

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Richard Metcalfe (Chairman), Andrew Allen, Alan Atkinson, John Leigh, Mike Poynter, Patrick Sefton and George Taylor, County Councillor Jim Bland, District Councillor Pat Bell, residents and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

19/47 Public participation:

- a. Drain opposite Ellerthwaite. The channel is now five inches deep and extending 18 inches on to the road. It is dangerous. Councillor Bland will meet the CCC Traffic Engineer to discuss it.
- b. A number of potholes were reported. There is also a tree, dangerously leaning, near Halhead Garage (in Burneside parish) and the Clerk agreed to report this to Councillor Collins and/or Carter Jonas.
- c. Councillor Leigh reported on his recent attendance at the Rural Services Network Meeting, which is endeavouring to organise a Rural Strategy which will influence government, in issues such as tree planting etc. The Council resolved to sign up to this - Councillor Leigh to make the necessary arrangements.
- d. A fridge freezer has been dumped at the bottom of the Steel. The Clerk will report this to SLDC.
- e. The bungalow at Broom Hill has been turned into a large house and there are now 13 external lights being displayed on it. The Clerk will ask LDNPA for guidance.

19/48 Requests for Dispensations: None.

19/49 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Allen declared an interest in Planning Application 7/2019/5569 (Birk Moss, Crook), if this should be discussed.

19/50 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/51 Highway matters:

The Chairman had inspected the roads in the parish this week and had made a list of work required. A number of other problems were listed and he will report these to CCC Highways.

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting with CCC Highways, when traffic issues in both Crook and Burneside were examined. A full report is awaited in due course.

19/52 BT Proposal to remove payphones:

BT is proposing to remove the payphones at Crook and Winster. It was resolved to request the retention of the one at Crook. Councillor Sefton will ask residents for their views on the Winster one, which is hardly ever used.

19/53 Finance:

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

Winster Village Hall		
	£10	Hire of hall
K M Price	£93.84	Quarterly expenses to 30th September, including use of home office and travel .

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The possibility of making a grant towards the improvement at the lower car park at St Catherine's Church, Crook, in the light of new quotations received at the last meeting, was considered again and it was resolved that a working party could deal with this work which would save costs both to the PCC and the Council. The Chairman will report back to Mary Alcock and suggest this.

19/54 Reports:

- a. **Police:** There was no Police Report but the Clerk had ascertained that the PCSO is still Jayne Park, who has only been working part-time in recent months. She will, however, endeavour to email a report at each Council meeting.
- b. **County Councillor:** Councillor Bland said there was not a lot to report at present.
- c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Bell said that, due to being in purdah at present, there was not much to report. She is still, however, working on problems being experienced by residents with private water supplies.
- d. **Broadband:** David Foster said there is one more cabinet to be installed but the project is running out of money. It is anticipated that any households without broadband will need to make their own arrangements and 'EE' was a possible source of help. He will let the Clerk have a form of words that can be placed on the Council's website in order for residents to be aware of this.
- a. **Parish Clerk:** The Clerk informed the Council that the new Accessibility Regulations would become applicable to the website in September 2020. This is in relation to making Council websites accessible for users with disabilities etc. He is meeting A2A (this firm has set up a number of Council websites locally) in Milnthorpe shortly and will report back to the next meeting. The likely cost is unknown at this stage.

19/55 Planning:

a. *The following application was considered and approval recommended::*

7/2019/5712 Mitchelland House, Crook. Single storey oak framed orangery extension to rear.

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

7/2019/5569 Birk Moss, Crook. Approval of details reserved by conditions on planning approval 7/2018/5541: Condition no. 5 (construction details of vehicular access track); condition no. 6 (paint colour of doors, windows and associated framework) and condition no. 7 (landscaping details and boundary treatments) - Conversion of a former dwelling to one dwelling with a local occupancy clause and change of use of a barn to a garage, storage and recreational use associated with the dwelling. Granted.

7/2019/5376 Gilpin Lodge, Crook. Five new stand alone Hotel accommodation suites, new administration block, staff residential accommodation block and the relocation of the Biomass, removal of five caravans. Granted.

19/56 Dates for meetings during 2020:

The following dates were agreed:

(all Tuesdays at 7pm)

14th January	Winster	Precept Meeting
24th March	Winster	
12th May	Crook	Annual Meeting
28th July	Crook	
8th September	Winster	
10th November	Crook	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: