

Minutes of a meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Winster Village Hall on Tuesday 14th January 2020 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 Hazel Hodgson, four members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors Pat Bell and Anne Hutton.

20/1 Public participation:

- a. The road over the Stile, especially the Winster side, has not been cleared of leaves either this year or last. The Clerk will contact CCC Highways.
- b. The Chairman assured everyone that he had reported all highways issues to both CCC and Councillor Bland.

20/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

20/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/5 Highway matters:

The Chairman has inspected all roads in the parish this week and produced a list of issues requiring attention, which was passed to Councillor Bland. Most of these problems are in the Crook part of the parish.

20/6 Improvements to St. Catherine's churchyard (minute 19/53c refers):

The use of equipment has been offered and agreed. St Catherine's PCC are happy with the proposals and will meet any expenses incurred. Better weather is now awaited before the work can commence.

20/7 Accessibility Regulations:

The Clerk expects to meet A2A in Milnthorpe later this month to discuss the way forward. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

20/8 Rural Strategy:

Councillor Leigh will bring a full report at the next meeting.

20/9 Financial business:

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

HMRC	£159.40	PAYE
Winster Village Hall		
	£10.00	Hire of hall
Crook Memorial Hall		
	£30.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£92.36	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Budget Report was presented by the Clerk and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £6,725 for the financial year 2020-21. There is therefore no increase in the Parish element of the Council Tax.

20/10 Reports:

a. **Police:** There was no Police Report but contact has been made with the 'problem-solving sergeant' and a report should be provided for future meetings.

b. **County Councillor:** Councillor Bland is meeting a CCC Engineer next week to discuss outstanding highways issues in the parish.

c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Hodgson is looking into the problems with private water supplies and the billing thereof. She is also trying to reduce the charges imposed on public halls. She reminded the Council of the SLDC Tree Planting scheme and the special offer for composting etc. It was resolved that the Clerk will ask, via the 'Two Valleys' parish magazine, if anyone in the parish will offer any land for tree planting.

d. **Broadband:** David Foster said that Openreach have now finished their contract with CCC for the supply of fibre broadband to rural communities. It is claimed that 94.1% of properties are potentially connected.

e. **Parish Clerk:**

- i. The tree near Halhead Garage (in Burneside parish, minute 19/47b refers) has now been removed.
- ii. The BT phone box at Crook is apparently to be retained following the objection to its removal being received. The Council has no objection to the one at Winster being removed and no residents have made representations against it.
- iii. The Clerk will report the lighting issues at Broom Hill (minute 19/47e refers) again.

20/11 Planning:

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

7/2019/5712 & 5713 Mitchelland House, Crook. Single storey oak framed orangery extension to rear. Refused.

20/12 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 24th March 2020 at 7.30pm at Winster Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: