

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Winster Parish Room on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 8pm.

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

23/26 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Richard Metcalfe was elected Chairman for 2023-24.

23/27 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor John Leigh was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2023-24.

23/28 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/29 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/29 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/30 B4RN:

There are now 171 properties connected to B4RN in Crook. It is expected that Winster will receive the service in due course, via Cartmel Fell. There is enough interest to make this viable and the project has demonstrated a great community spirit throughout the parish.

23/31 Traffic on the B5284 road:

There is nothing further to report but the Clerk will follow it up again, now the new Westmorland and Furness Council is in place. Councillor Bavin asked to be copied in to any correspondence. A meeting to agree on a site in Winster for a SID will be requested again.

23/32 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

CALC	£154.97	Annual subscription
Zurich Municipal	£177.64	Insurance premium
Winster Parish Room		
	£10.00	Hire of hall

K M Price	£135.50	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel.
K M Price	£16.43	Backpay

- b. The Clerk reported on problems he is having, getting Barclays Bank to amend the Standing Orders, despite writing twice about it. Councillor Leigh said he would visit the Branch, if the latest letter fails to resolve the situation.
- c. The Interim Accounts for 2022-23 were noted. These will now proceed to the Internal Audit.
- d. Letters of thanks had been received in respect of the Council's recent grants, from Great North Air Ambulance and North West Air Ambulance.
- e. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the following financial documents, all Councillors having been supplied with copies:
 - i. Certificate of Exemption
 - ii. Annual Governance Statement
 - iii. Accounting Statements

23/33 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

7/2023/5192 Shepherd's Rock, Crook Road, Windermere. New ancillary building and alterations to existing house to provide new dormer over stairs, recessed PV panels in south roof slope, and widening of existing drive.

23/34 Highway matters:

The Chairman reported that many of the potholes have now been filled, especially on the road over the Stile which is greatly improved. The hill to Shepherd Yeat has been missed, though, and there is a very deep pothole on the B5284 near Sunny Brow.

23/35 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Purchase of an additional permanent SID (Speed Indicator Device) for the top of Crook Brow.
- b. Grit boxes – placement and filling.
- c. Defibrillator – the Clerk will enquire regarding the Crook phone kiosk.

23/35 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 25th July 2023 at 7.30pm at Crook Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: