

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 29th September 2025 at 7.30pm in Stainton Institute

Present: Chair Julie Knowles; Vice-Chair John Stott, Cllrs. Geoff Wilson, Hilary Waterhouse and Ryan Whipp; Westmorland & Furness (W&F) Cllr. Jonathan Brook; the Clerk and one member of the public

77.25 APOLOGIES: W&F Cllr. Doug Rathbone

78.25 MINUTES: **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2025 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair

79.25 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION: None

80.25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Knowles declared her interest in the Greenways planning application

81.25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

82.25 REPORTS:

a) Cumbria Police: The Neighbourhood Policing Team update for August 2025 (emailed to Cllrs. 16/9/25) was noted

b) Westmorland and Furness Councillors: Cllr. Brook reported on the devolution proposals and said that he would forward the government's mayoral consultation response. He said that W&FC were minded to consent but that the decision would be made at cabinet on 14th October. He also reported on waste harmonisation and the elections being held in May 2027

83.25 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:

a) It was noted that there were large potholes on the road from Lane End Farm and Cllr. Wilson said that he would contact the Preston Richard Clerk

b) The Clerk confirmed that the beckside walls work had been listed for 2026/27 and that the recent nearby damage would be dealt with at the same time

c) The Clerk reported that he was awaiting a reply to his email of 17th September 2025 to W&FC regarding whether the ford was a Highways asset or not

d) Cllr. Wilson had nothing to report regarding the Towpath / Canal other than he had heard that a further section from the Sellet Hall bridge was to be dug out with a view to re-watering

84.25 TREES & WOODS: There was nothing to report

85.25 PLANNING:

a) It was noted that the following planning applications have been **submitted** to W&FC and circulated to the members of the Council since the last meeting:

2025/1430/PIP Land off Millbridge Lane, Stainton

Permission in principle application for a 2/3 bed bungalow

2025/1401/FPA Waybend Cottage, Stainton

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 2024/0729/FPA (Two storey side extension to form entrance porch, sun room and en-suite bathroom)

2025/1483/HOU Greenways, Crosscrake, Stainton

Proposed detached garage

The Council had **no comments** on these applications

b) It was noted that the following planning application has been notified as **approved** by W&FC since the last meeting:

2025/1401/FPA Waybend Cottage, Stainton

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 2024/0729/FPA (Two storey side extension to form entrance porch, sun room and en-suite bathroom)

c) It was noted that the following planning application has been notified as **refused** by W&FC since the last meeting:

2025/1430/PIP Land off Millbridge Lane, Stainton

Permission in principle application for a 2/3 bed bungalow

86.25 FINANCE:

a) It was noted that there has been no receipts between meetings

b) The following payments were **approved**:

A2A Advertising Ltd – Domain name registration/web hosting fee £108.00

Stainton Institute – hire of hall £20.00

c) It was agreed that the upper Spinal Column Point (SCP) in the Clerk's contract be removed so that the applicable SCP will be one point higher on 1st April each year. For the current year this amendment will take effect on 1st August 2025 and his pay will be based upon SCP24 moving to SCP25 on 1st April 2026

d) It was agreed that the Clerk would be paid three monthly with effect from 1st August 2025

e) The new requirements (Assertion 10) in the Practitioners' Guide for Town and Parish Councils focusing on digital and data protection responsibilities which take effect from 1st April 2025 were noted and the Clerk was authorised to take the necessary action

f) The Clerk reported that the reconciled bank balance at 31st August 2025 was £10,912.53. The Chair was authorised to counter-sign the bank statement

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87.25 CONSULTATION & FUNDING REQUESTS: None

88.25 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: None

89.25 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence received and not included as an item on this agenda was noted:

- i. W&FC agrees new harmonised waste and recycling collections (emailed to Cllrs.15/9/25)
- ii. CALC – Recording of presentation by Cumbria’s Lord Lieutenant is on CALC website (emailed to Cllrs.15/9/25)
- iii. CALC – Agenda for CALC’s Annual General Meeting on 4/10/25 (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/25)
- iv. W&FC agrees sale of former care home to provide more affordable homes (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/25)
- v. CALC – ACT (Action with Communities in Cumbria) update September 2025 (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/25)
- vi. W&FC – Community cohesion issues impacting Westmorland and Furness (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/25)
- vii. CALC – Nuclear Waste Services begins wintering birds surveys (emailed to Cllrs.16/9/25)
- viii. CALC - Slides from the Citizens Advice presentations on 24/7/25 (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/25)
- ix. CALC – Slides from the devolution event on 6/8/25 (emailed to Cllrs.17/9/25)
- x. CALC – Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Summer newsletter (emailed to Cllrs.18/9/25)
- xi. W&FC Councillors prepare to make devolution decision (emailed to Cllrs.23/9/25)
- xii. W&FC – Regional unity to drive north west’s clean power ambitions (emailed to Cllrs.23/9/25)

90.25 COUNCILLORS’ ISSUES TO BE RAISED AT NEXT MEETING (*No discussions must take place on these matters but will be placed on the next Agenda*): None

91.25 TO NOTE ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (*No discussions or action permitted*): None

92.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 24th November 2025 in Stainton Institute at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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