

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of Meeting held**

**20 May 2025**

## **Stannington Village Hall**

**7.00pm**

### **Attendance:**

R Tolson – in the chair  
M Scott  
R Nixon  
S Dickinson

D Hall – Clerk

### **Public session**

Two residents attended the meeting to express concern regarding appeal for the development of a holiday park at Whitehouse Centre. There was concern that the appeal would be held in private but the clerk assured residents this would not be the case. A further two planning applications had also been made. Since 2019 over 20 planning matters are subject to enforcement. Residents have been evicted from long standing tenancies of garden areas. Some land drainage had been carried out but it was not known if this had permits. Residents were concerned about a lack of updates from Northumberland County Council. There were concerned about loss of habitat, access, and tree felling. Councillors agreed that the council would be represented at the hearing and would engage planning consultants.

Freeman Carins also attended to express concern regarding the prospect of a wind farm on the boundary of the parish with Whalton parish. Northumberland County Council should be asked to let us know about matters like this and this will be raised via the County Councillor. Mrs Carins also informed the council about issues with roads at Netherton Park.

Freeman Ridley attended to raise concerns about highways, especially Shotton Edge junction and ongoing accidents. Perhaps a STOP sign could be used or even traffic lights, visibility at the junction is poor. Traffic issues at Church Road and the southern slip road were also discussed and the Clerk agreed to write to Northumberland County Council to seek a meeting about this and look to formulate a plan on the way forward.

### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

L Darwin – Northumberland County Council  
R Philipson  
H Brown

## **2. receive any declarations of interest**

None

## **3. Appointment of Chairman**

Councillor Dickinson proposed that Councillor Tolson be chairman for the ensuing year.  
Councillor Nixon seconded this

## **Resolved that Councillor Tolson be elected Chairman**

## **4. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Tolson proposed that Councillor Dickinson be chairman for the ensuing year.  
Councillor Scott seconded this

## **Resolved that Councillor Dickinson be elected Chairman**

## **5. Arrangements for Co-option of 2 councillors following the May 2025 elections**

The Clerk explained the process for co-option

## **Resolved that the vacancies be advertised and that a meeting be held on 18 June to complete the co-option**

## **6. Arrangements for Annual Meeting**

**Resolved that the meeting be held on 24 June**

## **7. To consider items pertaining to development control**

Councillors considered the following applications lodged with the local planning authority, unless otherwise stated no comment or objection was made to Northumberland County Council:

Tree Preservation Order Application:- T1 Corsican Pine - Crown reduce by 7m to 14m and remove lower scaffold limb  
T2 Corsican Pine - Crown reduce by 6m to 14m and remove lower scaffold limb  
T3 Corsican Pine - Crown reduce by 6m to 14m  
T4 Corsican Pine - Crown reduce by 7m to 14m

5 Park Drive Hepscott Park Northumberland NE61 6QA

Ref. No: 25/01446/PRUTPO

Discharge of Conditions 4 (LEMP) and 5 (Materials) of approved application 23/04728/FUL  
Pavilion Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AP

Ref. No: 25/01229/DISCON

Change of use of dog kennels to staff room

Land South West Of 2 Low Middle Moor House Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 25/01204/FUL

Proposed extension of the existing petting barn  
Land To East Of 20 Whitehouse Farm Centre Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington  
Northumberland  
Ref. No: 25/01095/FUL

### **Object – ongoing matters outlined by residents**

Tree Preservation Order: T1 and T2 Corsican Pine - fell - Replant with 2 native British hardwoods  
3 Park Drive Hepscott Park Northumberland NE61 6QA  
Ref. No: 25/00950/FELTPO

Discharge of conditions : 3 (SUdS verification) pursuant to planning approval 22/00075/FUL  
Hepscott Park Stannington Northumberland  
Ref. No: 25/00896/DISCON

Tree Preservation Order Application:- T2 (Corsican Pine) - 30% crown thin, removing selective branches to relieve the weight and let wind pass through it T4 (Corsican Pine) - 9 metres crown lift to remove the overhang over the neighbouring garden  
Show more description  
4 Park Drive Hepscott Park Northumberland NE61 6QA  
Ref. No: 25/00898/PRUTPO

Variation of conditions 2 (SuDS) and 5 (landscape strategy) on approved application 22/00075/FUL Condition 2 - Update wording to compliance condition as per proposed SuDS maintenance. Condition 5 - Update wording to compliance condition as per proposed privacy landscaping.  
Hepscott Park Stannington Northumberland  
Ref. No: 25/00842/VARYCO

### **Object – loss of amenity**

Note:  
Notices of appeal – Holiday park at Whitehouse Centre – Engage consultants to represent the council  
Notices of enquiry – none  
Other notices – none

## **8. Finance**

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income: Grenfell £500, WW1 Donation £2900, VAT £1478.20, Precept 2025/26 £18500

Bank statement balances at 31.3.25:  
BOI £39587.79, Lloyds £10,350.00

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
DD	BT	Line rental	36.27

1431	Carter Smith Planning	Consultancy	350.00
1432	N Millin	Replaces 1431	350.00
1433	Clear Mgt insurance	Insurance	2731.01
1434	NALC	Subscription	533.47
1435	Village hall	Rent	24.00
1436	Northern Services	Bus shelter works	320.08
1437	THC	Landscaping	2628.00
1438	Red Row Productions	Lumiere	960.00
1439	VR Estate	Rent	420.00
1440	Ridley 1965 Settlement	Rent	75.00

**Resolved that: The payments listed be approved and that the clerk update the bank mandate and online account**

## **9. Correspondence**

All correspondence noted and actioned unless indicated otherwise:

- K Black – turfing of grave – agreed for autumn
- Village Hall – AGM
- S Woods – permission to install a seat – agreed
- St Mary's Village Hall – advice re grant – advised to apply
- Cllr Darwin – planning breach update

## **10. Other business**

- The Clerk updated members on the Hearse House – needs major repairs and land matters to be investigated then public consultation
- Notice boards to be installed at Netherton Park and Hepscott Park
- Oak tree in Village Hall Car Park needs attention
- 30mph repeater signs on Station Road to be erected
- Northumbria police and Mr Elliot – arranging a meeting, dates to be agreed
- Mrs Carins
  - Fence on playing field defects – repaired
  - Wind turbines – discussed above
  - Co-option – arrangements as above
  - Buses – Northumberland County Council meeting in summer
  - ASB – meeting awaited as above

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_