

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Winster Parish Room on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

25/11 Public participation: None.

25/12 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/13 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/14 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025, having been circulated, were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

25/15 Updates:

- a. Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge. Councillor Metcalfe agreed to be the contact for any meetings that might be arranged - it is intended to hold two meetings each year and this will enable liaison with the Police, now that they cannot routinely attend Parish Council meetings.
- b. A tree in a dangerous condition on Crook Brow has been reported to Westmorland & Furness Council three times by the Clerk, once by the Chairman and Councillor Bavin, who will follow it up again.
- c. The roadsides on Milnthorpe Road are dangerous, following the re-surfacing, as there is, in some places, a large gap between the verge and the new tarmac.
- d. The Clerk will enquire regarding alterations to a building at Oakshead Tenement; it is not known if a planning issue is involved.
- e. The lighting of the Beacon for VE Day (8th May) has been advertised in the 'Two Valleys News'.

25/16 Reports:

Councillor Bavin reported as follows:

- a. Many potholes have been repaired but there are still some outstanding. There is a very large one at Mitchelland that has been reported.
- b. The 'bridges' are now open again but the weight limit is likely to remain at 7.5 tons for some time.
- c. The Parish Council Elections for this parish are likely to be in 2027, although the consultation is still open.

- d. The consultations on the possibility of having an Elected Mayor (closes 13th April) and on the Westmorland & Furness Boundaries (closes 12th May) are still open.

25/17 Traffic on the B5284 and A5074 roads:

There seems to have been some improvement in the speed of traffic but residents are being vigilant and continuing to encourage more frequent visits from the Police on the B5284

The SID at the west side of Winster village on the A5074 is in place and functioning; the installation of the one at the east side is in hand.

25/18 Planning:

The following applications were considered:

7/2025/5058 Boars Rock, Crook. Removal of existing conservatory and construction of new garden room to front of property. Removal of existing glazed porch and construction of new entrance extension together with alterations to elevations and external works.

This application had been granted today, so it was not discussed.

7/2025/5147 (Listed Building Consent) Sun Inn, Crook. Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. Redecoration of the exterior of the building

Approval recommended.

7/2025/5148 (Advertisement Consent application). Sun Inn, Crook. Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.

Approval recommended.

25/19 Finance:

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Winster Parish Room	£12.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£127.02	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel.

25/20 Date of the next meeting:

***Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 7.30pm at Crook Memorial Hall
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting – with refreshments served between the meetings)***

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: