

## Staveley with Ings Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 At Ayland Pavilion, Staveley – 7.15 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs M. Kidd, A. Salisbury, Y. Cannon, A. Capstick, M. Powell,  
L. Postlethwaite (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the public present:** 7

**138/23 Apologies:** Cllrs L. Long, D. Michel, and P. Riley (all family commitments)

**139/23 Declarations of Interest:** None

**140/23 Minutes:** it was resolved that the Chairman be authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on **6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**141/23 Public Participation:**

- The Parish Council (PC) were saddened to hear that Graham from the Beehive has given notice to cease his role as a Sub-Postmaster. It was noted that the post office facility is an important part of the community however, it may be difficult to find someone willing to take on this role at present due to the Horizon scandal
- A member of the parish stated that there is an increasing number of cars parking in the double white line vicinity of Windermere Road, on the bend just before the south bound bus stop
- The new parking charges for Staveley Mill Yard have not yet been applied. When they do come into effect, this may have a significant impact within the village. It was suggested that this may need to be monitored and Alistair Kirkbride, a travel consultant, was noted as someone who may be able to give advice on this matter
- It was reported that the emergency plan had been successful during the unprecedented snowfall with the Parish Halls being opened overnight at both Staveley and Ings.
- It was observed that the shrubbery and overgrowth had been cleared from the Kendal Road footway
- The no cycling signs have been removed from the beginning of the “Miles without Styles” path. Cllr Salisbury offered to source replacements
- The car with commercial livery, that is often parked on the grass at Ings, was raised again as an issue. Clerk to report it to Westmorland & Furness Highways department

**142/23 Planning Applications:**

**a) New Planning Applications**

**T/2023/0161: Alec Row, Main Street, Staveley.** T1 Ash - Fell and replace with 3 Rowan trees  
(For information only)

**7/2022/5600: The Big Meadow, Staveley.** Appeal notification (For information only)

**7/2022/5786: Land Opposite Plantation Filling Station.** Appeal notification (For information only)

**T/2024/0002: Eagle & Child, Staveley.** Fell 1 Willow. **Supported**

**b) To note Planning Applications determined since last meeting**

**T/2023/0139: 2 Rock Cottages, Staveley.** Fell 1 holly tree, 1 leylandii and 4 damson trees. **No objection**

**7/2023/5474: St Annes Church, Ings.** Installation of a 28-panel array of solar PV panels on the South facing roof **Refused**

**7/2023/5578: 2 Sunny Brow Cottages, Staveley.** Approval of details reserved by condition 5 (cladding, roof verge and window det). **Complies with Condition**

**T/2023/0158: Stanley Bank, Staveley.** Remove conifer hedge and re-plant. **No objection**

**7/2023/5658: 4, Ghyll Fold, Ings, Kendal.** Single storey rear extension. **Approved with Conditions**

**T/2023/0161: Alec Row, Main Street, Staveley.** T1 Ash - Fell and replace with 3 Rowan trees  
**May proceed to carry out works as planned**

**T/2023/0146: Gowan Cottage, Station Road, Staveley.** Copper Beech Tree - create a pollard but leaving some branch wood to create shape. Cherry Tree - reduce height to create a flute. **No objection**

**c) To note Planning Applications still outstanding**

**7/2021/5196: 1 High Knott Barn, Ings.** Amendment of local occupancy condition to correspond with Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document. Redevelopment of agricultural building to two local needs dwellings.

**7/2021/5448: Land to east of Crookfield.** Change of use from agricultural grazing land to residential. Construction of 25 dwellings with associated site works and footpath link to Crook Rd.

**7/2023/5189: Land north of Kentmere Mills, Chapel Lane, Staveley.** Erection of six portal frame industrial starter units and a two storey office and warehouse facility with associated car parking and the provision of vehicle electrical charging points and solar panels to the roof slopes, following withdrawal of application ref 7/2022/5208.

**7/2023/5491: Greenholme, Ings.** Use as unfettered dwellinghouse, amended submission to application ref 7/2023/5230

**7/2023/5536: Hillside, Ings.** Demolition of existing detached dwelling with associated outbuildings and proposed detached replacement dwelling

**143/23 Community Plan Update – new website**

The new community website is now live and there is a link to this on the old website. The Clerk is to update the Parish Council section and Jennifer Bottomley will continue to develop the rest.

**144/23 Community Plan Update – The Abbey**

The pledges for the Abbey are being returned as W & F are committed to selling the Abbey to a housing association. The Staveley Community Trust (SCT) will continue to try to influence developments and may be able to have input into the specification to include aspects of the community vision.

**145/23 Community Plan Update – Alec Row**

The diseased Ash Tree at Alec Row will be removed this month. Cllr Cannon will put out information notices prior to this to ensure people are kept informed. Following this the stump and surface roots will be ground out, after which quotes will be invited for the surface replacement works, including raised beds for the new trees and shrubs

**146/23 Community Plan Update – sewerage and plans for the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January**

- Plans are at the advanced stage for the meeting and following drop in session to be held with Louise Beardmore.
- Attendees will include the Flood & Sewerage group, the Environment Agency, the Clean River Kent Campaign (CRKC) group and the PC.
- The PC and CRKC will extend an invite to the public to attend the drop in session on 31<sup>st</sup> January between 12.30 to 6.00pm.
- Invitations have been printed and will be included with the winter newsletter. Councillors agreed to pay for the invitations
- The invitation will also include a short survey to check for premises and business properties that have been affected by the sewage issues

#### **147/23 Bus stop at Staveley Village Hall**

- The PC have a 99 year lease on the bus stop outside the village hall. Clerk to distribute the details to the Councillors
- Consideration is being given as to whether to continue with the lease until it expires or to hand the bus stop back to the Staveley Village Association (SVA).

#### **148/23 Private Waste Water Treatment Plants – letter to UU**

It was agreed that it is too close to the meeting with Louise Beardmore, to send the letter at the moment

#### **149/23 Westmorland & Furness Council Climate and Nature Partnership Grant**

- The Sustainability and Energy Network in Staveley (SENS) group, in partnership with the PC, have been awarded a W& F Council Climate and Nature Partnership grant of £18,350.
- The grant will go towards projects that support the community plan, including the Pop-up Skills Café, Composting at School, the development of green spaces (such as Alec Row) and the establishment of a youth council (with an environmental strand)

#### **150/23 20MPH application for Ings**

Cllr Riley has offered to work with the Clerk to complete the application form

#### **151/23 Lease agreement for shed at Ayland Pavilion**

- The lease has been agreed and signed at £365 per annum (to be reviewed annually) with a contribution from Fare Share.
- Clerk to make the first payment once the invoice has been received

#### **152/23 Ings Playground Annual Inspection Report**

The Playground inspection report included only very minor or minor risks

#### **153/23 Poor Field – request to graze a couple of ponies for a short period of time**

After some discussion, the request was withdrawn

#### **154/23 Report from the latest Community Rail Partnership (CRP) meeting**

- The “Access for All” funding is not out yet, however the proposal for a lift at the Staveley Railway Station is supported by the rail industry and appears to be the only bid coming from Cumbria. There may be a request for letters of support for the bid
- There was discussion as to whether the railway could be a means of support to reduce the number of motor vehicles on the streets. It would be good to see if Northern Rail could be involved in future talks

#### **155/23 Correspondence**

- A list of correspondence received had been circulated.
- The correspondence included a request for support with fund raising for a specialist electric wheelchair. It was concluded that this is not in the PC remit, however the Councillors wish them all the best with their fund raising
- A member of the public made contact to register interest for any landscaping and gardening services. Cllr Cannon will draft a schedule for tender

#### **156/23 Finance**

- The 2023/24 budget was issued for monitoring purposes
- The December bank reconciliation was issued and signed off
- An increase of 4% (£644) on the precept was agreed, giving a precept request for 2024/25 of £16,740 (2023/24 £16,096). This includes a provision for Parish Lighting as the policy for this, in the Westmorland & Furness area, is to be reviewed during 2024.

**Payments**

- Jennifer Bottomley – Website development: Oct '23 £247.50
- CALC – Code of Conduct Training: Clerk L Postlethwaite £20.00
- Continental Landscapes – Grass Cutting £901.20
- Cllr Cannon – Expenses for Alec Row £59.86
- CALC – Finance Training: Clerk L Postlethwaite £20.00
- SVA – Donation towards Christmas Lights Switch On £60.00
- KTD – Microsoft 365 and support: Clerk's laptop £159.84
- CALC – Induction training course: Clerk L Postlethwaite £60.00
- Jennifer Bottomley – website development: November '23 £90.00
- SVA – Room hire – post emergency plan review £24.00
- SVA – Room hire – Oct & Nov 23 meetings £40.00
- CALC – End of year accounts & audit training: Clerk £20.00
- L Postlethwaite, Clerk – Salary Sep, Oct, Nov & Dec £1,442.00
- HMRC – Tax deducted from salary £360.40
- The Play Inspection Company Ltd £78.00

**157/23 Date of next meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm at the Parish Hall, Ings.**

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: