – Goal posts - a letter of thanks from two residents was noted.

Crosby on Eden drains – thanks were extended to City Cllr Bainbridge for supplying contact information for United Utilities. Some improvement in water egress from the Garth has been noted during the recent heavy rain.

Tarraby drains – the problem of raw sewage will now be reported to the Environmental Health Dept of the City Council.

SR 127/12/06 Councillor Matters

Items for future agendas

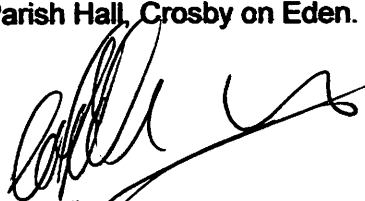
- Parish Hall Grant mechanism
- Linstock – tree screening of M6
- Parish Plan – a special meeting of the Parish Council will be arranged in January 2007
- Tape recording of meetings
- White Paper – the Clerk and Chief Executive of Carlisle City Council will be invited to the next meeting

SR 128/12/06 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was noted.

SR 129/12/06 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 10th January 2007** at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed 
Chairman 10th January 2007

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on 10th January 2007 in the Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden

SR 130/01/07 Apologies for absence

County Cllr j Mallinson

SR 131/01/07 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Alecock, S Aglionby, G Cawley, M Clark P Gascoigne, A Gosling, A Lightfoot, L Kielty, M Naylor and J Taylor, J Telford, W Wannop, A Welsh and N Woodmass

SR 132/01/07 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge

City Cllr M Bowman

PC K Hughes

Dr J Gooding Deputy Chief Executive, Carlisle City Council(item 4 only)

1 member of the public

SR 133/01/07 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Telford declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 7.3 of the agenda

SR 134/01/07 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th December 2006

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th December 2006 were received agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

SR 135/01/07 Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 70 the Chairman adjourned the meeting so as to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.

Mr D Sowden identified issues concerning horses being ridden on top of the flood defences that may also be designated footpaths at Crosby on Eden. He urged that signs be erected to discourage the practice.

The chairman reconvened the meeting

SR 136/01/07 Finance matters

Parish Hall funding mechanism – the recently agreed policy of three year project planning was clarified in that 1) annual funding would still be available to Village Halls and 2) it would be for village hall committees to forecast over three years how they expected to use the parish council grants. Accumulation of Parish Council grant might also be possible for specific schemes

Parish Council and Village Hall Grant Schemes 2007/08 – Resolved that bids for grants be made for the following schemes

- Crosby on Eden Parish Hall – repair of external brickwork and roof
- Houghton Village Hall – repairs to rear wall of main hall (inc possible removal of asbestos)
- Crosby on Eden – upgrading of playground
- New community noticeboards
- New footpath from Linstock(M6 bridge) to Rickerby

Resolved that the following payments be approved

CSMoth	Salary&Expenses	690.99	164	100983
HM Customs & Rev	Tax & NI	305.24	165	100984
Border Food Machinery	Kitchen Ware Crosby Village hall	74.60	166	100985
	2 Computer Hard Drives			
CSMoth (PC World)		119.98	167	100897
	Rent Apr-Sep			
Crosby on Eden Parish Hall Cttee	06	60.00	168	100988

Income - the following income was noted

United Utilities – Wayleaves Linstock and Houghton Village greens - £9.20

SR137/01/07 Planning matters**Decisions in regard to current planning applications were noted-****Permissions**

Appn 06/1377 – Complete Engineering Services Holme Road, Crosby on Eden
Removal of Condition 3 of Planning approval 06/0665

Appn 06/1260 – Stile Farm, Linstock – Erection of field shelter for pet pony

Appn 06/1162 – Orchard Holme, Orchard Gardens, Houghton
erection of domestic double garage.

Appn 06/1295 Greenfield Farm, The Green Houghton – change of use of land to mixed use and erection of storage shed (retrospective)

Refusals

Appn 06/0743 Land adjacent road, The Knells, Houghton – Outline Planning permission for new care home facility with car parking and water treatment plant.

Appn 06/1122 – Whiteclosegate Garage – Change of use of land to increase vehicles allowed for sale from 10 to 40.

Withdrawals

Appn 06/1131 – Newby Grange – Crosby on Eden – Private Rally circuit within the grounds of Newby Grange with occasional use as a rally stage in regional motoring events organized by a recognized body.

Appn 06/1193 Houghton Hall Garden Centre, Houghton, Carlisle.

Variation of planning condition twelve ref 05/0477 to allow the display of garden buildings, greenhouses, gazebos, summer houses together with sales office outwith the areas identified within the planning permission

The Chairman's action in regard to the following applications was confirmed -

Appn 06/1425 – 44 Tribune Drive, Houghton CA3 0LE – Two storey extension and single storey rear extension

Observation that "there may be a partial overshadowing of No. 46 to the north"

Appn 06/1436 - 2 Antonine Way Houghton CA3 0LG – Two storey extension to provide living room on ground floor and bedroom and bathroom above.

"No observations"

The following applications were considered

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the next item Cllr J Telford left the meeting

Appn 06/1433 – Joiners Workshop, Linstock road end, Linstock – Replacement workshop and joiners store; change of use from agricultural field to storage yard and new access (revised application)

Resolved that “no observations” be made

Cllr J Telford returned to the meeting

Appn 06/1460 – Old Clydesdale Stud, Tarraby Lane, Tarraby

Extension to existing house to create enlarged bedroom and dining room, extension to existing single storey garage block to create two storey building with garages on ground floor and 2 No. ensuite bedrooms on first floor.

Resolved that “no observations” be made

Appn 06/1462 Land at rear of the Near Boot Public House, Tarraby lane – Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling and garage (revised application)

Resolved that “no observations” be made

Appn 06/1476 – Cherry Cottage, Crosby Moor, Carlisle – Change of use from agricultural to garden together with erection of detached garage and garden room

Resolved that “no observations” be made

SR138/01/07 Local Government White Paper

The Deputy Chief Executive to Carlisle City Council, Dr Jason Gooding briefed the Parish Council on the recent Government White Paper.

The White Paper was built around the needs of people rather than organization. Benefits to Parish Councils included the extra power of “Well being” given to Quality Parishes allowing more discretion to respond to the concerns of residents. In regard to the issue of unitary authorities, Dr Gooding said that it had not been possible for the City Council to prepare a quality bid within government timescales.

The County bid for a Cumbria wide unitary authority was opposed as not being sensitive to providing services locally. It seemed that time was available to submit alternative bids and the City Council was now working with the other District Councils to that end.

Questions were raised issues concerning -

- Confusion of two tiers or more providing local services
- The opportunity for Quality Parish Councils
- The pros and cons of 6 District Councils supported say by regional Education and Social Services
- The uniqueness of Cumbria that could not be classed as a “place” rather a collection of discrete communities
- The positive relationship between Carlisle City Council and Parish Councils – not mirrored elsewhere in the County
- The location of any County Unitary Authority Headquarters – Penrith was rumoured
- The fear that services for children and young people in Carlisle would suffer in any efficiency drive

City Cllr M Bowman requested that Dr Gooding and his team be praised for their hard work in recent weeks and he was thanked for giving a clear view of the issues to the Council.

SR 139/01/07 Parish Plan

It was noted that a meeting of the Parish Plan Group will be held on Tuesday 23rd January 2007 in Houghton Village Hall at 7.30pm. All members of the Council were encouraged to attend the meeting to assist in finalising the Plan

SR 140/01/07 Administration and Governance matters

Use of tape recorder at meetings – Resolved that the use of the tape recorder at meeting be at the Chairman's discretion

SR 141/01/07 Village matters

Crosby on Eden – drains/floods update - Resolved that a public meeting be held in February; that the impact of the A689 on local drainage be an issue raised and that the Highways Agency be invited to attend

Crosby on Eden – Horse riding on flood bank adjacent to the "Blue wicket footpath" – resolved that a suitable notice to prohibit horse riding be the subject of a request to the Environment Agency

Linstock – Tree screening of M6 Motorway – Resolved to request the Highways Agency to provide trees between the Linstock bridge and the river on the south bound carriage way of the M6 motorway to shield the village against noise. It was also resolved to seek request a noise survey by the City Council Environmental Health department

Linstock - Bus Shelter – City and County Cllrs confirmed funding contributions of approximately £2100 and it was **resolved** that the Parish Council make up the balance to £3000, the expected final cost of supply and installation. **Resolved** also that the site be on the edge of the North Green opposite the WI Hall

Houghton – speed control – PC Hughes reported the cost of speed indicator instruments at £1750

SR 142/01/07 Councillor matters and future agenda items

Reports will be made to the next meeting on -

- **Brunstock Bridge(M6)** – Damaged welded mesh fencing was reported
- **Rickerby Park** – 4x4 vehicles were using the damaging the grassed areas
- **Junction 44 road works** – arc lights were dazzling motorists using the M6 north slip road.
- **Linstock south Green – condition of road**
- **A689/Balckford road – very poor condition**

Houghton – Dog fouling – Agreed that the Clerk seek the help of City Council Dog Wardens

SR 143/01/07 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

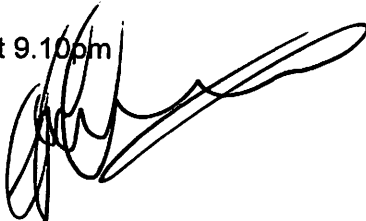
A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications was received.

It was noted that Voluntary Action Cumbria had ceased to be involved with the Playground Insurance scheme. This affected the Crosby on Eden playground and a report would be made to the next meeting.

SR 144/01/07 Date of next meeting – the next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 14th February 2007 at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

SIGNED
CHAIRMAN
14.2.07



STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th February 2007 in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR 145/02/07 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Clarke, P Gascoigne, L Kielty and County Cllr M Mallinson

SR 146/02/07 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Aglionby, S Alecock, G Cawley, A Gosling, A Lightfoot, M Naylor, J Taylor, J Telford, W Wannop, A Welsh and N Woodmass

SR 147/02/07 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
City Cllr M Bowman
PC K Hughes
Mr A Nicholson, Countryside Officer, Carlisle City Council

SR 148/02/07 Declarations of Interest

No declaration of a personal and or prejudicial interest relating to any item on the agenda was made.

SR 149/02/07 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th January 2007.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th January 2007 were received, agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

In regard to Minute SR140/01/07 by way of clarification, it was **agreed** that any member could propose the use of the tape recorder and that it would be for the whole Council to agree.

SR 150/02/07 Public Participation

No members of the public were present but in accordance with Standing Order 70 the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow PC Hughes to raise policing matters.

PC Hughes reported that the cost of an electronic Speed Indicator Device was £1762 plus £35 Carriage and VAT. It was possible that some refurbished equipment might be available. It was **agreed** to defer a decision to await more information.

Farmwatch – details of the “Smart Water” project for Farmwatch members were given.

Flytipping – PC Hughes recommended contacting the City Council at Bousteads Grassing

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

SR 151/02/07 Finance matters

Internal Auditors Qtly report – the report of the internal auditor for the period 1st Oct 2006 to 31st December 2006 was received and noted

Audit Commission, Appointment of External Auditor – the appointment of Mr Michael Newberry for 2006/07 was noted

HM Revenue & Customs – delayed Annual Return - the upholding of an appeal against the imposition of a fine and receipt of monies (£300) paid was noted.

Crosby on Eden Playground – Receipt of a grant of - £735.29 from Cumbria County Council (Neighbourhood Forum) towards the upgrading of Crosby Playground was noted

Risk management – a report from the Risk Management Group was received and noted.

Resolved that the following payments be approved.

CS Moth	Salary&Expenses	734.98	169	100989
HM Customs & Rev	Tax & NI	305.02	170	100990
Houghton V Hall	Room Rent	8.00	171	100991
Chris Hewitt	Plumbing works -Crosby P Hall	205.62	172	100992
Thurnams	Stationery	52.62	173	100993
FinessePVCu LTD	Windows,Crosby P Hall	740.25	174	100994
BT	Phone Account675996	67.40	175	100995

SR 152/02.07 Planning matters

Decisions in regard to current planning applications were noted -

Permissions

- **06/1436 2 Antonine Way, Houghton** – two storey extension to provide living room on ground floor and bedroom/ensuite bathroom above

Appeals (against City Council refusal to grant permission)

- **Appn 06/0634 Land adjacent Tarraby Farm, Tarraby Lane, Tarraby** – erection of one detached dwelling

The Chairman's action in association with Ward Councillors was confirmed

- **Appn 06/1102 Study Quiet, Rickerby** – extension to provide kitchen, utility, bathroom and lounge (revised application) – **"No observations"**
- **Appn 07/0003 Cairnbaan, The Yard, Linstock** – erection of single storey garden shed for storage and summer house facility – **"No observations"**
- **Appn 07/0019 Newby Grange, Crosby on Eden, Carlisle** - extension to north wing to provide sun room and balcony(revised proposal) –**"No observations"**

The following Applications were considered

- **Appn 06/1422 Little Bobbington, The Knells, Houghton** – erection of single storey extension to front elevation.
Resolved that "no observations" be made
- **Appn 07/0022 Whiteclosegate Garage, Brampton Old Rd, Carlisle** – Erection of 2 Non-illuminated pole mounted signs (retrospective)
Resolved to agree with a compromise proposal made by the applicant that the signs be lowered and backed by identical signs to improve appearance, provide all complied with current regulations.
- **Appn 07/0049 18 Smithy Croft, Houghton Carlisle** – Single storey extension to provide enlarged kitchen and sitting room.
Resolved that "no observations" be made.
- **07/0110 Woodside, Houghton** – **Erection** of Car Port, Replacement conservatory, front entrance porch, alterations to windows and doors and air conditioning plant(revised application)
Resolved that "no observations" be made

SR 153/02/07 Footpaths

Mr A Nicholson, Countryside Officer was in attendance for this item. He said that the East Cumbria Countryside Project (ECCP) was contracted with Carlisle City Council in regard to all footpath issues. Capita was responsible for Rights of Way outside Carlisle. Footpath issues within the parish were discussed:-

Houghton (Village Hall to Smithy Croft). The path was not on any definitive map. Procedures for adoption required a minimum of 6 witness statements describing knowledge of the use of the footpath and also documentary evidence. It was agreed that adoption be sought. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Mr Nicholson in regard to the completion of forms.

Linstock to Rickerby (proposed). It was proposed to extend the Hadrians Wall walk about 300m from the Beeches at Rickerby to the motorway bridge at Linstock. The matter will be raised with the Hadrians Wall Company and looked at in the context of a longer footpath/cycle route connecting Stanwix, Brunstock, Linstock and Rickerby Park.

Whiteclosegate (Mill Croft). Parts of this footpath were within the City boundary and further investigation was required to determine ownership.

Houghton (Greenfield Farm) the re-routing of the footpath following building works needed further consideration.

Mr Nicholson made reference to a recent excellent survey of about 20 footpaths by Cllr A Welsh undertaken as part of the Lost Ways Project. Some issues had been actioned but more was needed.

It was agreed that a Footpaths Working Group be established with the aim of identifying issues and priorities for action, including those matters raised at this meeting. The Group will comprise Cllrs S Alecock, G Cawley, J Taylor, A Welsh, the Clerk and Mr A Nicholson. The Group will report its recommendations to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

SR 154/02/07 Parish Plan

The final draft of the plan was distributed to members who were asked to convey comment/suggested changes to the Clerk by Sunday 18th February. It was noted that a grant of £1440 had been received towards publication costs.

It was agreed to commission Mr S Ledingham to take aerial photographs of the Parish for the plan

SR 155/02/07 Administration and Governance matters

Councillor surgeries – in response to a proposal from the Chair it was agreed that Councillor Surgeries be established. Initially these will take the form of two councillors attending for 30 minutes before each meeting to be available to address issues raised by residents. The first occasion will be the April 2007 meeting. A rota will be drawn up. It was also agreed that PC Hughes could also attend to help with community safety and policing issues.

It was further agreed that alternative meeting venues be sought in Houghton such that meetings could again rotate to Crosby, Houghton and Linstock.

CALC Councillor Training Programme – Resolved to support members' attendance at "Development Control" and "the Effective Councillor" courses

Carlisle Parish Councils Association – it was noted that the Chairman has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Association.

SR 156/02/07 Village matters

Crosby on Eden - Arrangements for the **multi-agency meeting** to be held at Crosby on Weds 28th February were noted

Crosby on Eden Playground Insurance – the Clerk reported that discussion with Cornhill Insurance had resulted in there being no need for insurance beyond that of Public Liability. Similarly no extra premium was required at present. For the future Cornhill would require an annual inspection report by qualified persons and weekly site inspections by the Parish Council.

Houghton - Resolved that the provision of more notices warning against riding horses on the village green be delayed whilst the situation was monitored.

Linstock South Green – Resolved to authorise the purchase of infill material to repair the road across the green within a budget of £500.

Linstock – Bus Shelter – after consideration of costs it was **resolved to authorise** the purchase and installation of a bus shelter from Queensbury Shelters Ltd within a budget of £6000, to include delivery and installation costs. It was also agreed that the City Council be asked to undertake preparatory works in the sum of £400.

Fly Tipping - Resolved that a letter be sent to Mr M Battersby, Carlisle City Council expressing concern and seeking assurance in respect of the impact of the new waste and recycling policy

SR 157/02/07 Waste and Recycling

It was noted that the public meeting held at Houghton Village Hall on 31st January attracted only a small number of people. Publicity is now being given by the City Council to rolling out the new scheme in the Parish from 28th March.

SR 158/02/07 Councillor matters

Reports will be made to a future meeting in regard to the following –

A689m – litter accumulation adjacent to Houghton Junction road works

Linstock – parking of United Utilities van on pavement

Park Broom road – many potholes in last 50m of road

It was noted that –

Tarraby – sewage problems had been solved

Rickerby – a public questionnaire would be circulated in regard to the Emergency Plan

Crosby on Eden and Rickerby – details of emergency lighting requirements would be wanted at the next meeting


SR 159/02/07 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications received since the last meeting was received

It was noted that the Government's proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct for members would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

SR 160/02/07 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th March 2007 at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden. **The Annual Parish Meeting will precede this meeting at 7pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed 
Chairman

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th March 2007 in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR161/03/07 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Clarke A Gosling M Naylor, N Woodmass and PC K Hughes

SR162/03/07 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Aglionby, S Alecock, G Cawley, P Gascoigne, A Lightfoot, L Kielty , J Taylor, J Telford, W Wannop, A Welsh

SR163/03/07 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
City Cllr M Bowman
County Cllr M Mallinson
3 members of the public

SR164/03/07. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of a personal and or prejudicial interest relating to any item on the agenda

SR165/03/07 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th February 2007.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th February 2007 were received and agreed save for the following amendments:-

SR150/03/07 - Fly Tipping -"Cllr J Taylor" to be substituted for "PC Hughes"

SR153/03/07 – Whiteclosegate – remove full stop after "consideration" and add "within the parish from the north end of Mill Croft to the Old Lonning"

SR 166/03/07 Public Participation

No matters were raised by members of the public.

SR167/03/07 Finance matters

Resolved that the following payments be approved

CSMoth	Salary&Expenses	747.16	176	100996
HM Customs & Rev	Tax & NI	305.24	177	100997
CALC	Subs 2007/08	272.50	178	100998
CALC	Loc Council Review Subs	13.50	179	100999
E&N Farrer	Quarry waste, Rickerby	161.00	180	101000

SR168/03/07 Planning matters

Chairman’s action in consultation with Ward Councillors was confirmed

- **Appn 07/0022 Whiteclosegate Garage, Brampton Old Rd, Carlisle** – Erection of 2 Non-illuminated pole mounted signs (retrospective) repeated with sign position and dimensions (Resolution of Min SR152/02/07 confirmed) – "observations as previously submitted"

Decisions in regard to current planning applications were noted-

Permissions granted

- **Appn 06/1102 Study Quiet, Rickerby** – extension to provide kitchen, utility, bathroom and lounge (revised application)

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- **Appn 06/1111 – Land to rear of Near Boot public house, Tarraby Lane – erection of 5 bedroom house and garage**
- **Appn 06/1422 Little Bobbington, The Knells, Houghton – erection of single storey extension to front elevation –**
- **Appn 06/1425 – 44 Tribune Drive, Houghton CA3 0LE – Two storey extension and single storey rear extension**
- **Appn 06/1460 – Old Clydesdale Stud, Tarraby Lane, Tarraby**
- **Extension to existing house to create enlarged bedroom and dining room, extension to existing single storey garage block to create two storey building with garages on ground floor and 2 No. ensuite bedrooms on first floor.**
- **Appn 06/1476 – Cherry Cottage, Crosby Moor, Carlisle – Change of use from agricultural to garden together with erection of detached garage and garden room**
- **Appn 07/0019 Newby Grange, Crosby on Eden, Carlisle - extension to north wing to provide sun room and balcony revised proposal)**

The following applications were considered

- **Appn 07/0067 - 33 The Green, Houghton, Carlisle – change of use of land to rear of house for storage of 6 No. quality caravans. Resolved to object to the proposal on the following grounds-**

- The proposal constitutes an over intensive use for such storage in a residential area.
- There could be a possible use of the caravans for residential/commercial use.
- The caravans should not be used for residential purposes

Further resolved that the Chairman and Clerk provide details, within the objection and appropriate regulation references

- **Appn 07/0113 – 2 Centurions Walk, Houghton, Carlisle – single storey extension to rear of dwelling and porch to front – “no observations”**
- **Appn 07/0022 Whiteclosegate Garage, Brampton Old Rd, Carlisle – Erection of 2 Non-illuminated pole mounted signs - another application with further details of sign position and dimensions –“no further observations”**
- **Resolved** that enquiries be made about the status of the original application in respect of the number of cars to be sold on site.

SR169/03/07 Parish plan

Amendments proposed by members had largely been included in the plan. In regard to the front cover it was agreed by majority vote that the copyright to an aerial photograph of the Parish be purchased for approximately £200.

The preference however was to use photographs supplied by Mr S Ledingham, if available. It was also agreed that village names be included on the front cover of the Plan.

Further agreed that the Parish Plan Group be authorised to proceed to publication.

SR170/03/07 Parish Council Elections – 3rd May 2007

The Clerk described the process and timetable for the forthcoming elections. Nominations forms had been made available by the Assistant Returning Officer. The closing date for receipt of nominations was noon on 4th April 2007.

SR171/03/07 Code of Conduct for members of Local Authorities – proposed amendments

The Standards Board of England was consulting on proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct for members of Local Authorities. These were summarised by the Clerk and noted by members who authorised the Chairman and Clerk to comment on behalf of the Council

SR172/03/07 Village matters

Crosby on Eden – A report of the Public meeting held on 28th February 2007 was received. It was acknowledged that while a number of answers had been given at the meeting there was still a great deal of anger and frustration among residents about the lack of action on some issues.

It was **agreed** that continued dialogue with the Agencies concerned and action being taken with the involvement of residents was vital. Similarly regularly updating residents on progress made was important.

Linstock – A request by a resident that selected small conifers adjacent to his property on South Green be felled **was agreed**.

It was **further agreed** that Cllrs S Alecock and W Wannop be authorised to liaise with the resident and agree the conifers to be felled.

Rickerby – Upon the recommendation of the Emergency Planning Group it was agreed to write to Story Ltd, owners of the Paddock, a gated area, for keys to be provided to residents for escape route access in a flood event. It was noted that to date there had been a 50% response to the residents questionnaire and that Emergency boxes were now sited on the property of one of the residents in Rickerby

SR173/03/07 Councillor matters

The following matters were raised-

Houghton – St John's bridge new junction layout. Reservations were expressed at the effect of the new 40mph speed limit as many motorists seemed to be ignoring it. The new double white lines were also being abused. It was also felt the speed limit and double white lines should begin at the Crosshill junction and extend to the Brunstock turning to make the limit more effective. Concerns were also expressed about the position of the dropped kerb/crossing as being too near the Scaleby junction.

The Clerk agreed to write to the Area Engineer to clarify policy in regard to any future changes and report to the next meeting

Cycle Path (ST John's Bridge to J44 of M6 – City Cllr J Bainbridge reported that patching work would start soon.

Hadrians Wall Group – Cllr G Cawley reported that recent developments in the creation of a limited company communications with local groups could still be a problem.

SR174/03/07 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications since the last meeting was received and to noted.

SR 175/03/07 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th April 2007 at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

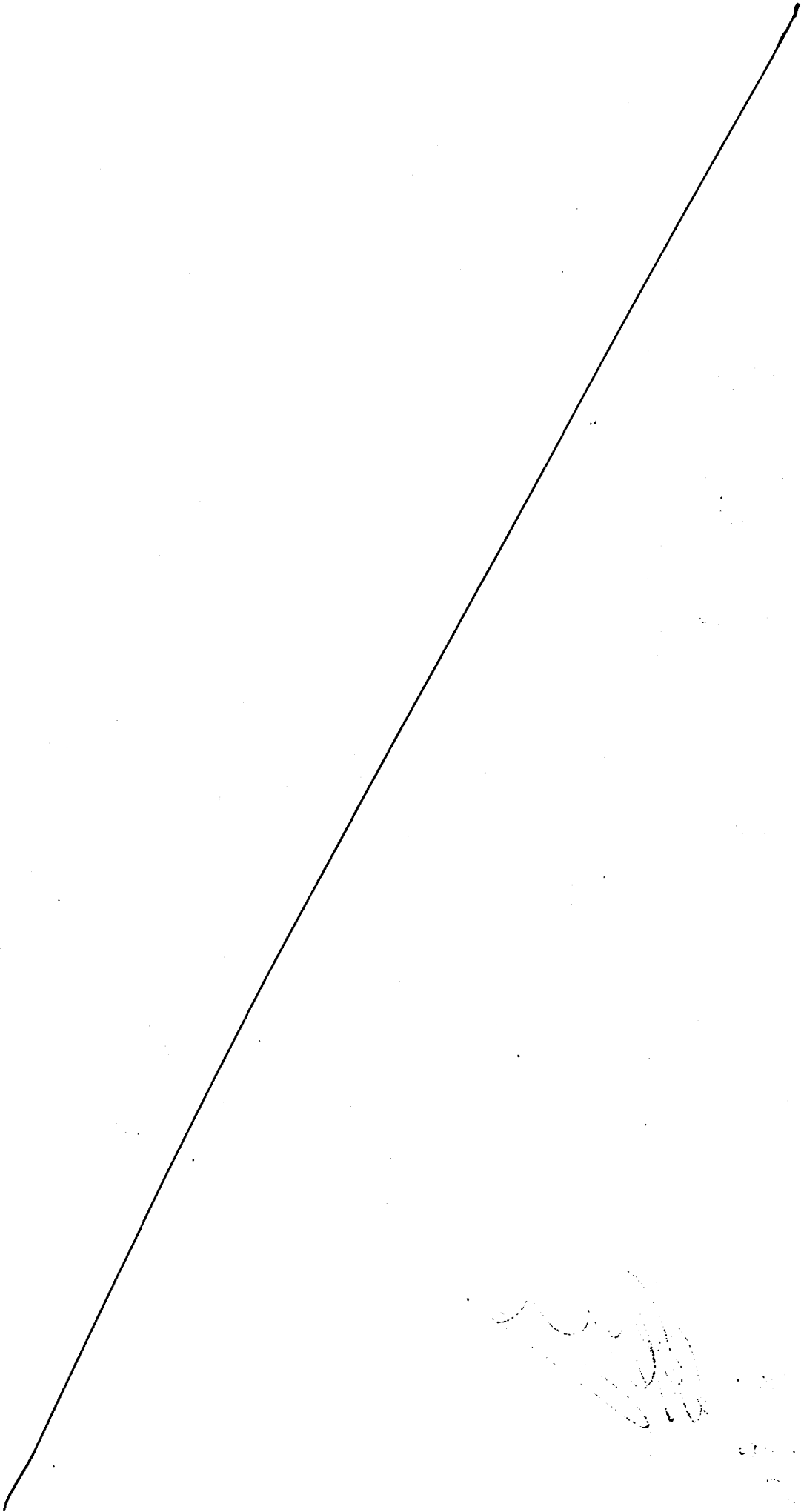
The meeting closed at 8.40pm

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STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th April 2007 in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

SR176/04/07 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Aglionby, M Clarke, P Gascoigne, A Gosling, L Kielty, M Naylor, N Woodmass and PC K Hughes

SR177/04/07 Present

The Chairman, Cllr C Nicholson and Cllrs S Alecock, G Cawley, A Lightfoot, J Taylor, J Telford, W Wannop, A Welsh.

SR178/04/07 In attendance

City Cllr J Bainbridge
City Cllr M Bowman
County Cllr M Mallinson

SR179/04/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of a personal and or prejudicial interest relating to any item on the agenda

SR180/04/07 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th March 2007.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th March 2007 were received agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SR181/04/07 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

SR182/04/07 Finance matters

Resolved that the following payments be approved –

Carlisle City Council	Planning Appn Fee	67.50	181	101001
CS Moth	Salary&Expenses	694.99	182	101002
HM Customs & Rev	Tax & NI	301.45	183	101003
Carlisle City council	Crosby playground upgrade	2503.93	184	101004

The balance at the year ended 31st March 2007 was noted as £58752.76.

SR183/04/07 Planning matters

The following applications were considered

Appn 07/0234 Whiteclosegate Garage, Brampton Old Rd, Carlisle –Change of use of land to increase vehicles allowed for sale from 10 to 22 (retrospective)(revised application). Resolved to make the following observations

1. The Parish Council considers that an absolute maximum of 20 cars only may be allowable on the designated site.
2. Higher numbers of vehicles would constitute an over intensive use of the site.
3. The Council notes with great concern that since occupying the site the applicant has displayed considerably more than the currently permitted maximum number of vehicles i.e. 10. At present approximately 20+ vehicles occupy the proposal site,



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others being displayed for sale at other points around the filling station including one, on a raised structure, at the Brampton Road entrance/exit.

4. The Parish Council urges that strict controls be included in any permissions which may be granted in respect of this application.

Appn 07/0276 Land adjacent to 7 the Nurseries, Linstock – Erection of a two storey dwelling (outline application). Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds-

5. The proposed site is in very close proximity to The Nurseries bio-disc. The boundary, edged red on the location plan, appears to encompass existing access to the disc. Any building work associated with the proposal may compromise the physical integrity of the bio disc site.
6. Use of the available space having been maximized, development in the area of The Nurseries has reached saturation; with the result that surface water and foul sewerage disposal networks are loaded to capacity.
7. The means of sewage disposal, which serves The Nurseries development, has also a very problematic history. The system often malfunctions, much to the distress of local residents. Any further increase in the daily loading could greatly exacerbate these problems.
8. It is believed that planning consent may have been refused in respect of an earlier application to develop the site.

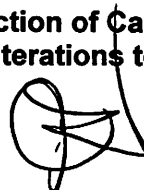
Appn 07/0231 – Houghton Nursery – Variation of planning condition 12 ref Appn 05/0477 to allow for display of temporary buildings. Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds -

That the proposal:

1. would significantly prejudice the character and setting of the listed building
 2. would have major detrimental impact upon the character of a defined woodland site
 3. would severely prejudice the integrity of the wildlife habitat.
 4. would constitute unacceptable major intensification of the use of the garden centre.
 5. re-define the nature of the approval which was granted.
 6. dilute adequate control regarding the nature and extent of the retail activities able to be conducted from the garden centre.
 7. would have significant adverse impact upon local landscape character.
 8. would be prejudicial to the visual environmental amenity of nearby residential property.
 9. lacks toilet facilities, to the disadvantage of vulnerable social groups
 10. may be conducive to criminal activity.
- **Appn 07/0306 38 Jackson Road, Houghton – Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof over bedroom /garage –Resolved to submit “no observations”**
 - **Appn 07/0308 West House, Eden Grove, Crosby on Eden - Installation of a conservatory –Resolved to submit “no observations”**

The following permissions were noted -

- **Appn 07/0049 18 Smithy Croft, Houghton Carlisle – Single storey extension to provide enlarged kitchen and sitting room.**
- **Appn 07/0110 Woodside, Houghton – Erection of Carport, replacement conservatory, front entrance porch and alterations to doors and windows**



SR184/04/07 Waste and Recycling

The Clerk reported a complaint from a resident that there was confusion in regard to the application of the City Council's Waste and Recycling; furthermore that there had been difficulty in contacting the published helpline. Several points were raised in the ensuing discussion

- There was a difference in opportunity for recycling as between the urban and rural areas of the parish.
- For urban residents the plastics and cardboard recycling bags were inadequate both in type and number
- More staff will be deployed to the help centre
- Some callers to the helpline were impolite
- There were bound to be teething problems when considering the extent of the change to 48000 homes in the District.
- Fines were not planned at present for errant residents
- Help was available to individuals with very specific problems

Resolved to accept the advice of City Cllr M Bowman that City Council Officers visit the resident to help with the problems raised and to seek to obtain better containers for plastics and cardboard.

SR185/04/07 Village matters

Houghton – Amenity Lighting , Smithy Croft – following complaints from a neighbouring resident it was **resolved** to seek further advice from the City Council lighting Engineer

Rickerby – Messrs Story Ltd, owners of the Paddock, had agreed to residents of Rickerby gaining emergency access to the paddock, given certain conditions. **Resolved** that the conditions as set out in their letter of 29th March be accepted.

SR186/04/07 Councillor matters

The following matters were raised-

Houghton – provision of speed indication equipment – It was noted that PC Hughes was seeking volunteers to manage and transport the devices that would be on semi permanent loan to the Parish.

Rickerby Park – although not within the parish several councillors were concerned about the amount of litter and the number of vehicles, including many 4x4's, crossing the grassed areas in the Park. **Resolved** that the Clerk write to the City Council.

SR187/04/07 Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications

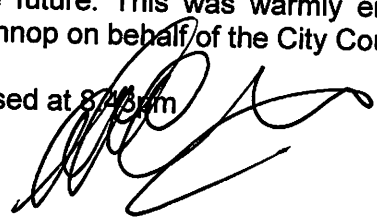
A schedule of correspondence, notices and publications since the last meeting was received and to noted.

SR188/04/07 Date of next meeting – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th April 2007 at 7.30pm in Crosby Parish Hall, Crosby on Eden.

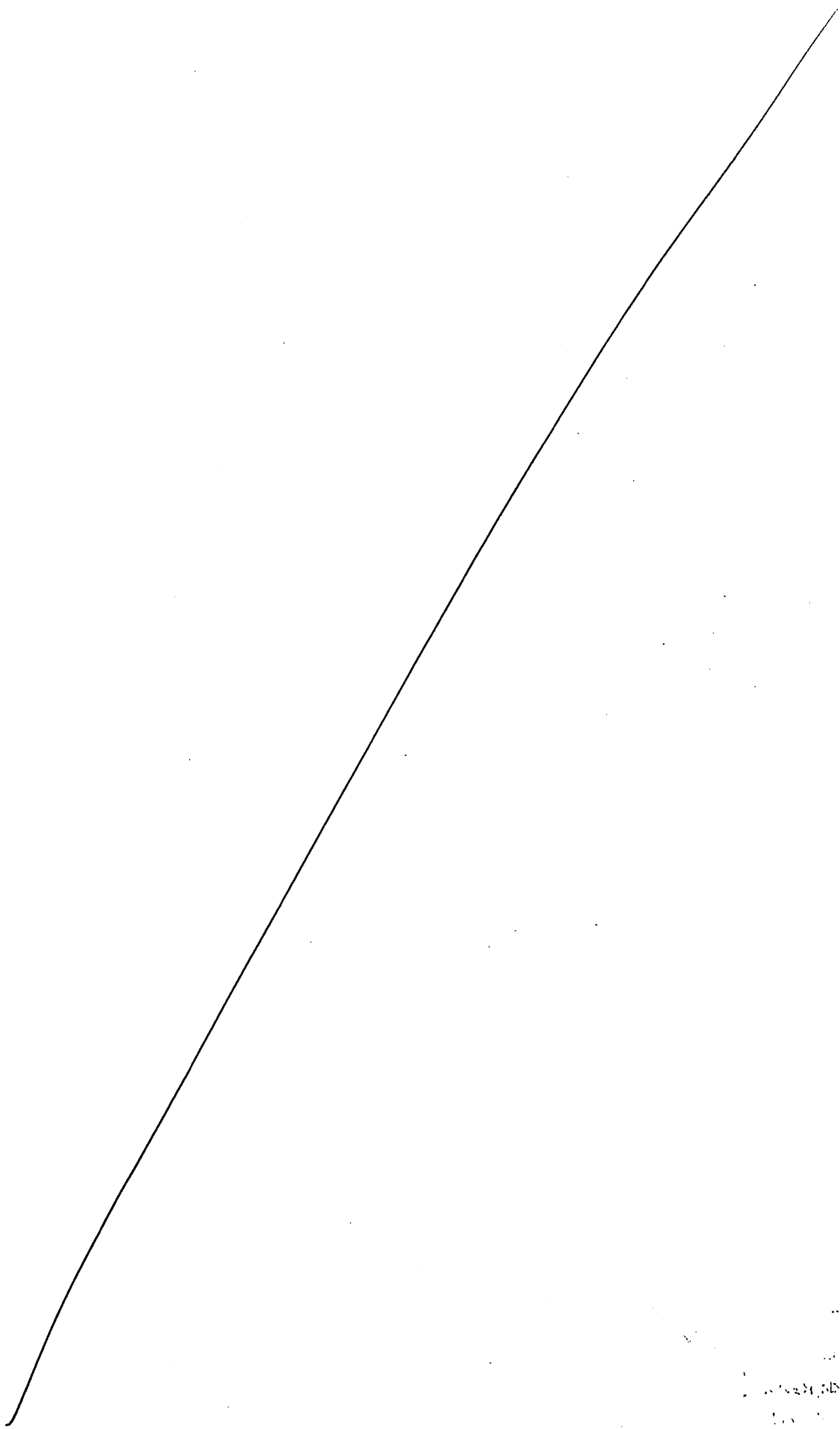
SR 189/04/07 Cllr W Wannop. The Chairman referred this being the last meeting attended by Cllr W Wannop before his retirement from the Parish Council after being in public life for 36 years. He thanked Cllr Wannop for his tremendous contribution and commitment to the local area and wished him well for the future. This was warmly endorsed by all those present. Cllr M Bowman also thanked Cllr Wannop on behalf of the City Council.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed
Chairman
9.5.07



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