

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Wednesday 28th May 2025 at 8pm.

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

25/21 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Richard Metcalfe was elected Chairman for 2025-26. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

25/22 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor John Leigh was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2025-26, subject to acceptance.

25/23 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/24 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/25 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/26 Finance:

- a. The Interim Accounts for 2024-25 were noted.
- b. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Accounting Statements, the Annual Governance Statement and the Certificate of Exemption from External Audit. The Clerk explained the significance of each of these.
- c. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Zurich Municipal	£202.89	Annual premium
CALC	£179.18	Annual subscription

25/27 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin reported as follows:

- a. The road from Knipe Tarm to Crosthwaite will be closed from 2nd to 4th July.
- b. Potholes on Back Lane need repairing.

- c. Rural Wheels – residents are encouraged to use this service, in the hope that it may lead to a regular scheduled service in due course.
- d. Small grants are available for community projects – the Chairman has details.
- e. Negotiations continue for the placing of the second SID in Winster.
- f. Japanese Knotweed has appeared at the junction of the B5284 with Back Lane, by Crook Church. He will ask for this to be removed.
- g. There will be traffic lights on Dobby Lane from 2nd to 13th June.

25/28 Planning: None.

25/29 Highways:

The Chairman reported on various highways issues. Repairs are required on the road from Mitchelland to Knipe Tarn, the Stile between Knipe Tarn and the Brown Horse and on Lindeth Lane.

25/30 Date and place of the next meeting:

Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 7pm at Winster Parish Room.

(It was resolved that future meetings will commence at **7pm**)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: