

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Winster Village Hall on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Andrew Allen, Alan Atkinson and John Leigh, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Steve Bavin, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Emma Scott and George Taylor.

23/49 Public participation:

The Council was informed of a damaged pole in the river at Roper Ford. Councillor Bavin said he had just reported this.

23/50 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/51 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/52 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to David Foster for overseeing the broadband project so thoroughly in the parish.

23/53 Traffic on the B5284 Road:

The Clerk had submitted all the necessary paperwork to W & F Council. Helen Karasslan of Highways had put things in motion but warned that this is a lengthy process. Proposed sites for the SIDs in Winster had also been provided and further news is awaited.

23/54 Finance:

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

HMRC	£368.80	PAYE
T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll Administration (annual payment)
Winster Parish Room		
	£10.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£115.32	Clerk's expenses to 30 th September, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

23/55 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

7/2023/5541 Becksides, Crook. The proposed works include internal alterations, demolition of 1980s lean-to extensions and construction of a new single-storey extension in its place at the property known as BECKSIDE, Crook.. Alongside the proposals for the farmhouse, this application also includes the change of use of Barn 3 from agricultural to domestic use. Works to Barn 3 include, forming a new, second opening in the north elevation to match the existing opening with new solid timber double doors on both, adding solar panels to the south facing pitch, alterations to the surrounding boundary walls reaffirming the boundary edge and forming a new opening from the access road to Barn 3.

23/56 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin mentioned the following:

- a. A5074 Lyth Valley road is closed at present as a through route.
- b. Grit bins – are they being used. A map of locations is available. Please inform Councillor Bavin if more bins are required.
- c. The current bin strike in Eden will not affect South Lakeland.
- d. Grants are available from the Household Support Fund and also (for 16 to 19 year olds) from the Transport Grant.

23/57 80th Anniversary of D Day – 6th June 2024:

The Chairman has put this Council forward for an event to mark this occasion. Kendal Council will also be holding an event at the same time.

23/58 Defibrillator:

The Clerk is still trying to progress this matter and will continue to do so. It was felt the two defibrillators would be advisable; in order to include Winster; possibly one could be sited at the Brow Horse.

23/59 Highway matters:

The Chairman had inspected a number of the roads in the parish. The road from the top of Crook Brow to the golf course has been repaired; a further issue on the passing places has since been resolved. The Winster side of the Stile requires attention and Councillor Bavin said he would report this. There is also a blocked drain at Crook End.

23/60 Date of the next meeting:

***Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed
(This will be the Precept Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: