

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for Crook and Winster held at Crook Memorial Hall on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7.30pm.

There was an attendance of 11, including most of the Parish Councillors, Westmorland Furness Councillor Steve Bavin and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Allen.

The Chairman, Councillor Richard Metcalfe, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2nd May 2023, having been circulated were taken as read. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman read his report, which provided a comprehensive overview of the Council's activities during the past year. As had been the case in recent years, traffic problems – especially those on the B5284 – are a major concern of the Council.

He particularly thanked Councillor Bavin for his interest, help and regular attendance at the Council meetings.

Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Bavin reported as follows:

- a. Pothole repair/patching has improved, although there is still a backlog.
- b. Chapel Lane is in desperate need of re-surfacing.
- c. There have been two road closures in recent weeks in Crook; one for the repair of a wall at Bonningate and the other for the installation of traffic calming measures.
- d. W&F Council has agreed to the placing of a second SID at the west side of the village and also to two sites for SIDs in Winster. The Council is delighted to hear of this progress after a long wait.
- e. The 40mph repeater signs through Crook seem to be few in number; it was agreed to ask for these to be checked and replaced if necessary.

Reports from groups/organisation: None had been submitted.

Any other business and further public participation:

- a. It was claimed that the new road markings on the B5284 are 'hideous' and out of place in a Lake District National Park village. The comment was noted.
- b. Riowanthwaite, Crook. Work, following the grant of planning permission, is currently behind schedule. Concern was expressed at the draining of the 'lake' and the possible damage/loss caused to the fish therein by the silt. The continuing works have been in progress at weekends, including recent bank holidays, contrary to the planning consents and thereby causing a disturbance to residents. The Clerk will follow these matters up, and involve the Environment Agency if necessary.
- c. The 'newspaper box' at the Sun Inn requires repair/replacement. Councillor Sefton agreed to deal with this.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm, when tea and biscuits were served before the start of the Annual Council Meeting.

Signed:

Dated: