

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council, held by ZOOM on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Alan Atkinson, John Leigh, Patrick Sefton and George Taylor, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor Pat Bell, Andrew Brown and Susan Caddy (B4RN), one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

B4RN presentation:

Andrew Brown and Susan Caddy (Community/Development Officer) made a presentation on behalf of B4RN (Community Benefit Company). The network has now reached Crosthwaite and it is hoped that it will progress to Crook, Strickland Ketel and Cartmel Fell in due course. Questions and answers followed the presentation and the Council is happy to display any publicity material on the website and this can also be sent for inclusion in the Parish Magazine. The Council may also be able to organise a leaflet drop in the parish. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Casual Vacancy:

Mike Poynter has resigned from the Council so a Casual Vacancy was declared. As this is within six months of an Election, there is no requirement to advertise it. The Clerk will send a letter of appreciation for his years of service as a Councillor.

21/11 Public participation: None.

21/12 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/13 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Taylor declared an interest in Planning Application 7/2021/5112 (Bridge Cottage, Crook) and took no part in the discussion.

21/14 Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings held on 12th January 2021 and 16th February 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/15 Highway matters:

Councillor Metcalfe said that little work had been done on repairing potholes (Lindeth Lane excepted) and that this would probably be the case until the new financial year when funding would be available again.

Councillor Bell suggested using the website 'fill my street' to report potholes.

The Clerk agreed to report a damaged pole on the B5284 just west of Pound level.

21/16 Speeding on the B5284:

The resident who had been in touch with the Council regarding this issue continues to pursue the matter with Police and CCC Highways.

The Clerk reported that he had received a negative response from CCC Highways regarding the possibility of the Council carrying out some gritting on the minor lanes in the parish. The Council's wish to install two solar powered speed indicator devices in Crook had been passed to the appropriate officer, but Councillor Bland indicated that there should be no reason why the Council should not go ahead and purchase the equipment. This will therefore be an agenda item for the next meeting and Councillor Leigh agreed to obtain details of the costs (later reported to be £2,870 each).

21/17 Finance:

The cash and budget statements were noted and all payments made were approved.

21/18 Reports:

Councillor Bland outlined the four proposals for a Unitary Authority that are being submitted to the government. It is likely to be late summer before a decision is made.

Councillor Bell reported as follows:

- a. The SLDC preferred option is 'The Bay', of the four proposals for a Unitary Authority.
- b. There is to be a Bye-Election for SLDC on 6th May in this Ward, following the resignation of Councillor Anne Hutton.
- c. Most of SLDC staff are still working from home.
- d. The full Council of SLDC meets next week.
- e. Details had been circulated regarding funding for Village Halls.

21/19 Parish Elections - 6th May 2021:

The Clerk outlined the arrangements for the Parish Elections to be held on 6th May 2021. He will post an Election Pack to all present Councillors unless advised to the contrary. Nomination papers must be returned to SLDC by 4pm on Thursday 8th April 2021 at latest, but may be delivered to the Clerk no later than Monday evening 5th April, who will take them to SLDC the following morning and also check them.

21/20 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

7/2021/5112 Bridge Cottage, Crook. Installation of new sewage treatment system.

Councillor Sefton reported on the static caravan, 35 to 40 years old, at the former nursery gardens on Green Lane, Winster, which had recently been replaced in contravention of a previous planning decision. He had made personal objections to LDNPA and had received a Case Number. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact LDNPA in support of this action and Councillor Bell asked to be copied into the correspondence.

21/21 Date of the next meeting:

***Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.30pm - provisionally by ZOOM
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting).***

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: