

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held

9 December 2025

Stannington Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

S Dickinson – in the chair

M Scott

R Nixon

H Brown

R Philipson

M Buckley

S Thompson

L Dawin – Northumberland County Council

D Hall – Clerk

36. To receive apologies for absence

R Tolson

37. Declaration of any interests

None

38. Minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed as a true record

39. Matters arising

- Northumberland County Council to be chased for an update on issues at Shotton Edge and Stannington Village
- Netherton Park – dialogue with residents and Northumberland County Council has been facilitated and is ongoing – awaiting update
- Website – concerns re secure site notice – the site does not transact data or financial data and so does not need https, but this will be addressed in any aces with a new website in 2026
- Neighbourhood plan – advice being sought from Northumberland County Council experts
- Request for pedestrian crossing on Platinum Way – discuss with Northumberland County Council when discussing other issues in Stannington Village above

- Remembrance Day – successful event, would be nice to have poppies around the parish in 2026

40. Councillor updates

Councillors expressed concern at the destruction of trees at East School Cottage – it was noted that the council had objected to this planning application on two occasions and other residents had done the same. The impact on the trees was part of a number of objections. Sadly Northumberland County Council granted planning permission, contrary to the Neighbourhood plan and in the face of strong opposition.

41. Development Control

Councillors considered planning applications - unless otherwise stated no objection was raised

Discharge of Condition 3 (SuDS Verification Report) of approved application
25/00842/VARYCO
Land South Of Hepscott Park Smithy Lane Hepscott Park Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/04183/DISCON

Change of Use from derelict former boiler house to family dwelling
Land East Of Well Hill Farm Bets Lane Morpeth Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/04143/FUL

Object: part of a previously refused development and if granted should be restricted to a domestic dwelling use only.

Replace flat roof with a pitched hipped ended roof with gym at first floor level and single storey extension on the south side to provide a utility room
South Fields Tranwell Woods Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AQ
Ref. No: 25/04096/FUL

Proposed single-storey front extension, two-storey side and rear elevation extensions, and the erection of a detached two-storey garage (amended 02.12.2025).
Clifton Ridge 17 Great North Road Clifton Northumberland NE61 6DQ
Ref. No: 25/03962/FUL

Discharge of Conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (Landscaping), 7 (Ground Gas), 10 (Acoustic Glazing and Acoustic Ventilation), 11 (Surface Water), 16 (Surface Water), 17 (Electric Vehicle Charging) and 18 (Construction Method Statement) on approved application 22/04089/FUL (amended 10.11.2025)
Land South Of 56 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6NH
Ref. No: 25/03774/DISCON

Tree Preservation Order: T1 - Lime tree - crown reduce to 9m and T2 - Poplar tree - reduce to monolith at 13m
15 Park Drive Hepscott Park Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6QA
Ref. No: 25/03770/PRUTPO

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices – none

Meeting with Northumberland County Council being sought to discuss ongoing planning issues and enforcement at Whitehouse Centre.

42. Finance

The following income and payment of accounts were noted and approved:

Income: Precept £18500

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1448	Northern Services	Repair work	490.00
1449	Whitley Trees	Tree work	600.00
1450	D Hall/HMRC	Salary/expenses/PAYE 6 Months	2883.76
1451	Cancelled chq		
1452	D Hall	Reimburse poppy wreaths, & AED supplies	633.54
1453	Northern Services	Tree replacement & gutter work	380.00

Resolved that: The payments listed be approved

Councillors noted the outcome of the annual audit. Amended BF value corrected (typographical error) and publication period was 1 day longer than required.

43. Correspondence

All correspondence noted and actioned unless indicated otherwise:

- Parish church – thanks for support for parish lunch
- Netherton Park Resident – Update on discussions re access to Netherton Park
- Stannington First School – request for support for school trips etc – agreed
- Mrs Carins – Thanks for Remembrance Day
- Station Road Resident – concerns about revisiting the Neighbourhood Plan
- Mrs Carins – Various issues – under review
- Northumberland County Council – damaged sign at village roundabout repaired
- Mr Branch – thanks for work in the cemetery
- St Mary's village hall – thank you letter for support
- Mrs Ridley – Storm damage – actioned
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44. Other urgent business

- Grit bin needed for village hall

- Transfer responsibility for the defib to the village hall
- Noted that A1 Dine caravan has been moved
- Sites for additional seats on Station Road not available
- Bin outside school gate – to be ordered and replaced in alternative location
- Mr Wox has supplied Christmas Tree free
- Contact Highways again re possible shelter on A1 slip road
- Notice board location – Hepscott Park – no further action
- WI celebration of 100 Years in Stannington – agreed to support
- Hearse House – seek further plans for costing and public consultation
- Playing field fence – seek costs

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____