

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Andrew Allen, Alan Atkinson, John Leigh, Emma Scott and George Taylor, District Councillors Pat Bell and Hazel Hodgson, Councillor Mark Kidd, nine members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Jim Bland.

Councillor Mark Kidd, Chairman of Staveley with Ings Parish Council, who is also Chairman of the National Park Governance committee and Deputy Chairman of the Development Control committee, addressed the Council. A number of questions were asked concerning planning matters, especially Planning Application 7/2021/5981 and others relating to the Brown Horse Inn at Winster. Several members the public spoke, voicing their serious concerns over a number of issues at this site. Councillor Kidd agreed to speak to anyone personally following this meeting.

22/1 Public participation: (see above)

22/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

22/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with the addition of Councillor Pat Bell's name to those having sent apologies for absence.

22/5 Reports:

Councillor Bell said the Structural Changes Order had now been made as part of the Local Government Review. The legal challenge to the proposed new Authority had been dismissed. Ward Boundaries will change under the new Authority.

Councillor Hodgson explained there would be two local Authorities; that for this area will be 'Westmorland and Furness'. Both Executive Officers are meeting together every two weeks and there will be an election to the 'shadow' Authority in May.

22/6 B4RN:

Councillor Leigh said most of the B4RN routes are now complete and the project is moving according to plan.

22/7 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2nd June 2022:

The Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm on 2nd June 2022, and there will be a Proclamation made before the lighting. The Clerk will check the Council's insurance cover for this event. It is understood that Crook Church will be organising an event around the same time.

22/8 Queen's Green Canopy:

The Chairman has obtained a tree for planting and the Council resolved to reimburse him for this. Councillor Sefton will make enquiries in order to obtain one for Winster and will negotiate with the Chairman concerning this.

22/9 Traffic on the B5284 road:

The Clerk had received correspondence from CCC Highways just before this meeting.

There are two proposals.

Proposal 1 – Gateway Markings at either end of the village with increased 30 roundel road markings throughout the village. **Estimated costs £3694.93.** This includes the lining works and costs of road closure required to carry out the works.

Proposal 2 – Extension of 30mph eastern side of Crook. These costs include the initial and statutory consultations required to change a Traffic Regulation Order, legal and advertising costs and implementation works. **Estimated costs £7000.**

It was resolved to accept Proposal 1, to be put in hand as soon as possible. The Clerk will ask for the work to be carried out alongside the repair to the 30mph sign and replacement of the Crook sign.

As regards Proposal 2, the Council consider that the short extension to the 30mph would probably not be particularly useful in slowing vehicles down as they approach the village.

However, discussions are continuing and this will continue to be an agenda item.

22/10 Finance:

a. It was resolved to make the following payments:

Great North Air Ambulance	£200.00	Grant
North West Air Ambulance	£200.00	Grant
Richard Metcalfe	£59.99	Reimbursement for tree
K M Price	£115.36	Quarterly expenses to 30th September, including use of home office and travel
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- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

22/11 Planning: None.

22/12 Highway matters:

- a. District Councillor John Holmes had notified the Council that the South Westmorland Village Maintenance Association will most likely be closed down, as the previous contractor is not willing to enter into a further contract. Enquiries have been made for an alternative contractor, but without success. The Councils that participated in this scheme are being contacted so that a final decision can be made and the funds distributed as agreed.
- b. Councillor Leigh said the battery in the SID at the west end of Crook village had been replaced.
- c. The '20mph' and 'chippings' signs on the road from Crook Church to Bulman Strands have been in place since before Christmas. The Clerk will request their removal.
- d. Re-surfacing on the U5328 at Spigot House, Crook. The Clerk will ask CCC Highways why this road is to be re-surfaced when there are other roads in the parish in much worse condition.
- e. Potholes on the road to Bulman Strands and on the road to Knipe Tarn, over the Stile will be reported.
- f. The broken 30mph sign at the east end of Crook village has still not been replaced, neither has the 'Welcome to Crook sign' at the same location. It was noted there is no similar sign at the west end of the village.
- g. The Council will provide salt/grit bins. The Clerk will ask if CCC will fill them.

22/13 Date of the next meeting:

It was resolved to hold a meeting during April and the Annual Meeting in May; the Clerk will circulate possible dates for approval.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: