

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Winster Parish Hall on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Andrew Allen, Alan Atkinson, Emma Scott and Patrick Sefton, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor Pat Bell, Westmorland and Furness Shadow Councillor Steve Bavin, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor George Taylor.

23/13 Public participation:

Potholes over the stile were mentioned and these will be discussed later in the meeting.

23/14 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/15 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/16 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/17 Reports:

Councillor Bland said there was not a lot to report. CCC is winding down, prior to the Westmorland and Furness Authority coming into being on 1st April. He said that repairs have taken place at Dobby Lane following recent reports of potholes.

Councillor Bell echoed what had been said by Councillor Bland and she thanked the Council for the warm welcome she had always received at meetings.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to both Councillor Bland and Councillor Bell, for their regular attendance, interest and support of this Parish Council. It was noted that Councillor Bland has now completed 30 years as a Councillor. The Council gave a round of applause in recognition of this and it was resolved to note in the minutes the Council's gratitude for work done by County and District Councillors over many years.

23/18 B4RN:

The project is going well and a meeting is to be held in Winster next week to progress the extension of the service to Winster, which has to come via Cartmel Fell.

23/19 Traffic on the B5384 Road:

It is anticipated that nothing will happen until the new Authority is in place but the Chairman will contact CCC Highways again about it.

The Clerk will make contact again with CCC Highways, so that a site meeting can be arranged to agree where the SID proposed for Winster can be placed.

23/20 Highways:

The Chairman has inspected the roads and lanes in the parish and reported on these:

- a. The condition of the road through Mitchelland is desperately bad and he will contact CCC Highways again.
- b. There seems to be some leakage from the old Winster Tip site.
- c. The Crook Church to Bulman Strands road is in a very poor state and CCC Highways will be alerted again.
- d. David Wilson has cleared the undergrowth etc at the Staveley Road end and this area now looks much better. He has also cut the overgrown roadside growth in the Warriner Yeat area and at Box Tree.
- e. It is understood that Dobby Lane only consist of the lane connecting the B5284 to the road near Crook Hall, which is understood to be called 'Milnthorpe Road'. The Clerk will make enquiries to check on this and, if it is correct, ask for signage from CCC Highways for that and possibly other lanes in the parish.

23/21 Finance – it was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Winster Parish Hall	£10.00	Hire of hall
HMRC	£154.80	PAYE
K M Price	£21.90	Balance unpaid by bank.

23/22 Planning matters:

There were no new planning applications but correspondence was reported between the Clerk and LDNPA regarding developments at Gilpin Lake House, as a restaurant is now operating there and is open to the public.

The Council understands that the previous planning permission granted was for a kitchen for residents only, and that this was justified by the fact that residents would not have to be taken to Gilpin Lodge for meals and this would therefore lessen the volume of traffic on the narrow road through Mitchelland.

The Council believes that there never was an application submitted for a restaurant at the Lake House but this is now showing online and local residents are known to have visited it.

The Clerk will contact LDNPA again with this information.

23/23 Correspondence: None.

23/24 Open Forum

- a. Councillor Scott mentioned the current planning application at Rosthwaite Farm. This is in Windermere parish but Cartmel Fell PC is a consultee and comments are due to be submitted tomorrow. The Clerk agreed to forward Councillor Scott a copy of these.
- b. The Chairman has compiled a map of all the drains in the parish and he handed this to Councillor Bavin who will make a copy of it for him.
- c. Councillor Atkinson reported that he had been unable to contact Rob Huck at CCC (minute 23/8 refers) but will try again.

23/25 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.30pm at Winster Village Hall

- please note change of date

(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed:

Dated: