

STANWIX RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stanwix Rural Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 in the Wildlife Centre, Houghton at 7:30 p.m.

Present: The Chairman Cllr C Nicholson, Cllrs H Phillips, C Savory, M Sherriff, S Splinter and N Watson.

In Attendance: City Cllrs E Mallinson, P Nedved and F Robson. County Cllr J Mallinson. The Clerk, S Kyle.

ACTION

SR 946/03/20 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cllrs A Coles, D Milburn, M Ellmore and A Lightfoot.

SR 947/03/20 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 948/03/20 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

SR 949/03/20 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

SR 950/03/20 Public Participation

County Cllr J Mallinson reported that investigations could be made into prohibiting right-hand turns in and out of Brunstock onto the A689 if residents felt it was a solution to the traffic issues. City Cllr E Mallinson reported an update to the Tribune Drive play area refurbishment, with a meeting planned for 17 April.

SR 951/03/20 Planning Matters

951.1 To Ratify Responses Made Prior to the Meeting

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
Resolved to ratify the submitted response.

951.2 To Consider New Applications:

20/0099 Brackenthwaite, Whiteclosegate, Carlisle, CA3 0HY - Conversion and Extension of Existing Detached Garage/Accommodation to Provide Annexe

Resolved to note concerns over traffic frequency, noting that the application is however for visiting family members only. For this reason alone, in this instance, the Parish Council does not object to the application and is able to recommend, albeit with some caution, determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance. This recommendation is however dependent upon the application of strict conditioning, perhaps through a legal agreement, to ensure that the proposed dwelling may not be brought into use as separate private dwelling or used for commercial purposes; e.g. as holiday or tenanted accommodation of any kind, or as office space. If such conditioning is not applied and for the reasons outlined above, the Parish Council must object to the application.

19/0982 The Old Vicarage, Crosby on Eden, Carlisle, CA6 4QZ - Erection of Detached Garden Room (Part Retrospective)
& **19/0983 (LBC)**

Resolved that the Parish Council continue to object to the proposal in its current form, however, following email correspondence with the applicant it is agreed that the objection may be overcome through a condition requiring the use of an appropriately muted shade of render, to match the proposed brickwork and existing stonework, rather than the white finish currently proposed; the reason for this being to soften the visual impact of the proposal within the rural

environment and thus retain a sympathetic relationship with the character and setting of the listed building.

20/0139 Walby Hall Farm, Birky Lane, Walby, Carlisle, CA6 4QL - Erection of Agricultural Building to Cover Existing Silage Clamp

Resolved to recommend determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

20/0149 Land at Rickerby, Carlisle - Variation Of Condition 7 (Mitigation Measures) Of Previously Approved Permission 18/1062 (As Varied By 19/0686) For The Construction Of Flood Alleviation Scheme; Landscaping & Associated Works - To Substitute These With The Mitigation Measures/Details Set Out In The Submitted Ecological Impact Assessment Addendum And Updated Habitats Regulations Assessment

Resolved to recommend determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

20/0138 Land at Orchard Gardens, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LH - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Documents) Of Previously Approved Permission 16/0597 (Erection Of 4no. Bungalows) To Change Site Layout, Dwelling Design and Reduction in Number of Dwellings From 4no. To 3no.

Resolved to note that, whilst the Parish Council welcomes the proposed reduction in the number of dwellings, from 4 to 3, it stresses that it would not wish the amendment, if permitted, to facilitate any reduction in the rigour and supervision of conditions in respect of drainage issues.

20/0136 13 Smithy Croft, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0NS - Demolition of Existing Garage and Outhouse; Erection of Two Storey Side and Single Storey Rear Extension to Provide Lounge, Utility and Kitchen/Dining Room on Ground Floor With 1no. En-Suite Bedroom Above

Resolved to recommend determination in accordance with local and national planning policy and guidance.

951.3 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 the City Council with a response received regarding the procedures relating to submissions for the above. The response had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Resolved that a further response will be submitted as part of the official complaints procedure a draft will be circulated to all Cllrs ahead of submission.

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SR 952/03/20 Clerk's Report

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

SR 882/10/19 Rickerby Weeding

This matter remains ongoing.

SR 898.4/11/19 Tribune Drive Play Area

Correspondence has been received from Carlisle City Council to indicate that the matter is progressing and a meeting has now been arranged, as noted above.

SR 928/01/20 Drainage Issues, Brunstock

This matter was re-reported to Cumbria Highways.

SR 938.2 Houghton Village Green Damage

An invoice has been sent to the business responsible and the grounds maintenance contractor authorised to carry out the repairs. It was noted that further damage has now been incurred; County Cllr Mallinson to request assistance with the placement of bollards from Cumbria Highways.

SR 938.3 The Stag Inn, Crosby

Work remains ongoing to canvass support for the re-listing as an Asset of Community Value, for the above.

SR 939.1 A689 Safety

A letter has been sent to the resident regarding proposed measures and work will continue in due course.

Flooding

A meeting has been arranged for 26 March with the Environment Agency.

Other Matters

Asset Repairs

Damage was sustained to the bench at Linstock following storm Ciara. The bench was removed as soon as possible, repaired and returned. Repair works have also been authorised to the Houghton Village Green notice board to rectify general wear and tear.

Crosby-on-Eden Defibrillator Guardian

A new guardian has been appointed for the above.

SR 953/03/20 Administrative Matters

953.1 Asset Review

Resolved to approve the updated asset register which had been circulated alongside the agenda.

953.2 Community Plan - Action Plan

Resolved to note an updated version of the action plan, which had been circulated alongside the agenda. It was confirmed that an additional volunteer had been recruited for speedwatch. It was also noted that the anti-social behaviour in Houghton appears to have calmed down.

953.3 Walks and Footpath Leaflets

A proposed format of leaflet for the first of three walks was circulated around members during the meeting.

Resolved to continue to produce the leaflets and proceed with printing in due course.

953.4 Standing Orders

Resolved to note that the Clerk has reviewed the Standing Orders, with no amendments suggested.

953.5 Local Electricity Bill

Information regarding the above had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the principle behind the Bill was commendable, but it was unclear how it could be applied practically.

Resolved not to respond at this time.

953.6 Tree Survey

The updated tree survey had been received and consideration was to be given, in due course, to obtaining quotations from tree surgeons for the required non-urgent suggestions of works.

953.7 Covid-19 Pandemic

Resolved to extend the delegation of Council decisions to the Clerk during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of the Covid-19 virus. Such delegation to enable the Council to fulfil its responsibilities to its residents

SR 954/03/20 Village Matters

954.1 Community Asset Transfer, Whiteclosegate

The Chairman outlined, for the benefit of new members, the previous history and attempt at making an asset transfer for the area of land adjacent to the garage, alongside an unsuccessful application to have a tree preservation order applied to the remaining apple tree.

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Resolved to investigate whether the position of the authority's has changed and re-apply for the above if so.

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SR 952/03/20 Financial Matters

952.1 Payments:

Resolved that the following payments be approved:

Nest Pension, March pension	£94.29
Sarah Kyle, March salary plus reimbursements	£1257.50
HMRC, March PAYE	£222.77
Cumbria Payroll, March payroll	£18.00
Tech4Office, Jan/Feb Printing	£34.64
Cumbria Wildlife Trust, rental	£20.00
Susan's Farm, grant	£276.14
Savills, Linstock Village Green rental	£10.00
Equipphase, website hosting	£66.00
S Splinter, reimbursements	£40.00
B Smith, joinery repairs	£259.00
BHA Trees, tree survey	£744.00
TOTAL:	£3042.34

952.2 Noted: balances at bank as at 29th February 2020:

Community Account	£1,044.12
Money Manager Account	£58,242.10
Cash Account	£3,919.45
Income to 29/02/20	£57,398.50
Expenditure to 29/02/20	£46,611.88

952.3 Fidelity Insurance

Resolved to note the adequacy of the above, prior to the receipt of the 2020/21 precept.

SR 953/03/20 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

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

SR 954/03/20 Councillor Matters

Cllr Watson noted that a request had been received for the placement of a memorial bench in Linstock. The matter will be considered at the April meeting.

County Cllr Mallinson and City Cllrs Mallinson, Nedved and Robson all left the meeting at 8.21pm.

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 955/03/20 Brunstock Pond

Members were updated that the Council's solicitor had sent a letter to the other party, to which a response had been received. The matter therefore remains ongoing with further steps agreed.

SR 956/03/20 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 8th April 2020 in the Wildlife Centre, Houghton.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.