

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Winster Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

24/47 Public participation:

- a. There had been an accident in recent weeks on the B5284, where a pedestrian had been 'clipped' by a passing vehicle. There were fortunately no injuries. A sign, warning, motorists of pedestrians walking on the stretch of road from Pound Farm to the Sun Hill would be useful. The Chairman will ask David Wilson to cut back the undergrowth further.
- b. The Chairman will also investigate undergrowth issues on Crook Brow and at Warriner Yeat.

24/48 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/49 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/50 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/51 Updates:

- a. Drains – especially at the Sun Inn. The mud has gone and time will tell if the problem has been solved. Councillor Bavin said he would also look into the problems with drains.
- b. Pinfold – the Chairman has 'wire-brushed' the stone and it is improved.
- c. Access to the post box at the Sun Inn -the response from Westmorland & Furness Council was not satisfactory as the Council had previously been assured that the land is owned by the former Cumbria County Council. The Clerk will make contact again, emphasising the danger of the unstable slabs and the access being hindered by the large bins belonging to the Sun Inn.
- d. Silt discharging from Rowanthwaite – LDNPA had said there is no infringement of planning permission but a reply is still waiting (following an acknowledgement) from the Environmental Agency. It was reported that brown water is still coming down in the beck and that the water level is lower than it was.

24/52 Westmorland & Furness Councillor's report:

Councillor Bavin reported as follows:

- a. A number of drains have been jet-washed.
- b. A meeting to agree the siting of the SIDs is awaited and is expected to take place shortly. The Clerk will ask that the meeting in Winster will be held at the same time as that for Crook.
- c. The road from Crook to Crosthwaite via Starnthwaite will be closed from 7th to 25th October.
- d. There is a face-to-face session at Kendal Town Hall on Tuesday 8th October from 0930 to 1230 for Councillors to discuss how Parish Councils can become more involved in highways works etc.
- e. The monthly meetings to report the latest news regarding the two bridge closures continue to be held.
- f. The green bins delivery and collection will improve, following additional funding received.
- g. He will report the condition of Milnthorpe Road, where the road edges are very muddy and a 'drop' following re-surfacing is making them dangerous.

24/53 Traffic on the B5284 road:

A 45-page letter had been received from Mr Tony East of Crook and sent to all Councillors. The Clerk will thank Mr East for the letter and agree with his suggestion that the Police Speed Van would be better employed visiting Crook between 0800 and 1000 and between 1600 and 1800 on a weekday, rather than at the current time.

The Council agreed to ask for the introduction of a Community Speed Watch in Crook – there are apparently volunteers available to staff this. The Clerk will make enquiries via the Police initially.

24/54 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll administration – annual payment
Winster Village Hall		
	£10.00	Hire of Hall
K M Price	£121.43	Quarterly expenses to 30 th September, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

24/55 Planning: None.

24/56 Correspondence:

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will attend the LDNPA meeting arranged at Coniston on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 4pm – 7pm. This is to provide an opportunity for dialogue on planning matters.

24/57 Date of the next meeting:

***Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm at Crook Memorial Hall
(this date is now confirmed and will be the Precept Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Dated: