

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors are hereby summoned and members of the public are invited to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on **Monday 26th January 2026** in Crosscrake Hub at 7.30pm for the purposes detailed in the following

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence and approve the reasons

2. MINUTES

To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2025 as a true record

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda
(Members are reminded that it is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting)

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public have an opportunity to make statements, ask questions or raise any matters relating to the parish

6. REPORTS

- a) To receive any relevant matters from Cumbria Police including the Neighbourhood Policing Team updates for November 2025 and January 2026 (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/25 and 21/1/26 respectively) and the Rural Crime Team 2025 Roundup (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)
- b) To receive any relevant matters from the Westmorland and Furness Councillors

7. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

- a) To receive an update re faults and problems reported
- b) To report on further correspondence regarding the ford
- c) To receive any Towpath / Canal update including the email from W&F Cllr, Jonathan Brook on 25/11/25 re the proposed surface improvements

8. TREES & WOODS

- i) To receive any update
- ii) To consider a request to purchase from the Council a small piece of land near Underhelm Wood

9. PLANNING

- a) To note that the following planning application has been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:
2025/2210/FPA Helmdene, Oxenholme
Retrospective variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of condition 5 (ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling known as Helmdene) attached to planning permission SL/2020/0700 (Replacement of existing buildings and associated structures with a single storey pitched roofed shed/garage)
- b) To note any planning applications received and circulated to members of the Council since publishing the agenda
- c) To note that no planning applications have been notified as **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting

10. LITTER PICK

To agree the 2026 date

11. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

To agree the 2026 date and make arrangements

12. FINANCE

a) To note there has been no receipts between meetings

b) To note any receipts since publishing the agenda

c) To approve the schedule of payments for January 2026:

M R Richardson - Clerk's November, December & January Salary £1,244.71 less PAYE £249.00	
plus expenses £85.67 (broadband/telephone/use of home as office/photocopies/postage),	
and motor expenses £25.20 (56 miles @45p)	£1,106.58
HMRC – PAYE re M R Richardson	£249.00
Crosscrake Hub – Hire of hall	£20.00

d) To approve any payments due since publishing the agenda

- e) To receive the Clerk's report on progress with implementing the requirements of Assertion 10 (digital and data protection responsibilities) including agreeing an IT Policy
- f) To receive a report from the Chair and Vice-Chair that the Clerk's annual appraisal had been carried out
- g) To receive the Clerk's resignation due to ill-health
- h) To finalise the budget 2026/27 and to authorise the Clerk to request the parish precept for 2026/27
- i) TO note the reconciled bank balance at 31st December 2025 and the Chair to counter-sign the bank statement

13. CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS

None

14. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

15. CORRESPONDENCE

To note any other correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda and decide upon any necessary action:

- i. CALC – Adapting W&F to the impacts of climate change – engagement session on 7/1/26 (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/25)
- ii. W&FC – Second call for sites – land for future development (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/25)
- iii. W&FC – £50,000 Nature Recovery Fund launched to protect wildlife and habitats (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/25)
- iv. W&FC to ask government for greater street works powers (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/25)
- v. W&FC – Welcome of confirmation of funding for Cumbria Combined Authority (emailed to Cllrs.11/11/25)
- vi. W&FC invites residents to join climate adaptive conversations (emailed to Cllrs.11/12/25)
- vii. CALC – Protect where we play – request for support (emailed to Cllrs.15/12/25)
- viii. CALC – Equality and diversity training (emailed to Cllrs.16/12/25)
- ix. W&FC – M6 Junctions 36-39 north bound and south bound closures 17/12/25 and 22/12/25 (emailed to Cllrs.16/12/25)
- x. W&FC secures £3.5M funding for action travel schemes to create even more dedicated walking, wheeling and cycling centres (emailed to Cllrs.16/12/25)
- xi. W&FC – Publication of the Call for Sites 2024 Assessment Outcomes Report (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)
- xii. W&FC – South Lakeland Town & Parish newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)
- xiii. W&FC – Agenda for 22/1/26 includes a report on the Community Governance Review draft recommendations (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)
- xiv. CALC – Local councils and climate action training session 24/3/26 (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)
- xv. CALC – Cumbria Local Nature Partnership news (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)
- xvi. W&FC commits to TUC's Dying to Work Charter (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)
- xvii. CALC News November & December 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.21/1/26)

16. COUNCILLORS' ISSUES TO BE RAISED - *No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda*

17. TO NOTE ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – *no decisions or action permitted*

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 23rd March 2026 in Stainton Institute at 7.30pm

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21st January 2026