

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held

27 September 2023

Stannington Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

R Tolson in the chair
S Dickinson
M Scott
K Carins
Brown
R Philipson

D Hall – Clerk

15. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr R Nixon, Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

16. To receive any declarations of interest

Cllrs Dickinson and Brown declared an interest in matters pertaining to a planning application

Retrospective for erection of an Agricultural Building.

Land Adjacent To A1 At Netherton Park Junction The Drive Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 23/03017/FUL

17. Public session

No members of the public present

18. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting

Received agreed as a true record.

19. To receive any matters arising

None to report

20. General update from the Clerk

The Clerk advised that a response was received from Northumberland County Council who felt that the Parish Council had not made a reasonable ask for bus services in Stannington Parish. The Council disagreed with this statement because a very reasonable ask had been made, a service to and from Morpeth and Newcastle using existing services. It was noted that Northumberland County Council did not feel this was appropriate because it would delay

buses into Newcastle at the Haymarket Station due to congestion, even though this service had operated successfully in the past.

Resolved that:

The clerk seek a meeting with Arriva to progress this.

The Clerk also advised that an online survey was being developed for the whole parish in order to assess transport needs. Everyone should be encouraged to complete the survey and to assist neighbours to do so. Details of the survey would be posted on social media and also via posters in noticeboards etc.

The Clerk advised that contact had been made with Northumbrian Water relating to water ponding outside the Church and opposite the School. The water has been tested and it is not mains water so therefore a spring welling up. The Clerk checked old ordnance survey plans and a spring is shown on the plan. Northumberland County Council to be informed.

21. Members written reports

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 12th September 2023

Purpose of report: To update the Council on issues raised

Commentary:

- a) I mentioned at the last two Council Meetings that there had been a vehicle fire on the Northbound slip road from the A1 leading into the village. I have again had villagers mention to me about the debris that has still not been cleared and has been left at the roadside for some weeks now following this incident.
- b) I reported a snapped/broken road sign to NCC. They have come and put a road cone over the broken sign to keep the sharp edge of the broken sign covered. The broken sign is still lying at the roadside.
- c) For Information. I reported an abandoned trailer full of waste near to seven-mile house. This has been removed and cleared by NCC.
- d) For Information. Snakeskin Maple Tree has been planted in the village at spot agreed. Plaque is ordered.

Actions requested:

- a) Request N.C.C. again to clear the and dispose of the debris caused by the car fire on the slip road pathway and roadside.
- b) Item being dealt with by NCC. Request progress report.
- c) Item closed.
- d) Item closed

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Councillor Karen Carins

Date: 13th September 2023

Purpose of report: Update for Council meeting

Commentary:

Stannington Village

Weeds have been treated around the village but there is still a need for road drains to be cleared. Recent flooding around the village was noted and the drains were unable to cope. Bus Shelters need to be cleaned. The roundabouts need to be addressed, they are untidy, a planter on each roundabout has been muted. The siting of the new flag pole and the re positioning of the plaque for Connie Dungait has, again, been enquired about. The football goal posts have been painted.

Action

To request a road drain deep clean from NCC. To organise the placement of the plaque and flag pole. To discuss the roundabouts and a solution. Organise a Bus Shelter clean.

Commentary:

Stannington Station Road

There have been no issues reported to date.

Commentary:

Netherton Park

The residents have requested support from the Parish Council and Councillor Darwin regarding the lack of a Road Safety Plan. It is important a plan is in place sooner rather than later on how traffic is going to be managed as the PC and residents concerns are going to be realised when the haul road is removed and all traffic is forced down a very narrow road. This is unacceptable. Residents are still having infrequent meetings with Bellway and most issues are dealt with immediately. NCC has been approached for a response.

Action

To engage with NCC as a matter of urgency regarding the lack of a Road Safety Plan.

Commentary:

Hepscott Park

Residents have been in conversation with the PC regarding the lack of housekeeping by Bellway. Residents have sent evidence (photographs) to the PC and these have been forwarded to the Enforcement Officer who has opened a case to investigate the issues. The hedges and entrance to the development are causing the most concerns and present a danger to vehicles line of sight when leaving the development. Renovations to the school and garden centre will further exasperate the situation. Residents have also requested the 15mph be reinstated, however, this was not a legal road sign. The PC has requested further information on the ownership of the road into the estate.

Action

To work with the residents, Bellway and NCC and keep the residents in the loop on responses from Highways regarding the road safety issues.

Commentary:

St Mary Park

The village hall will shortly reopen under new management. There have been several very well attended residents meetings and residents have engaged with Bellway concerning issues currently causing problems to home owners. The Band stand is being renovated and contaminated building material is being removed. Unfortunately, there have been further animal fatalities due to speeding vehicles.

Action

To support the residents and attend future residents meetings.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Councillor Helen Brown

Date: 13th September 2023

Purpose of report: Update for Council meeting

No news on any of the issues raised regard the Glororum route or signage. Holes etc have been filled in Clifton but not all.

The low path alongside the churchyard wall opposite school has had the holes filled. Road sweeper has been through the village today. As many of the children walk from the church car park is it possible to have the path swept too?

There has been water trickling along the path/ road kerb for weeks- possible water pipe leak? Water still here after road sweeping and appears to be trickling out from a certain point.

You can see that the leaves on the path are a hazard for pedestrians.

The church carpark also has a lot of leaf and tree debris. Could the team who cut the grass help out with sweeping this and the path please?

Action

To follow up on the above issues.

In addition to the above it was noted that the new flagpole had arrived and was scheduled for installation at the end of Church Road, on Platinum Way.

22. 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:

Garage extension

4 Bevan Court Hepscott Park Northumberland NE61 6FH

Ref. No: 23/03410/FUL | Received: Wed 13 Sep 2023 | Validated: Mon 18 Sep 2023 | Status: Registered

Proposed Garage/ Link to existing Garage Building.

1 Low Middle Moor House Stannington Northumberland NE61 6EJ

Ref. No: 23/03201/FUL | Received: Fri 25 Aug 2023 | Validated: Thu 31 Aug 2023 | Status: Registered

Outline permission (some matters reserved access, appearance, layout and scale) for proposed construction of 1no. workers dwelling and stable block

Land East Of Moor Farm Station Road Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 23/03057/OUT | Received: Tue 15 Aug 2023 | Validated: Tue 22 Aug 2023 | Status: Registered

Discharge of condition 33 (ground gas protection) on approved application 18/04538/FUL

Stannington Nurseries 58 Station Road Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6NH

Ref. No: 23/03000/DISCON | Received: Thu 10 Aug 2023 | Validated: Thu 10 Aug 2023 | Status: Registered

Retrospective for erection of an Agricultural Building.

Land Adjacent To A1 At Netherton Park Junction The Drive Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 23/03017/FUL | Received: Thu 10 Aug 2023 | Validated: Fri 08 Sep 2023 | Status: Registered

Cllrs Dickinson and Brown declared an interest in the above item.

Councillors noted the public interest in the scale and mass of the building which had been erected and also the visual intrusion. It was agreed that whilst the council did not object that Northumberland County Council be asked to take into account the visual impact and look at mitigation.

Erection of timber stable block and creation of new vehicular access to 56 Station Road

Land South Of 56 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 23/02867/FUL | Received: Tue 01 Aug 2023 | Validated: Thu 17 Aug 2023 | Status: Registered

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices – none

23. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Precept £18050.00

Fees £850.00

Bank balance of BOI £32442.52 and Lloyds TSB £10350.00

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1372	Northern Services	Refurbish Play area	1076.00
1373	Northern Services	Fencing and gate repair + Jubilee seat	2310.00
1374	Northern Services	Skip hire	140.00
1375	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	264.00
1376	Cancelled	N/A	-----
1377	D Hall	Salary/Exp	87.28
1378	E Carins	Design Work	100.00
1379	Harrisons	Flag Pole	409.20
1380	Northern Services	Fence Repairs	85.00
1381	NALC	Subs	477.14
1382	K Carins	Stationery	13.20
1383	cancel		
1384	Glasdon	Seats	2923.68
1385	S Dickinson	Tree	83.08
1386	M Scott	Plaque	44.99

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

24. Correspondence

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

- Northumberland County Council – bus services
- L Moore – Bus Services
- G Wiseman – thank you for works to cemetery
- Northumberland County Council – sweeping of roads
- D Emerey – verge hedges at The Vale – Blagdon issue
- Northumberland County Council – Hepscott Park speeding being looked at
- M Black – blocked drains on Beechlea – now resolved
- E Ridley – Cemetery maintenance done well
- P Richardson – trees on entrance to Hepscott Park
- Village Hall – thank you for funding

- Northumberland County Council – Stannington Nurseries Devt update
- D Bass – Nethererton Park Green – Clerk to look at
- Northumberland County Council – hedges overhanging on church Road

25. Other business

- Grave in cemetery standing high – Clerk to look at this
- A resident of Station Road is persistently disposing of dog faeces on the road edge – report to Northumberland County Council
- Seat for Commemoration recently deceased resident is on order and to be placed at Ridley Cottages
- Cllr Scott raised the matter of speeding on Stannington Village – to contact Northumbria Police for speed gun
- Stannington school introducing a park and stride project between the school and Village Hall
- Heritage phone box – HLF grant refused, alternative finding being looked at for the creation of a community library
- Road markings on entrance to Stannington village need refreshed
- Village show went well, some modifications to parking need next year but very much a success
- Possible family day being considered for Summer Solstice each year

26. Date of next ordinary meeting

29 November 2023

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____