

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Winster Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

#### **24/12 Public participation:**

David Foster asked if the Council could express its thanks to all involved in the B4RN project which has been highly successful, 302 connections having been made. He will confirm with the Clerk when is the appropriate time to send such a letter.

#### **24/13 Requests for Dispensations: None.**

#### **24/14 Declarations of Interest:**

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

#### **24/15 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **24/16 Updates:**

- a. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been in touch with B4RN and they are willing to provide some funding for a defibrillator at the Village Hall.
- b. Traffic speeds, etc, have been surveyed on the A5074 through Winster and a response is awaited from Westmorland & Furness Highways which will decide on any deployment of SIDs.
- c. The 'other' SID has now been returned from Levens PC.
- d. Councillor Sefton reported on the issues discussed at the last meeting (minute 24/1 refers) relating to the River Winster. The Environment Agency has opened an investigation and photographs have been submitted to them. There is nothing further to report at present. Contact has also been made with LDNP Footpaths Officer..

#### **24/17 Traffic on the B5284 road:**

The new traffic calming measures are due to be carried out during the week commencing on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## **24/18 Westmorland & Furness Councillor's report:**

*Councillor Bavin reported as follows:*

- a. Some patching has taken place on the minor roads in the parish.
- b. Agreed to report six deep potholes on Chapel Lane.
- c. The latest Highways budget allows for drainage work on The Stile to be carried out.
- d. A consultation on public transport is taking place at present.
- e. The road from Damson Dene to Hubbersty Head will be closed overnight from 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## **24/19 Planning - the following application was considered:**

7/2024/5071 Becksid, Crook. Conversion and change of use of existing agricultural barn and byre into ancillary domestic accommodation.

*The following response was submitted:*

'The planning application states that it is proposed to convert and existing agricultural barn to "ancillary accommodation" to the listed farmhouse known as Becksid. This small stone field barn is set away from the main farmstead in an open field. The application, under residential/dwelling units states clearly that one additional one-bedroom house/unit is proposed. This being the case, then in accordance with our understanding of the current planning policies a local occupancy clause must be added where the proposed dwelling is in open countryside within the park boundaries. If the intention really is to create " ancillary" accommodation , the proposal, if approved, should include a strong requirement/restriction that it should only be used in conjunction with those resident in the main house and not let at any time for commercial purposes especially in the holiday letting market'.

## **24/19 Finance - It was resolved to pay the following accounts:**

HMRC		PAYE
Winster Village Hall	£10.00	Hire of hall.

## **24/20 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024:**

The Chairman said that this is now arranged and will take place on the same day as the Village Walk. The Beacon will be lit at 9.15pm, in the Old Churchyard.

## **24/21 Date of the next meeting:**

***Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm at Crook Memorial Hall  
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Council Meeting – refreshments will be served in the between the meetings)***

*The meeting closed at 8pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*