

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

Rowena Pavey, representing Carer Support South Lakes, spoke of the work of this charity and a short video presentation was given. The charity is looking for volunteers to assist in various ways – anyone who is interested is invited to make contact – via the Clerk if necessary. The Chairman thanked Rowena for her attendance at this meeting.

24/35 Public participation:

- a. The Underbarrow roadsides have been cut once but require another cut. There had been disagreement as to whether the Parish Council has authority to instruct the usual contractor to carry the work out or not, which has been the case for many years. The Clerk will seek clarification from Westmorland & Furness Council.
- b. Rowanthwaite, Crook. (This was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in May). LDNPA had indicated that there was no breach of planning permission and it was suggested that the Environment Agency should be contacted if there are still concerns. The Clerk agreed to follow this up. Concern had been expressed at the draining of the 'lake' and the possible damage/loss caused to the fish therein by the silt, together with paving slabs that had also been seen in the water.
- c. The drain by the Sun Inn is blocked again. Councillor Bavin will report this.
- d. The wording on the millennium stone in the Crook Pinfold is faded. The Chairman will inspect it with a view to restoring its visibility.
- e. Concerns were expressed at the large 'bins' outside the Sun Inn in Crook, which sometimes make it difficult for anyone to access the post box. Several stone slabs have been placed in front of the post box, which are uneven and, in wet conditions, quite dangerous. It is understood that this land is part of the highway and the Clerk agreed to report these matters to Westmorland & Furness Council.

24/36 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/37 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/38 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/39 Report from Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin mentioned the following:

- a. Closure of the A591 bridges. Councillors are urged to ensure that the Parish Council is represented at all meetings that are set up to inform residents of the current position regarding the bridges and the resultant diversions. Newsletters are being issued periodically and the Clerk will circulate all Councillors with any information he receives.
- b. A large number of potholes have been reported.
- c. The drains have been inspected.
- d. Additional 40mph repeater signs are required and everyone is asked to notify Councillor Bavin of the locations where these are needed most.

24/40 Traffic on the B5284 Road:

Proposals had been received from Westmorland & Furness Council for the siting of SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) for both Crook and Winster. These had been looked into by Councillors Leigh, Metcalfe and Sefton and minor amendments had been suggested. These will be sent to Westmorland & Furness Council by the Clerk, with copies to Councillor Bavin.

24/41 Defibrillator:

The defibrillator has arrived and will be fixed to the outside wall of the Memorial Hall, with a PIR light above it.

24/42 Finance:

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

Chris Mowat	£50.00	Internal Audit - honorarium
D H Wilson Ltd	£1,554.00	Roadside cutting – Underbarrow Road
Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council		
	£9.35	Share of ZOOM licence for one year.
K M Price	£134.77	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Report from the Internal Auditor was received with thanks. There were no matters to be brought to the Council's attention.

24/43 Planning:

There were no planning applications to consider but Councillor Sefton reported the following:

- a. The Appeal in respect of Rosthwaite Farm (Appeal Reference APP/Q9495/W/24/3338028) had been DISMISSED – he had attended the hearing on 11th June.
- b. Problems are still being experienced at the Brown Horse in Winster, following the granting of planning permission for the siting of eight pods to form additional letting accommodation.

24/44 Highways:

Most of the highways issues had been mentioned earlier in the meeting.

24/45 Correspondence: None.

24/46 Date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm at Winster Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: