

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Crook and Winster Parish Council held at Crook Memorial Hall on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 8.05pm.

Present were Councillors Ricard Metcalfe (Chairman), Alan Atkinson, John Leigh, Patrick Sefton and George Taylor, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Steve Bavin, four members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Andrew Allen.

As this was the first meeting of the 'new' Council, all Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Clerk issued them all with Declaration of Interest forms which need to be lodged with Westmorland & Furness Council within 28 days.

24/22 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Richard Metcalfe was elected Chairman for 2024-25. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

24/23 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor John Leigh was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024-25.

24/24 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/25 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/26 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/27 Co-option of a new Parish Councillor:

Emma Scott was co-opted to the Council. She will sign the Declaration of Office at her first meeting.

24/28 .Traffic on the B5284 road.

This had already been discussed at the Parish Meeting earlier. The Council is happy about the work that has been done, as a step further towards reducing traffic speeds on this very busy road.

24/29 D-Day – 6th June 2024:

The lighting of the Beacon will take place at the old Church tower at 9.15pm.

24/30 Defibrillator:

B4RN will provide £1,000; the Parish Council to be responsible to cover all running costs and to arrange a rota for checking on a regular basis.

24/31 Finance:

- a. The Interim Accounts for 2023-24 were circulated and noted.
- b. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement. The Clerk explained the purpose of each form and provided a copy for each Councillor.
- c. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Zurich Municipal	£212.87	Annual Insurance premium
CALC	£171.03	Annual subscription
K M Price	£134.11	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel.

24/32 Planning: None.

24/33 Highway matters:

These had been discussed at the Parish Meeting earlier.

24/34 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 7.30pm at Crook Memorial Hall
(as the Hall is not available on that date, the meeting will now be held on **Tuesday 30th July 2024**)

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated:

