

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on
Wednesday 12 February 2020 in the Wildlife Centre, Houghton at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: The Chairman Cllr C Nicholson, Cllrs A Coles, M Ellmore, A Lightfoot, D Milburn, H Phillips, C Savory and N Watson.

In Attendance: City Cllrs P Nedved and F Robson. Crosby Flood Group representative Mr M Fox and five members of the public. The Clerk, S Kyle.

ACTION

SR 930/02/20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs M Sherriff and S Splinter. County Cllr J Mallinson and City Cllr E Mallinson also sent apologies.

SR 931/02/20 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 January 2020

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

SR 932/02/20 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

SR 933/02/20 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

SR 934/02/20 Public Participation

Four members of the public were in attendance to register concerns over planning application 19/0973. They noted objections to the application due to concerns regarding:

- The likely increase in traffic with only one passing place in current existence;
- Potential for increase in passing places to set precedent for further properties;
- Absence of footpath in Tarraby, causing further danger to the many people who walk the lane;
- Lack of initial consultation with the village as a whole for the application;
- The change in application from two to four properties without full planning permission being sought;
- The proximity of the planning site to the sharp bend with access being located near that bend;
- The already large increase in permitted development in recent years.

One member of the public was in attendance to discuss concerns regarding anti-social behaviour on the Eden Gate estate, and in particular, at the play area.

Mr M Fox was in attendance as the Parish Council liaison/Crosby Flood Group representative, following flooding to Crosby Parish Hall and three properties in Crosby on 9 February. Discussions remained ongoing regarding the building of hard defences at Low Crosby or the broadening of the flood plain at Warwick Holme. It was agreed that a meeting between the Flood Group and Environment Agency, with Parish Council involvement was essential as soon as possible. Mr Fox also informed members that the pump at the flood barrier at Crosby had failed on Sunday evening and questions regarding it being fit for purpose must now be raised with Cumbria Highways. Water management further upstream was discussed but is not currently being considered.

The Parish Council pledged full support to the Group and will endeavour to attend an Environment Agency meeting when called.

Mr Fox left the meeting at 7.58pm.

SR 935/02/20 Planning Matters

935.1 To Consider New Applications:

20/0024 Houghton Hall Garden Centre, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4JB - Enclosure of Existing Open Sided Canopy for Unheated Retail Space; Erection of Open Sided Canopy; Demolition of Part of a Covered Walkway

Resolved: Recommend determination in accordance with national and local planning policy and guidance. The Parish Council takes this opportunity to commend the applicant on its pre-application engagement with the council; and to point out that such consultation at an even earlier stage would frequently be of great benefit to all concerned.

20/0036 Land at Rickerby, Carlisle - Variation of Condition 2 Of Previously Approved Application 16/1062 (Construction Of Flood Alleviation Scheme; Landscaping And Associated Works) To Re-Align The Pile Wall Further Away From Rickerby Retreat And Rickerby Cottage And Concrete Up And Over Access Steps In The Rear Gardens Of 8-12 Rickerby Court

Resolved: Recommend determination in accordance with national and local planning policy and guidance.

20/0031 Land adjacent to Avalon, Rickerby, Carlisle, CA3 9AA - Erection Of 1no. Detached Dwelling with Ancillary Detached Garage

Resolved to submit the draft response that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Parish Council recommends determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance and advocates conditioning to protect wildlife and environmental interests.

20/0006/TPO Tethera Oaks, Linstock, Carlisle, CA6 4PY - 30% Crown Reduction of Mature Oak Tree Subject to TPO No.76

Resolved: Recommend determination in accordance with national and local planning policy and guidance.

20/0070 Harker Grange, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4HY - Erection of Replacement Porch/Reception

Resolved: Recommend determination in accordance with national and local planning policy and guidance.

20/0081 Land to the rear of 28 Beech Grove, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0NU - Erection of Detached Dwelling and Garage Together with Associated Access and Landscaping

It was noted that this application had been recently received and will either be considered at the March meeting or a response will be submitted prior to then and ratified at the next meeting.

935.2 To note Permission Notices Received

19/0072 Land at Rickerby, Carlisle - S211 Removal Of 15no. Trees Within Rickerby Conservation Area Relating to The Flood Risk Management Scheme

19/0589 12 The Green, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LW - Erection of Detached Domestic Garage

It was noted that the applicants changed the red line boundary of the site as to not include the area of the Village Green which was causing problems. As per the approved plans, the planning permission is for the erection of a detached garage only and does not change the existing access arrangements.

935.3 Additional Planning Matters

19/0503 Houghton Hall Garden Centre, Houghton, Carlisle, CA6 4JB -Siting of Hand Car Wash and Valet Facility Including Canopy and Portable Office Store Building (Revised Application)

A letter had been sent to Carlisle City Council to complain regarding their failure to take into consideration the Parish Council objection to the above, which has now been passed. A

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE AGREED AT A MEETING TO BE HELD ON 11 MARCH 2020
response had been received and a further letter had been drafted in reply, which had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Resolved to send a further letter of complaint to the Chief Executive, copying in Cllr Nedved, regarding the maladministration in planning procedures. Cllr Nedved noted a potential interest in the matter due to being on the Planning Committee.

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935.4 To Ratify Submitted Responses

19/0973 Land adjacent to Shortdale Cottage, Tarraby Lane, Tarraby, Carlisle, CA3 0JT
- Proposed Landscaping of Plot Boundaries and Access Arrangements for Each Plot (Reserved Matters Application)

Resolved to ratify the submitted response which had been circulated to all Cllrs via email. The further representations of the attending members of the public were noted and it was stated that an additional objection could be made submitted if necessary prior to the end of business on 17 February 2020.

SR 936/02/20 Clerk's Report

A report had been circulated alongside the agenda regarding the following:

SR 882/10/19 Rickerby

This matter, regarding weeding and speed limits, remains ongoing.

SR 898.4/11/19 Tribune Drive Play Area

This matter remains ongoing. Cllr Phillips has telephoned the officer at the City Council to request an updated.

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SR 941.1/01/20 Tree Risk Assessment

This was scheduled to be carried out during the week commencing 17th February 2020.

SR 928/01/20 Parking Issues, Houghton

The matter of a car parking in the traffic calmed zone in Houghton had been passed onto Cumbria Police for attention however they did not feel any action was necessary. A copy of the relevant section of Highway Code is to be sent to them for clarification regarding what constitutes acceptable parking, taking into consideration the white line painting differentiation.

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SR 928/01/20 Drainage Issues, Brunstock

This matter remains ongoing. The Clerk will re-report as the road surface is now becoming damaged and the school children are unable to walk on the path due to the depth of the standing water.

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SR 928/01/20 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Cluaran Landscape Services has signed the initial 12-month contract. All three unsuccessful parties were notified by email.

Other Matters to Report:

Houghton Fair 2020

A working group meeting was held on Monday 3rd February at 7pm in Houghton Primary School. Plans are well underway and a final meeting to finalise arrangements will be held on Monday 15th June 2020 at 7pm in Houghton Primary School. A yurt is to be considered for hire from Cumbria Wildlife Trust, subject to insurance, risk assessment and the recruitment of enough competent volunteers. Cllr Ellmore volunteered to co-ordinate.

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Flooding

This matter was discussed above as part of public participation.

SR 937/02/20 Administrative Matters

937.1 Rural Fun Scheme

It was noted that six days have been budgeted for in the summer, however concerns exist regarding the hire of Houghton Village Hall due to refurbishment works and also Crosby Parish Hall due to the recent flooding.

Resolved to agree to the provision of six days with dates and venues to be coordinated as appropriate by the Clerk.

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937.2 Battle of Britain 80th Celebrations

Information had been received requesting consideration be given to commemoration of the above. The matter had been passed onto Houghton in Bloom for their attention and it was noted that funding to support any display agreed is likely to be required.

SR 938/02/20 Village Matters

938.1 Eden Gate

Discussion was held regarding anti-social behaviour which is continuing to be an issue on Eden Gate, particularly around the play area. It was noted that discussions are being held between a resident and Cumbria Police in respect of a potential failure to fully consider the play area design during the planning process. Police are however carrying out regular patrols as the area has been designated as a hot spot.

Further consideration was also given to the lack of boundary fencing; Cllr Coles is pursuing the issue, alongside further building regulation concerns, with the City Council.

It was noted that the Parish Council are able to lobby on their behalf with the relevant agencies but advise the residents to form an association in order to request formal support and enable the Council to assist them better, in particular by mediating at a meeting of interested parties.

Four members of the public left the meeting.

938.2 Houghton Village Green Damage

Reports had been received on two separate occasions regarding vehicle damage to Houghton Village Green. The first incident was untraceable however the second occurrence had been witnessed. An email had been sent to the business responsible however no response had been received to date.

Resolved to consider restorative costs to Houghton Village Green.

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938.3 The Stag Inn, Crosby

It was noted that the Parish Council had been previously informed that the above had been de-listed as an Asset of Community Value, prior to it being put back on the market for sale. Consideration was subsequently given as to whether there is any merit on seeking it to be re-listed.

Resolved to gain opinion from Crosby residents before applying to re-list if then deemed appropriate.

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SR 939/02/20 Highways Matters

939.1 A689 Safety

Information had been received from a Brunstock resident and circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting regarding safety at the junction onto the A689 at Brunstock. It was considered that the Freedom of Information request had not been fully answered, failing to list all accidents at the junction, specifying instead just those incurring injury.

Consideration was given as to how to support the residents with their request for increased safety measures and it was suggested that banning right hand turns into the hamlet would be successful. It was considered that in order to do this, the 40mph limit may need extended and some modification made to the left-hand side of the junction.

Resolved to support the Brunstock residents and write to Highways with the above suggestions. Also, to advise the resident who submitted the Fol request of follow-up procedures in case additional information is available.

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939.2 Illuminated Signage

Consideration was given to the installation of an illuminated speed indicator device to Houghton Road, given the inability to install repeater signage in the area.

Resolved to investigate success statistics for SIDs and to request permission to proceed if viable financially from the County Council.

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939.3 Linstock Tracks

Four quotations had been sought for repairs to the above, with two being submitted prior to the deadline at prices of £2,810 and £475.

Resolved to progress with a quotation to repair both tracks at Linstock at a cost of £475 from Mr S Splinter.

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One resident left the meeting at 9.06pm.

SR 940/02/20 Consultations

940.1 Police and Crime Commissioner Council Tax Consultation

Resolved not to submit any response to the above consultation.

SR 941/02/20 Financial Matters

941.1 Payments:

Resolved that the following payments be approved:

NEST, February pension	£94.29
Sarah Kyle, February salary	£1,260.50
HMRC, February PAYE and NI	£222.57
Cumbria Payroll, February payroll	£18.00
Tech4Office, Dec/Jan printing	£25.38
Crosby Parish Hall, January rental	£20.00
Cumbria Wildlife Trust, February rental	£16.00
Burnetts Solicitors, legal fees	£819.00
Crosby Parish Hall, leaflet grant	£154.80
TOTAL:	£2,630.54

941.2 Noted: balances at bank as at 31st January 2020:

Community Account	£1,268.98
Money Manager Account	£60,742.10
Cash Account	£3,919.45
Income to 31/01/20	£57,398.50
Expenditure to 30/01/20	£43,981.34

941.3 Resolved to note the receipt of £1,000 in the form of a pre-paid MasterCard as a grant from the National Lottery for the Houghton Fair.

941.4 Grant Scheme 2020/21

Resolved to open the grant scheme for 2020/21. All paperwork had been previously circulated to Cllrs and will be emailed to known groups at the earliest opportunity.

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SR 942/02/20 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

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

SR 943/02/20 Councillor Matters

Cllr Nicholson reported an invitation received to discuss plans for further residential development at Crindledyke on 27 February.

Cllr Coles reported a dead cat in the hedge adjacent to the terraced properties on Eden Gate. He also reported to Cllr Nedved that further to the recent tree felling at the end of Eden Gate, two small

sheets of old corrugated iron pieces had been retained. He further noted that the two gullies near to the Police ground were not successfully cleared and were running down the road during heavy rainfall.

Cllr Ellmore reported concerns over the perceived over-zealous tree pruning/felling at the Tribune Drive play area. This was supported by Cllrs Phillips and Milburn regarding additional felling on Tribune Drive and Antonine Way. Details of the works are to be forwarded to City Cllr Nedved.

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Cllr Phillips requested that the footpath/walks leaflets be put on the March agenda.

City Cllr Nedved reported that the City Council are working to help affected flooded properties in Rickerby and are liaising directly with the Environment Agency regarding the issues. He also noted that litter picking was due to be carried out on verges, including the A689.

City Cllrs P Nedved and F Robson left the meeting.

Exclusion of Press & Public - Part B Item

Resolved that the following item be considered confidential and exclusion of members of the public or press be permitted under the Local Government Act 1972.

SR 944/02/20 Brunstock Pond

Cllrs were informed that Cllr Nicholson and the Clerk had been working with a solicitor regarding the incorrect depth of the pond.

Resolved to authorise expenditure for a solicitor's letter to be sent to Pond Services Cumbria.

SR 945/02/20 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 11th March 2020. Venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm.