

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Andrew Allen, John Leigh and Patrick Sefton, County Councillor Jim Bland, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Alan Atkinson, Emma Scott and George Taylor, and received from District Councillor Pat Bell, who had sent a report.

**21/43 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 application has been recommended for approval by the Planning Officer and it will be decided at the Development Control meeting on 6th October. The Council was thanked for its support over the past few months.
- b. Andrew Brown gave an update on the progress of the B4RN project. Much of the parish has been covered as well as some of Strickland Ketel and Nether Staveley. The voucher scheme has been approved by the government for a period and there are already 405 prospective customers in the area.

**21/44 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**21/45 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**21/46 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**21/47 Reports:**

Councillor Bell's report had been circulated and will be appended to these minutes in the file.

Councillor Bland reported on the proposed Unitary Authority and the Judicial Review currently in progress. A 'shadow' Council is likely to be elected in 2022 and the full new Authority in 2023. This may affect the timing of Parish Council Elections.

Councillor Leigh proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Bland for the generous contribution of £1,000, from his allowance, towards the purchase of the SID for the B5284 road.

#### **21/48 B4RN:**

This had been dealt with earlier in the meeting. B4RN is asking for funding from the Parish Council and £1,000 was mentioned. As this had not been an agenda item, it would require agreement at a future meeting.

Councillor Leigh referred to the 'Rural Bulletin' the Council receives on a regular basis and wondered if there might be any financial help from this source. The Clerk will make enquiries.

#### **21/49 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2nd June 2022:**

The Chairman will arrange for a Beacon to be lit on a hill overlooking Crook. The Clerk will check what the closing date, given by CALC, is for notification to be made of this event.

#### **21/50 Traffic on the B5284 Road:**

There had been much correspondence over the summer months between residents of the village and CCC Highways, concerning speeding vehicles on the B5284 road, but especially the diversion of traffic from the A591 which has vastly increased the number of vehicles using the road, together with the noise and safety problems that this has brought. Tim Farron MP has been trying to arrange a meeting with CCC to discuss this but has been unable to obtain a response; he is continuing to follow this up.

CCC Highways have contacted the Clerk and wish to work with both this Council and Burneside Parish Council. A meeting is to be arranged on site, together with Cumbria Constabulary's Casualty Reduction Officer, CCC Traffic Manager and two representatives of each Parish Council.

It was resolved that the Chairman will represent this Council, together with either Tony East or Richard Medley, residents of the village. The Clerk will approach them to ask if they are willing to do so.

**21/51 Finance** - the cash and budget statements were noted and all payments made were approved.

#### **21/52 Planning:**

*a. The following applications were considered:*

7/2021/5647 Gilpin Lodge, Crook Road. Orangery Garden Room at Gilpin Spice. Note: Resubmission of consented development of same footprint & massing with minor aesthetic change - Reference: 7/2020/5543.

The Council finds it difficult to see what has changed in this application and feel sure it will be granted. No comment will be made.

7/2021/5684 High Mill Farm, Winster. Stationing of five safari camping tents all with self-contained facilities, together with associated minor groundworks for pitch formation, parking, access and utilities servicing: including foul water treatment plant.

The Council felt that this should be discussed more fully at an additional meeting to be arranged as soon as possible, when more Councillors are present. The Clerk will ask LDNPA for an extension to the time allowed for comments and notify all Councillors of this, together with arrangements for an additional meeting.

*b. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2021/5540 Wain Gap Cottage, Crook. Amendment to design (condition 2 - plans) on planning permission 7/2020/5142 - Rebuilding of existing garden store within the existing footprint to create extension to the kitchen. Replacement of the existing garage. Granted.

7/2021/5543 The Old Post Office, Winster. Amendment to design on condition 2 (plans) on listed building consent ref 7/2020/5437 for water pressure reduction measures and alterations. Granted.

**21/53 Highway matters:**

- a. A number of potholes have been filled in but some remain.
- b. It was noted that Chapel Lane is currently closed.
- c. There is a grid missing at Wain Gap - Councillor Bland agreed to report it.

**21/54 Date of the next meeting:**

***Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.30pm at Winster Village Hall  
(This will be the Precept Meeting)***

*The meeting closed at 8.25pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*