

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Andrew Allen, Alan Atkinson, John Leigh and Patrick Sefton, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Steve Bavin, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor George Taylor.

The meeting commenced with a minute's silence being observed in memory of former Councillor Raymond Rowlinson, who died recently.

23/36 Public participation: None.

23/37 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/38 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters of the agenda.

23/39 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/40 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin reported on the Council's Adult Social Care arrangements. He said that anyone struggling to find appropriate social care should contact the Council.

23/41 Traffic on the B5284 Road:

- a. It was resolved to accept estimate of £4,342 from Westmorland & Furness Council for the lining work, proposed some time ago, on the B5284 Road. A Private Works Agreement will need to be signed.
- b. It was resolved to purchase three additional Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), two for Winster and one for the west side of Crook village.
- c. Councillor Sefton agreed to provide details of the two suggested sites for the Winster SIDs.
- d. A letter from Tony East and Richard Medley had been circulated to all Councillors, regarding traffic and speeding through Crook village. The letter had been signed by almost 30 people, most of whom are close to the B5284. The contents of the letter were noted and will be brought to the attention of Westmorland & Furness Council Highways. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and explore whatever options there might be to alleviate the problems currently being experienced.

23/42 Finance:

a. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's Accounts for 2022-23 was received, with thanks. There were no issues arising to be brought to the Council's attention.

b. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

HMRC	£366.40	PAYE (noted)
D H Wilson Ltd	£1,074.00	Roadside cutting
Chris Mowat	£50.00	Internal Audit – honorarium
K M Price	£119.83	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel.

c. The cash and budget statements were noted.

23/43 Planning: None.

23/44 Grit boxes:

Councillor Bavin will provide a map of the current location of grit boxes in the parish and what the arrangements are for filling these. Additional ones will be requested for the Back Lane area.

23/45 Defibrillator:

The Clerk had made contact with those putting out the original consultation for the future of phone kiosks in the area and he awaits a further reply.

It was resolved that the Council applies to purchase the Crook phone kiosk to house a defibrillator (paid for by the Parish Council). It was reported that the kiosk is in a very run-down condition at present and does not appear to be used.

23/46 Highways:

The following were reported/discussed:

- a. A number of potholes have been repaired but there are still some to be dealt with.
- b. Dobby Lane is to be patched this year and sprayed/tarred next year.
- c. Back Lane – this is much improved but water is still running on the road and there are blocked drains requiring attention.
- d. Chapel Lane – the drains need clearing out again. The Clerk will report this.
- e. Potholes were reported on the Stile, from Knipe Tarn to Winster
- f. Staveley Road end – the Chairman will ask David Wilson to do some clearing here.

23/47 80th Anniversary of D Day – 6th June 2024 – this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

23/48 Date and place of the next meeting:

Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm at Winster Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: