

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Alan Atkinson and Patrick Sefton, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor Pat Bell, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors John Leigh and George Taylor.

21/32 Public participation:

- a. Jonathan Pilkington updated the Council on Planning Application 7/2021/5048 (Brown Horse Inn, Winster. Proposed use of land for the siting of 8 pods to form additional letting accommodation). The Parish Council has been copied into all correspondence relating to this application but the LDNPA has not yet reached a decision on this.
- b. David Foster commented on the partial repair of the lane from Crook Brow to the golf course, as the contractors had run out of tarmac.

21/33 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/34 Declarations of Interest:

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

21/35 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on 11th May 2021 and 18th June 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that Councillor Alan Atkinson was present at the 11th May 2021 meeting and this amendment was noted.

21/36 County and District Councillor's Reports:

Councillor Bland said that problems with trees that had ash dieback had now been resolved. The 'jet patch' system for repairing potholes has been withdrawn at present, but further machines are on order. He stressed the difficulties in communications in CCC at present as many members of staff are still working from home.

Councillor Bell said that testing of private water supplies is a priority at present. She also mentioned the review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries taking place at present. There is no news yet on the Unitary Authority proposals.

21/37 B4RN:

David Foster reported that the B4RN group is very active, with plenty of volunteers taking part. Almost every property of the 391 in the parish has been leafleted and wayleaves and routes are now being considered. Similar schemes are going forward in a number of neighbouring parishes.

21/38 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS - 2ND JUNE 2022:

The possibility of lighting a beacon in the parish to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022 was discussed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. In the meantime, Councillors Metcalfe and Sefton will enquire as to suitable locations in Crook and Winster respectively and what interest there might be in the community in supporting this.

21/39 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted and all payments listed were approved.
- b. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted. There were no issues or concerns raised for the Council to consider.
- a. It was resolved, as recommended at the time of last year's Pay Award, to increase the Clerk's annual leave entitlement from 5.6 weeks to 7 weeks per annum, backdated to 1st April 2020. His Contract of Employment will be updated and signed at the next meeting by the Chairman and Clerk.

21/40 Planning:

The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:

7/2021/5334 Pound Farm Caravan Park, Crook. Six new caravans/lodges.
Refused.

21/41 Highway matters:

- a. Councillor Metcalfe had recently inspected most of the roads in the parish. The road between Crook Church and Bulman Strands has been reported twice and is in a poor condition. The Clerk will report it again and also ask if a traffic counter can be placed on this road, in order to assess the amount of traffic currently using it.
- b. The condition of the road to High Leys has been reported on a number of occasions and the Clerk will report it again.
- c. The agreement between the Parish Council and CCC for the SID at the eastern end of Crook on the B5284 has now been signed, a contractor agreed for its installation and the permit is awaited for the work to go ahead. Councillor Bland agreed to make enquiries regarding the replacement of the 'bent pole' on the eastbound carriageway just past the Staveley road junction.

- d. Correspondence between two local residents and the Police regarding the problems of speeding of the B5284 had been circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk will ask CCC why traffic for Bowness and the lake is currently being re-directed along the B5284, without any warning being given to either residents or the Parish Council, thus adding considerably to the problems already being experienced. It was suggested that this action is to reduce the build up of traffic going into Windermere. If this is the case, then CCC will be asked if re-direction can be limited to Mondays and Fridays which appear to be the busiest days for visitors arriving and leaving the area.

Councillor Bell asked to be kept updated on this matter.

21/42 Date and place of the next meeting:

Provisionally Wednesday 29th September 2021 at Crook Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: