

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held

17 May 2023

Stannington Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

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

D Hall – Clerk

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. To appoint a Chairman for the ensuing year

Cllr Carins nominated Cllr Tolson and this was seconded by Cllr Philipson. Cllr Tolson was therefore elected for the ensuing year.

2. To appoint a Vice Chairman for the ensuing year

Cllr Tolson nominated Cllr Dickinson and this was seconded by Cllr Carins. Cllr Dickinson was therefore elected for the ensuing year.

128th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Brown, Cllr Scott, Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

Councillors noted the absence of Councillor Scott following the very sad and tragic passing of his son suddenly. The council expressed its sincere condolences to Cllr Scott and his family.

4. To receive any declarations of interest

None

5. To receive the minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

Received and noted that these were considered at the normal meeting of the council in 2022 following the APM

6. To receive any matters arising

None

7. To receive the annual report of the Chairman

This last year has been a rollercoaster of a year for the Parish Council and many of the residents too. It began with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, then the 1940's event, the sad death of our beloved late Queen Elizabeth II and finally to the very recent Coronation of King Charles III. All these occasions brought us together. It was particularly lovely to see all our younger residents and parents embrace the different events.

The Coronation event was sponsored by the Parish Council and over 200 people attended. We gave out 500 trees to commemorate this great event.

We are waiting to hear back from the Heritage Lottery Fund to see if another Coronation commemoration project may be considered. A vintage red telephone box library to be situated outside Stannington First School and to be looked after by our schoolchildren

This year has been a particularly difficult year for some of our Parish Councillors and our Officer, David Hall. They all continued to give their time to volunteer and to partake in all the different roles that have been expected of them whilst coping with very serious health issues. We specially want to give our sincere condolences to Councillor Malcolm Scott, his wife Christine and their family on the loss of their beloved son Gavin. Gavin was the victim of long covid and fought bravely throughout.

Councillors duties involve consulting on planning applications;

- We have submitted comments, on behalf of the Parish, on planning applications. We speak for and against planning applications that come before the council. Our comments are always based on planning facts and on our knowledge of the Parish which is greatly aided by the residents who live here.
- We have worked with residents at Netherton Park, Stannington Station Road, Hepscoth Park, Glorum and St Mary Park with issues that they have brought before the council.

Other duties around the Parish have included;

- Supporting and working with various groups within the Parish.
- We support, maintain and improve the grounds across the Parish. We report potholes, fly tipping and any other issues that affect our Parish. We continue to work with the County Council to reduce speed limits and put in parking restriction measures to safeguard our residents and our school children. We work with the local authority, we manage the grass cutting, refuse collections and the general housekeeping within the Parish. Our relationship with Northumberland County Council is excellent and we hope to continue working with them now and in the future.
- We set the precept for the year and, again, there is no increase in cost per household, this has been achieved by the new developments which have come about during this last few years.

- We maintain the children's playground and playing field.
- The council has resumed physical meetings in the village hall.

The Parish Council remains strong and committed to Stannington Parish. We are grateful to Councillor Lyle Darwin for his support and for championing all things Stannington.

Another big thank you to Alex Palmer, all her amazing staff and our fantastic schoolchildren and for all their contributions to our Parish. We are immensely proud of our school; the children are a credit to us all. They played key roles in all our events over the last year.

On behalf of all the Parish Councillors I would like to thank David Hall for his total dedication as Clerk to the Parish, we really appreciate his expertise and advice. He has continued to advise us throughout his personal family health issues. He ensures that we maintain a professional and correct approach whilst we all go about our Parish duties. We are grateful for his diligence, support and friendship. We send our best wishes to his family and hope this next year is a happier one for them all.

This coming year we can look forward to continuing improvements and working with everyone to make our Parish the fantastic place that it is.

So once again, thank you to all our residents and businesses, for trusting the Parish Council to watch over this beautiful Parish and for allowing us the special privilege of safeguarding it for now and for the future.

8. Public session

No members of the public were present

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Brown, Cllr Scott, Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

10. To receive any declarations of interest

None

11. To receive the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Received and noted that these were considered at the normal meeting of the Council in 2022 following the AGM

12. To receive any matters arising

None

13. To receive the minutes of the ordinary meeting on 15 March 2023

Received

14. To consider any matters arising

The proposed meeting with Mr King of NCC had not occurred and the Clerk agreed to follow this up with the officer.

15. To consider items pertaining to development control

Councillors considered the following applications lodged with the local planning authority:

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

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices – none

16. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Fees £150

VAT refund £2241.77

Precept £18050.00

Bank balance of BOI £47824.90 and Lloyds TSB £10350.00 as at 19 April 2023.

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1350	Northern Services	Replaces cheque 1344	917.92
1351	Village Hall	Donation for Coronation Activity	450.00
1352	J Douglas	Audit	200.00
1353	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	494.65
1354	D Hall	Reimburse for Defibrillator parts	255.60

1355	D Hall	Salary & Exp Q4	843.34
DD	BT	Line Rental	72.15
DD	Anglian Water	Water Bill	184.35

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Cllr Philipson in the chair

Councillors discussed the previously, in principle agreed donation to the Village Hall for new flooring. Cllrs Tolson and Dickinson Declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

It was agreed that the Village Hall submit a formal request with routes at which point would release the funds up to a maximum of £5000.00

Cllr Dickinson in the Chair

Councillors discussed the previously, in principle agreed donation to the School for various events and projects in 2023. Cllr Carins and Cllr Tolson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion. The Council has already committed to six hires of the Village Hall at £360.00 in total

It was agreed that the school submit a detailed request for future consideration but that in principle the council are committed to supporting such activities within reasonable costs levels.

Cllr Tolson in the chair

17. Correspondence

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

- NCC – Local Transport Plan – SPC propose inclusion of projects for footpath from Station Road End to Hepscott, Bollards on entrance to Furrow Grove
- Verge strengthening on Church Road
- R McCartney NCC – no further action proposed on south slip road no entry – Clerk to make a complaint
- NCC and residents re ongoing failure to complete Nursery Gardens roads etc -Clerk responding
- S Irving – 56 Station Road planning application – Chair to speak at the local planning committee in support of residents
- CAN – news
- Mazars – instructions for audit

18. Other business

- Painting of goal posts on the playing field to be arranged
- Parish store to be cleared out

19. Date of Next meeting

21 June 2023

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____