

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held

12 July 2023

Stannington Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

S Dickinson
M Scott
R Tolson
R Nixon

D Hall – Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr K Carins, Cllr Brown, Cllr R Philipson, Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

2. To receive any declarations of interest

None

3. Public session

Three members of the public attended the meeting along with the Public Transport Officer from Northumberland County Council (NCC).

There was a long discussion regarding the withdrawal of the public bus service from Stannington, to and from Newcastle and Morpeth.

The officer from NCC explained that the main reason for withdrawing the service related to delays on the service between Newcastle and Morpeth because the service is an hourly service and to reintroduce stops at Stannington would disrupt this and ultimately remove one circuit a day. In addition the use of the service had diminished in recent years.

Residents expressed concern for those working in Morpeth or Newcastle and those needing to get to GP or other vital services. There was also a discussion re a service to Cramlington.

The officer from NCC explained that a great deal of money, C. £100K was spent on a service from St Mary's to Stannington and Morpeth but that this was under used. He went on to explain that there was an option of a service to Newcastle twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays, which could be implemented swiftly but that a regular service was unlikely.

It was agreed that the Chair would publicise the new limited service in the Church Magazine and that a survey of residents would be undertaken in the autumn to establish a demand for a service in addition to a service to Cramlington.

4. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting

Received agreed as a true record.

5. To receive any matters arising

Councillors expressed concern re the weeds in Stannington Village. The clerk agreed to raise this with NCC.

6. Members written reports

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author : Helen Brown

Date: 11th July 2023

Purpose of report : To update the Council on Glororum route + any other Parish Issues.

Commentary:

Glororum:

All of the issues on the Glororum route including road surface and signage plus signage at Clifton have been uploaded to 'Fix My Street on June 8th by NCC but nothing further to report as nothing further has been done.

Local residents have been asking about the Whitehouse Farm recent application.

Actions requested :

Ask NCC when / if the issues on the Glororum route and at Clifton are going to be repaired?

Public Consultation date for the Whitehouse Farm Holiday Park application.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 11th July 2023

Purpose of report: To update the Council on issues raised

Commentary:

1. a) I mentioned at the last Council Meeting that there had been a vehicle fire on the Northbound slip road from the A1 leading into the village. I have since had two villagers mention to me about the debris that has been left at the roadside for some weeks now following this incident.
2. b) Two villagers passing my home yesterday spoke to me and commented on the shabby state of the village. I told them that I had spoken to the Clerk about weed infestation and overgrowth in the roadway gutters and on the central reservation on Platinum Way and these had been sprayed. I have been asked if there is to be any follow up to clean out the street and road gutters which are full of overgrown weeds and grass and if there is to be any proper removal of the dead foliage in the central

reservation. There has been no sign of any gully or gutter road cleaning machine for a considerable time.

3. c) Mrs.Christine Scott has asked if a seat can be provided at the East end of the Stannington Cemetery pathway/hedge. I have explained that it cannot be placed on the consecrated ground area of the burial side. However, there are a number of seats at the West end of the cemetery at the path edge/hedge side and in that area of the cemetery but none in the requested East end area. Local village residents (Mr Stewart, Mrs M. Hunter, Mrs P.Bailey and Mr T.Pringle and Dr. Ferguson have all agreed with Mrs Scott about this as they have nowhere to sit near to the graves of their loved ones like at the West end of the Cemetery where there are various seats.
4. d) Mr. S. Lamb has again mentioned to me about the very excessive speeds of vehicles travelling from the Northbound Slip Road and through the village and along Church Lane. I have personally witnessed this from a number of vehicles recently going to and from the school in the morning and afternoon and with delivery vans. I witnessed Mr Lamb gesticulating to a large SUV driver and a Mini driver going to the school. Is there anything at all that can be done about this as it seems to be getting worse and is a constant thread of report and complaint.
e) It is understood that letters have been forwarded to the Clerk to the Council from two residents regarding a potential bus service to Cramlington. This has been mentioned on previous occasions at Council. An elderly resident has again asked if there has ever been any further feedback or further discussions held about a bus service to Cramlington - Manor Walks shopping centre.

Actions requested:

1. a) Request N.C.C. to clear the rubbish and debris caused by the car fire on the slip road pathway and roadside.
2. b) Request that the Stannington P.C. provide and locate a seat in the East side of the burial spaces of the cemetery.
3. c) Can some further action be taken to clear the roadside gutters and the central reservation in Platinum Way and throughout the Village roadways. Can N.C.C. have this issue dealt with to smarten up the village and clear any potentially blocked street gullies.
4. d) Have a meeting and suitable discussion perhaps with N.C.C. about the excessive speeds of vehicles travelling through the village and even the fitting of a speed camera on Platinum Way. Also, to request that the School Head send out information relating to this to all of the schoolchildren's parents/guardians to obey the speed signs in the village.
5. e) Investigate and report on any further discussions that have recently been held about a potential bus service to Cramlington – Manor Walks.

6. Freemen of the Parish

Councillors considered whether it appropriate to award the Honorary Freemen of Stannington Parish to anyone who may be eligible. Three individuals in particular were considered worthy of the award and it was agreed that it be ascertained whether they would accept and if so when they would be available. The decision was unanimous.

7. To consider items pertaining to development control

Councillors considered the following applications lodged with the local planning authority and unless stated otherwise no comment or objection was made:

Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new single storey extension on same footprint - 51 Station Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6NH Ref. No: 23/01206/FUL

Discharge of Conditions 15 (Proposed Highway Works), 16 (Maintenance of Proposed Streets), 18 (Surface Water Drainage), 22b (Archaeological Recording) and 22c (Archaeological Works) on approved application 21/00085/OUT - 51 Station Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6NH Ref. No: 23/01173/DISCON

Demolition of existing porch, single storey garage and utility room. Construction of Double Garage, with Bedroom above, single storey extension to front and rear of property - 33 Villas St Marys Hospital Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AT Ref. No: 23/01136/FUL

Proposed two storey side extension with single storey rear extension and new single storey Porch to front - 1 The Drive Stannington Northumberland NE61 6EQ Ref. No: 23/01133/FUL

Installation of low level lighting to driveway - 1 Willow Drive Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6FQ Ref. No: 23/00950/FUL

Councillors discussed the need for a public event to gauge public opinion regarding the live application for Whitehouse Centre. It was agreed that there should be an afternoon to display documents and then a meeting to agree the council response. Date TBD.

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices – none

8. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Grant for Coronation £480.00

Bank balance of BOI £46,244.95 and **Lloyds TSB** £10350.00 as at 30 May 2023.

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1356	Cancelled chq		-
1357	Replace chq 1353 and 1356	D Hall paid personally	775.65
1358	P Martin	Entertainer	250
1359	K Carins	Reimburse for Coronation materials	331.30
1360	S Dickinson	Reimburse for Trees	149.98
1361	D Hall	Reimburse for Coronation Trees	426.00
1362	V Ridley	Rent	390.00
1363	Ridley Est	Rent	75.00
1364	Village Hall	Room hire	24.00
1365	Cancelled chq		-
1366	Village Hall	Room hire	24.00
1367	BHIB	Insurance	1892.21
1368	D Hall	Salary & Exp	1109.55

1369	Village Hall	Grant	6456.00
1370	R Tolson	Reimburse for recorder	113.99
1371	HMRC	PAYE & NIC	466.40
DD	Anglian Water	Water bill	15.09
DD	BT	Line rental	96.93

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

9. Correspondence

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

- M King of NCC – update on repairs at Gloroum
- Mr Tweddle – directing council to the planning website re Whitehouse development
- Mr Hayes of Highways England – looking at issues on south slip road
- Councillors discussed a request from Stannington First School for funding support – it was agreed that funding would be given to support VH hire of £360, Magician £200 and School trip transport of 3 x £500

10. Other business

- Councillors discussed the need for additional seating in the cemetery and Station Road, It was agreed that this should be done and that the Clerk would seek costs and styles of seat.

11. Date of next ordinary meeting

13 September

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____