

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

23/1 Public participation: None.

23/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/5 Reports:

Councillor Bland said that things are very difficult at present, in preparation for the new Westmorland and Furness Council taking over from 1st April.

Councillor Bell confirmed what Councillor Bland had said and that SLDC continues to deal with the many challenges that are being presented.

23/6 B4RN:

It was reported that very good progress is being made and a group has been set up in Winster in order to extend the connection to there. B4RN in Crook has been extended as far as Out Moss on Lindeth Lane.

23/7 Traffic on the B5284 road:

There is nothing to report at present – it seems unlikely that the work will be put in hand before the Vesting Day (1st April 2023) for Westmorland and Furness.

It is felt that, in view of the request from residents in Winster for a SID (Speed Indicator Device), this should be allowed for in the forthcoming Precept.

23/8 Highways:

The Chairman had inspected the lanes in the parish. The road up towards Knipe Tarn, from Mitchelland is in a particularly poor condition, as is the back road from Crook Church towards Crosthwaite. Many drains in the parish are in a desperate condition and requiring cleaning out.

Councillor Atkinson agreed to speak to Rob Huck at CCC Highways and try to resolve some of the highways issues or at least arrange a site visit for CCC to inspect the roads and drains.

23/9 Finance:

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

Crook Memorial Hall		
	£20.00	Hire of hall
SLDC	£100.00	Parish Election costs
K M Price	£131.10	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel
K M Price	£16.43	Balance of Pay Award

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. It was resolved to contribute £60 towards the Clerk's new computer equipment. This has been underwritten by Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council at a total cost of £1,000 including installation and training.

d. It was resolved to make a grant of £200 each to the Great North Air Ambulance and the North West Air Ambulance.

e. Councillor Sefton confirmed that the notice board at the Sun Inn has now been repaired. The Council recorded its thanks for this work.

f. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council/Westmorland and Furness Council, in the sum of £13,125 for the financial year 2023-24. There is therefore no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

23/10 Planning:

The following application was considered:

7/2022/5627 Becksides, Crook. Extension to farmhouse, conversion of Barn 2 to granny annexe and conversion of Barn 3 to garage with minimal restoration of Barn 1.

The Council has no objections to the actual proposals but there is concern about any occupancy requirements that may be made, especially that holiday letting should be excluded.

It was reported that development has begun at the Lake House; a cement lorry was present this week and a base appeared to be getting laid. The Clerk agreed to ask LDNPA for advice.

It was reported that an agricultural building has been erected in the yard at Crag House Farm but no planning application has been made. The Clerk agreed to ask LDNPA for advice.

23/11 Correspondence:

The Chairman had received correspondence from Buckingham Palace, thanking the Council for holding its 'beacon' in 2022 to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The next 'event' is the 80th Anniversary of D Day in 2024.

23/12 Date and place of the next meeting:

Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30pm at Winster Parish Room.

The meeting closed at

Signed:

Dated: