

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting
8 January 2020 –6.45pm
Stannington 1st School

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair
Councillor S Wilson
Councillor M Scott
Councillor R Tolson
Councillor H Brown
Councillor S Dickinson
Councillor R Philipson D Hall – Clerk

Public Session

A resident expressed concern at the lack of buses to Stannington Village and Newcastle/Morpeth. It was noted that this was commercial service. Nevertheless it was agreed that a meeting should be sought with Arriva and Northumberland County Council.

55. To receive any apologies

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor
Councillor D Emery – resignation received and notified to the returning officer, notices published.

56. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

None

57. To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 20.11.2019

Approved

58. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held 20.11.2019

- Cllr Scott advised that he had been unable to contact PC travel as they did not return any calls or communications
- The Council is seeking a meeting with possible developers of the old A1 Diner to establish their intentions, members of the public will be invited

59. To consider reports from around the parish/outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Helen Brown
Date: 8th January 2019

Purpose of report: To update the Council on matters affecting Stannington Parish, specifically around Glororum.

Signage:

Due to an accident in October one of the 30 signs at Glororum was uprooted and broken into 2 pieces. Despite reporting this to NCC the signage waste is still sitting on the roadside and has not been replaced. This waste is going to cause a problem for the hedge cutting due soon. This accident caused a car to end up on its roof, no other vehicle was involved. The driver left the scene before Police arrived.

The signage through-out this area along the rural road network is looking in a very poor state of repair and we would welcome an inspection by NCC as some of the sign posts are rusted through and some signage is hanging on by a 'thread'

The vast amount of signage at the east junction could be consolidated onto 2 poles? as it is all very distracting.

Action: to report to NCC and reinstate / repair signage

Speed:

It has been noted and reported to myself that the domestic traffic using the Glororum route is not keeping to the 30 speed limit and is 'flying' through at dangerous speeds.

Action: To report danger to NCC and request speed/traffic counting device and mobile speed camera.

Rubbish:

The rubbish thrown from cars off the A1 on the Clifton sliproads and on the Glororum route is getting much worse and poses a direct hazard to wildlife and farm stock. I have not seen it as bad for many years.

Action: To report to NCC in the hope that a team can be deployed to clear it up. I am making this request again as no team has been to collect any rubbish.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 8th January 2020

Purpose of report: To update the Council on matters affecting Stannington Parish

Brenkley Liaison Committee minutes circulated

Stannington Village

Commentary:

There is a lamp post light (315S) out on Church Road which has been reported to Northumberland County Council (NCC) in early December. This is still an issue; it is also noted that an extra lamp post would assist residents along Church Road as the lighting is poor and dangerous. Potholes next to Maurice's cottage are in a bad state of repair and a request for a walkabout has been sent to NCC. The fence at the cemetery near the Millennium tree needs repairing. The Christmas tree was warmly welcomed by residents in the village although 3 residents asked if we may have static lights in the future. Water lying in the playing field and along the grass verge on Church Road has been reported. A request for a bus to Cramlington has been made by 2 residents. The Freeman of the Parish Ceremony has been postponed until the 20th February 2020 as the 31st January is Brexit day and Lord Ridley will be in London on that day. The Church have requested the £80 grant for the Bugler to balance their books. A request for an update on the refurbishment of the Cemetery car park has been asked for.

Actions Requested: The Parish Council will look into these matters and report back to the residents. Councillor Carins will contact NCC regarding the walkabout as the pothole and lamp post issue is no further forward .

Saint Marys

Commentary: The new bus shelter at St Marys now has a plaque dedicated to Logan, the young man who worked hard to get the bus shelter and it's re location. A copy of the minutes and agendas for Parish Council meetings will be sent to a Resident's representative for their information.

Actions requested: The Parish Council will continue to liaise with residents at St Marys.

WW1 FUND

Commentary:

The financial spreadsheet has been attached to the report for Councillors information.

The WW2 group have asked if there are any developments regarding the WW1 plaques to be installed in the village as part of the WW1 HLF grant. They are mindful that the PC should complete this action as soon as possible. A discussion which suggested that they be installed into a granite plinth was suggested. Is this still the case? Alternatively, failing that, a suggestion was that they are mounted onto a hexagonal tree guard opposite the water fountain/ memorial. Of note, as the old cherry tree which stands at the entrance to the Glebe the tree is diseased, this may present an ideal opportunity to replace this tree with something similar and at the same time erect the tree guard if the PC decides to go down that route.

A suggestion that a grant from the Community Fund be used to enable our senior residents visit Beamish museum has been muted. The grant from the HLF and the CS has now been deposited and capital items may now be purchased in readiness for the various events this year.

HIF Appendix 1 – Approved Project Costs

Project costs

Cost Heading	Description	Cost £	Vat £	Total £
Professional Fees	Research and Royalties, Re-enactors	2,200	0	2,200
Digital outputs	Oral Histories, Social Media, Digital Media	1,000	0	1,000
Equipment and materials including learning materials	Material for Anderson Shelters, Reprographics, Battle of Britain Exhibition	3,350	0	3,350
Other	Trip to Eden Camp for schoolchildren	1,950	0	1,950
Publicity and promotion	Hire of Venues	400	0	400
Evaluation	Booklet to record the event from conception to end	600	0	600
Contingency	Money for unexpected costs	500	0	500
Total Costs		10,000	0	10,000

Project income

Income Heading	Description	Secured	Total (£)
Grant			10,000
Total Income			10,000

The village hall has been booked for the 8th May, daytime, for VE Day which is a Bank holiday. Two 40's singers have been booked and this event will be funded from the Community Fund and free to residents to attend, although food may be brought or purchased. The Pizza Paddock will attend and a request for a hog roast has also been made. The 1940's February event is organised with a singer and a quiz. The interest has been encouraging and several tickets have already been purchased. Soup and a slice of pizza will be served. The school may now organise the Eden Camp trip and they

Stannington Station Road

Commentary : The PC minutes and agenda has been sent to a Resident of Station Road for display and distribution via email. There have been no reports from residents.

Actions requested: To continue to liaise with residents on Station Road.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Malcolm Scott

Date: 7th January 2019

Purpose of report: To update the Council on Issues Raised

Commentary:

A resident has complained about a pallet of building stone/materials that has been left on the grass verge on the main road through the village for some months now. This is unsightly and the grass underneath may need reseeding or replaced.

Actions requested:

To contact the resident and seek removal.

60. Honorary Freeman Update

Lord Ridley to attend and church booked for 20 February 2020.

Nominations are:

D Robson

J Dungait

A Crewdson – Posthumously

A Wilson

61. To consider items pertaining to development Control

Councillors considered the following applications as a consultee of Northumberland County Council noting that the power to approve or refuse applications lies solely with the local planning authority and that the parish council's comments would be taken into account along with all other statutory consultees and those of residents:

Applicant	Address/application no	Detail	Decision
Whitehouse farm	19/04523	New farm shop	No objection
Mr Hindhaugh	19/04828	33 Station Road – conditions	No objection

Note: Cllr Armstrong of Northumberland County Council took no part in any of the planning discussions and Cllr Carins took no part in any discussions re applications on Station Road.

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices:

62. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income: Fees 875.00

Bank balance of £32676.18 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 8.1.2020

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1226	St Marys Inn	Refreshments for new bus shelter ceremony	150.00
1227	St Mary's PCC	Grant for bugler	80.00
1228	Northern Services	Maintenance and repairs	780.00
1229	Moorhouse farm	Hampers	150.00

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

63. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Northumberland County Council – street naming 33 Stn Road
- Northumberland County Council – notice of vacancy
- T Hall – planning on Stn Road
- K Hall – Parking on The Glebe

64. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

- Fence at millenium tree to be repaired
- Seek costs for path in cemetery
- Chairman to seek a tour of the parish with Northumberland County Council re roads and footpaths
- Seek costs for cemetery car park repairs
- Expected application for visit to Beamish for elderly residents
- Clerk to prepare application form and criteria for WW1 fund
- Council to fund VE Day celebrations at £500
- Nominat at R & R Philipson for the Queens Garden Party
- Seek meeting on public transport with Northumberland County Council and MP G Opperman
- Seek costs for WW1 plaques in marble

65. Date of next meeting

27 January – 5.30pm Stannington 1st School

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

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D Hall – Clerk

66. Apologies

Councillor M Scott, Councillor R Philipson

67. Declaration of interest in any item on the agenda

None

68. Setting the precept

Councillors considered a current expenditure and planned expenditure report

Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2019/20						
Name	Budget 19/20	Actual	Further	Y/End	Variance	Budget 20/21
Precept	-27880.00	-27880.00			-27880.00	0.00
Interest Rec'd	-30.00	-5.22	0.00		-5.22	24.78
Burial Fees, etc.	-1000.00	-1925.00	0.00		-1925.00	-925.00
Misc	0.00	-206.66	0.00		-206.66	-206.66
VAT refund	0.00	-2512.76	0.00		-2512.76	-2512.76
Sub total income	-28910.00	-32529.64	0.00		-32529.64	-3619.64
Salaries & Wages(Office)	4500.00	2332.42	2167.58		4500.00	0.00
Handyman	2200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-2200.00
Travel (incl members £500)	600.00	226.56	373.44		600.00	0.00
Telephone	200.00	195.50	150.00		345.50	145.50
Stationery	200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-200.00
Postages	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-100.00
Books and periodicals	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-100.00
Insurances	1900.00	1921.32	0.00		1921.32	21.32
Sundries /admin/events	2000.00	300.00	0.00		300.00	-1700.00
Professional Fees	200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-200.00
Subscriptions	350.00	465.87	0.00		465.87	115.87
Audit Fees	450.00	240.00	200.00		440.00	-10.00
Cemetery - Maintenance	2500.00	256.86	2500.00		2756.86	256.86
N Plan	2000.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-2000.00
S.137 Expenditure	3000.00	332.60	0.00		332.60	-2667.40
Grounds and Open Space General	2000.00	5081.14	0.00		5081.14	3081.14
Shelters seats and bins	2250.00	4330.00	1500.00		5830.00	3580.00
Equipment	1200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-1200.00
Furniture & Fittings	100.00	9.45	0.00		9.45	-90.55
Playing Field	1500.00	50.00	0.00		50.00	-1450.00
Store Rental & fittings	680.00	669.28	0.00		669.28	-10.72
Environmental/traffic schemes	1000.00	439.66	8000.00		8439.66	7439.66
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Sub total	29030.00	16850.66	14891.02		31741.68	2711.68
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						350.00
Opening balance as of 1 April 2019	30935.34					
Add income	-32529.64					
Ad further expected income	0.00					
Less Exp to date	16850.66					
Less further Exp	14891.02					
Expected balance 31/3/19	30147.38					
Actual precept 2019/20		27880.00				
Band D equivalent		34.59				
Proposed precept 2020/21		30730.00				
Band D equivalent		34.58		Change	-0.02%	

Tax Base	888.61		2020						
Precept	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	
	0.67	0.78	0.89	1.00	1.22	1.44	1.67	2.00	
1000.00	0.83	0.97	1.10	1.24	1.51	1.79	2.07	2.48	
15000.00	11.31	13.17	15.02	16.88	20.59	24.31	28.19	33.76	
15500.00	11.69	13.61	15.52	17.44	21.28	25.12	29.13	34.89	
16000.00	12.06	14.04	16.03	18.01	21.97	25.93	30.07	36.01	
16500.00	12.44	14.48	16.53	18.57	22.65	26.74	31.01	37.14	
17000.00	12.82	14.92	17.03	19.13	23.34	27.55	31.95	38.26	
17500.00	13.19	15.36	17.53	19.69	24.03	28.36	32.89	39.39	
18000.00	13.57	15.80	18.03	20.26	24.71	29.17	33.83	40.51	
18500.00	13.95	16.24	18.53	20.82	25.40	29.98	34.77	41.64	
19000.00	14.33	16.68	19.03	21.38	26.09	30.79	35.71	42.76	
19500.00	14.70	17.12	19.53	21.94	26.77	31.60	36.65	43.89	
20000.00	15.08	17.56	20.03	22.51	27.46	32.41	37.59	45.01	
20500.00	15.46	17.99	20.53	23.07	28.15	33.22	38.53	46.14	
21000.00	15.83	18.43	21.03	23.63	28.83	34.03	39.47	47.26	
21500.00	16.21	18.87	21.53	24.20	29.52	34.84	40.41	48.39	
22000.00	16.59	19.31	22.03	24.76	30.20	35.65	41.35	49.52	
22500.00	16.96	19.75	22.54	25.32	30.89	36.46	42.29	50.64	
22950.00	17.30	20.14	22.99	25.83	31.51	37.19	43.13	51.65	
23000.00	17.34	20.19	23.04	25.88	31.58	37.27	43.22	51.77	
24000.00	18.10	21.07	24.04	27.01	32.95	38.89	45.10	54.02	
25000.00	18.85	21.94	25.04	28.13	34.32	40.51	46.98	56.27	
26000.00	19.60	22.82	26.04	29.26	35.70	42.13	48.86	58.52	
27000.00	20.36	23.70	27.04	30.38	37.07	43.75	50.74	60.77	
28000.00	21.11	24.58	28.04	31.51	38.44	45.37	52.62	63.02	
29000.00	21.87	25.46	29.05	32.64	39.81	46.99	54.50	65.27	
30000.00	22.62	26.33	30.05	33.76	41.19	48.62	56.38	67.52	
30730.00	23.17	26.97	30.78	34.58	42.19	49.80	57.75	69.16	
31000.00	23.37	27.21	31.05	34.89	42.56	50.24	58.26	69.77	

Resolved that the precept be £30,730 representing a 0% increase in band D for the last 11 years.

69. Process for applications for WW1 fund

Members discussed the criteria and application form and agreed as follows:

Stannington Parish WW1 – Centenary Fund

Background

In 2018 a group of residents and Councillors came together to stage a WW1 event to mark the end of the Great War. The event was extremely successful and reached national TV and attracted around 5000 visitors. The residual funds from the event after disbursements amounted to £6716.40 and this was gifted for the benefit of the community. Events and activities planned in 2020 are:

- VE day celebrations – exp up to £500 – grant funded separately by the Parish Council

- Commemorative marble plaque to display commemorative disks bearing the names of 39 mem from the parish who their lives in the conflict

The anticipated funds available to the community are circa £6200 and applications for sums up to £1000 are invited. Ideally any grants awarded should have maximum leverage and grants of £1000 will be exceptional. It is hoped that a similar event in 2020 will raise a further £5000.

Funding criteria

- **Primary**
 - Must be linked to the benefit of the Parish
 - For a group or individual
 - Applications which provide leverage – i.e. the amount granted is a proportion of the cost of the activity or event rather than the whole cost
- **Secondary**
 - Key piece of equipment for use by a group
 - Support for 'Start Up' rather than business as usual
 - Environmental projects
 - Sponsor an individual for a significant event – eg represent the county or country
 - Other significant investment for the greater good of the parish or its residents

Application

Date:

Name :

Group (if applicable):

Address:

Tel No:

Email:

Please tell us about the purpose of the grant (400 words):

How many people will benefit?

What is the total cost of the project?

How much are you applying for and what %? £

What funds do you currently have as balances? £

(Provide a financial statement or bank statement)

What will be the benefits of the grant?

(Please give as much detail as possible)

Is the applicant or group based in or linked to Stannington Parish? If so how?

What publicity will you give to receiving the grant (you must mention the Parish Council on all PR & Media and supply copies?)

Please supply any documents, quotes, estimates, drawings or pictures to support your application.

List them here:

Note: copies of all invoices and receipts to be supplied within 28 days of the event or activity.

What other funds do you have toward the project?

Please provide details and copies of any offers.

Signed

Date:

Applications will be considered on a quarterly basis by a selection of the Freemen of Stannington Parish who will make recommendations to Stannington Parish Council, their decision is final. For further information contact the Clerk to the Council, 2 Monmouth Court, Widdrington, Morpeth, NE61 5QS. E: stanningtonpc@aol.com

70. Freeman nominations

D Robson
J Dungait
A Crewdson – Posthumously
A Wilson

All confirmed and Clerk to supply Script for the event

71. Potential co-option

To be considered at the March meeting

Meeting ended 6.30pm

Next meeting 20 February 2020

Signed

Chairman

Date

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Stannington St Mary's Church

Attendance:

Lord Ridley
Reverend Catherine Pickford
D Hall - Clerk
K Carins - Chairman
S Dickinson – Vice Chairman
R Philipson
S Wilson
M Scott
R Tolson

Honorary Freeman

Eunice Ridley - Apologies
M Stewart
T Pringle
P A Smith
M Wood
Richard Philipson

Present for the Conferment of the title Honorary Freeman of Stannington Parish

Joan Manners – presentation of Scroll for previously awarded Honour

Andrew Crewdson – to be awarded posthumously to his family
Jeanine Dungait
Doreen Robson

.....and their invited families and guests

72. Welcome from the Chairman

Lord Ridley, Honorary Freeman, Reverend Pickford, Councillors, Clerk, invitees and distinguished guests and members of the public, may I welcome you to this meeting of the Council to mark the conferment of the role of Honorary Freeman on two of our distinguished guests, a posthumous award and also the presentation of an illuminated scroll for a previously conferment. Thank you for coming along and helping us to recognise residents of the parish of Stannington, Joan Manners, Doreen Robson, Jeannie Dungait and Andrew Crewdson's partner Beverly Wilson who will receive his conferment posthumously. We are here to celebrate this occasion and to mark the meritorious service of these four people over many years in this parish. May I now ask Reverend Pickford to say prayers?

73. Prayers

Reverend Pickford – Prayers

74. Apologies for absence

Chairman – We now move to the formal business. Council, please note and approve the apologies of:

Cllr H Brown and Freeman Ridley

75. Conferment of the role of Honorary Freeman

Chairman - Clerk will you please explain the statute relating to the awarding of the Honorary of Freemen of this parish.

Clerk - Madam Chairman, Lord Ridley, Freeman, Reverend Pickford, Councillors, invitees and distinguished guests and members of the public - A Freeman was a man who had served his apprenticeship and was free to conduct his trade in his own town. 'Free men' enjoyed a special status, the details of which varied according to special charters, but usually included the exclusive right of trading and of voting at elections for (and sitting upon) the Council. The power to vote at parliamentary elections was also usually confined to freemen.

This title has long since disappeared and it has been replaced by the title 'Honorary Freeman' which is bestowed upon certain individuals, or past Members, who have, in the opinion of the Parish Council, rendered eminent service to the Council, or conducted exceptional work, service or other worthy undertakings that benefit the community in the Civil Parish of Stannington in Northumberland The Parish and Council was formed in England under the Reforming Local Government Act 1894 and is now 116 years old.

From a point of law, a local council is permitted by legislation (Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the 2009 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act) to admit, further to a council resolution, the title of honorary freemen or freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority. It may confer this honour to (a) persons of distinction, and (b) persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area. Indeed, contrary to popular belief this honour does not grant them rights to graze their sheep or pigs on the parish field, nor does it allow them to bear arms or control law and order, not least of which because society has moved on over the years and in any respects we wouldn't have enough acorns to feed all their animals.

The honorary freeman title confers no powers on the individual. It is entirely ceremonial. The Parish Council officially thanks people who conduct exceptional work, service or other worthy undertakings that benefit their community by presenting them with an Illuminated Freedom Scroll as a timeless thank you. The scrolls are highly regarded by recipients. This sealed and illuminated scroll which marks the grant of Honorary Freedom, contains a copy of the formal Council resolution this evening. It will be presented to the newly appointed Honorary Freeman by the Lord Ridley on our behalf, with an opportunity being given for the recipient to reply.

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Chairman – We now move to the presentation of an Illuminated Scroll to Honorary Freeman Joan Manners who was sadly unable to be with us on the last occasion of the Conferment of het Honour.

Councillor Dickinson, I invite you to address the meeting and to explain why it was that you proposed that Joan Manners be granted Honorary Freedom of this parish.

Councillor Dickinson – Joan was brought up in the small village of Craythorne, North Yorkshire, then after marrying Geoff Manners in 1980 she came north to Clifton.

Over the years Joan has taken part in most events held in the parish, she worked at the village school playgroup and in the classrooms. She is a founder member of our Stannington Make-bake-grow & Show an expert at making the teas, she is one of the organisers of the flower festival here in church in November 2018. Joan has a daughter Sally son in law Christopher and is a very proud grandma of Emma and Joseph. Joan's home, especially the Garden Room is renowned as a venue for fund raising for all charities. Over many years she has served in the office of Church Warden and worked tirelessly for a number of charitable causes, most notably the RNLI. This Council previously agreed unanimously that the council grant the highest honour we can bestow for valuable and devoted services rendered to the Parish of Stannington. We loudly applaud her sterling service whilst thanking her most sincerely.

Chairman – I call upon Lord Ridley to present this illuminated scroll and therefore to bestow this honour on behalf of the Council and I also call upon Joan Manners to receive it.

Lord Ridley presented the scroll

Clerk – Chairman as the proper officer of the council I will formally record this presentation in the minutes of the council.

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Chairman – We now move to the business of conferring the title of Honorary Freeman of this Parish. This Honour is to be conferred posthumously as the recipient Andrew Crewdson sadly passed away last year.

Councillor Philipson, I invite you to address the meeting in proposing that Andrew Crewdson be granted Honorary Freedom of this parish.

Councillor Philipson – It gives me great pleasure in proposing Andrew Crewdson for the Conferment of the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Stannington.

Andrew Crewdson was brought up in Swarthmoor Village in South Cumbria. Born to a hardworking, resourceful family who were very involved in their local community. He was very attached to his father and was devastated when his beloved dad died when Andy was only nine. This difficult time shaped Andrew into the man he was to become.

Always hard working, he was sent to Harper Adams to fulfil his dream of making farming his career. After college he went to Australia to manage a dairy farm while he was there he was approached by Sentry Farming about a trainee management position at Blagdon. The rest as they say is history.

Everything Andy did had Blagdon and Stannington at the heart of it. He was always willing to give his own time to help the local community, from re-seeding the village hall field for local community projects, helping with the horse riding at Blagdon, the concerts for the church in the walled garden at Blagdon to donating a turkey for local charity raffles.

A really kind funny man who is sorely missed.

Over the years Andrew served this parish in many ways and those who knew him will know all that he achieved.

Chairman – Do I have a seconder for this proposal

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Councillor Scott – It is my honour and privilege to second Councillor Philipson's Proposal. Andrew's commitment to this parish has been immense and he is a worthy candidate for the role of Honorary Freeman. We loudly applaud his sterling service whilst thanking him most sincerely.

Chairman – Councillors, I put it to the vote: all those in favour....

Clerk – Chairman that motion is carried unanimously.

Chairman – I call upon Lord Ridley to present this illuminated scroll and therefore to bestow this honour on behalf of the Council and I also call upon Beverley Wilson to receive this posthumous award.

Lord Ridley presents the scroll

Clerk – Chairman as the proper officer of the council I will formally record this resolution in the minutes of the council.

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Chairman – We now move to the business of conferring the next title of Honorary Freeman of this Parish.

Councillor Tolson, I invite you to address the meeting in proposing that Jeannie Dungait be granted Honorary Freedom of this parish.

Councillor Tolson – It gives me great pleasure in proposing Jeannie Dungait for the conferment of the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Stannington. Jeannie has lived in the village of Stannington for most of her life being very active within the parish serving on Stannington Parish Council.

Over many years Jeannie served in role of Parish Councillor and was an avid supporter of all things Stannington. She has also held the role of School Governor where she gave immense support to our local school. Jeannie was also a member of and Chairman of the Village Hall Committee during which time the Village Hall was restored and refurbished with the installation of central heating, double glazing and complete redecoration.

Jeannie is a member of the Parochial church Council and Church Warden and is a fantastic supporter of this Church.

She has also given freely of her time to help others by raising money for Charities such as Wooden Spoon and Action Medical Research. Councillors and residents also thank her for her fantastic support for Morpeth Rugby Club

Jeannie has over the years has served her parish in many ways and those who know her will know all she has achieved.

Chairman – Do I have a seconder for this proposal

Councillor Wilson – It is my honour and privilege to second Councillor Tolson's Proposal. Jeannie's commitment to this parish has been immense and she is a worthy candidate for the role of Honorary Freeman. We loudly applaud her sterling service whilst thanking her most sincerely.

Chairman – Councillors, I put it to the vote: all those in favour....

Clerk – Chairman that motion is carried unanimously.

Chairman – I call upon Lord Ridley to present this illuminated scroll and therefore to bestow this honour on behalf of the Council and I also call upon Jeannie Dungait to receive it.

Lord Ridley presents the scroll

Clerk – Chairman as the proper officer of the council I will formally record this resolution in the minutes of the council.

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Chairman – We now move to the business of conferring the next title of Honorary Freeman of this Parish.

Councillor Dickinson, I invite you to address the meeting in proposing that Doreen Robson be granted Honorary Freedom of this parish.

Councillor Dickinson – It gives me great pleasure in proposing Doreen Robson for the conferment of the title of Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Stannington. Doreen has lived in the village of Stannington for most of her life being very active within the parish serving on Stannington Parish Council.

Doreen has been an active member of Stannington Women's Institute being a member of the committee, president and entering many WI county competitions. She was also one of the group of villagers who entered the village in the Britain in Bloom competition winning Best Small Village Runner up in 1988, Best Kept Village in 1992 and Castle Morpeth in Bloom joint Winner 1987 and 1988.

During the work on the event to commemorate 100 yrs since the Great War in 2018 that the village held Doreen was a fountain of knowledge and having one of the original cloaks given to the Stannington School Children by the then Lady Ridley that was copied for the children of today's Stannington First School to wear at the event.

At the moment Doreen serves as a Trustee on Stannington Village Hall where she is vice chair.

Doreen over the years has served her parish in many ways and those who know her will know all she has achieved.

Chairman – Do I have a seconder for this proposal

Councillor Scott – It is my honour and privilege to second Councillor Dickinson's Proposal. Doreen's commitment to this parish has been immense and she is a worthy candidate for the role of Honorary Freeman.

Chairman – Councillors, I put it to the vote: all those in favour....

Clerk – Chairman that motion is carried unanimously.

Chairman – I call upon Lord Ridley to present this illuminated scroll and therefore to bestow this honour on behalf of the Council and I also call upon Doreen Robson to receive it.

Lord Ridley presents the scroll

Clerk – Chairman as the proper officer of the council I will formally record this resolution in the minutes of the council.

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76. Blessing

Chairman - Reverend Pickford may I ask you to give a blessing to these proceedings and to all those present?

Reverend Pickford – to say a blessing

77. Conclusion of business

Chairman – That now concludes the business of the council on this prestigious occasion. Thank you all for attending this momentous and historical meeting of the Council in this its 116th year. I wish you all a safe and onward journey but in the meantime refreshments be served at the rear of the church.

Meeting Ended at 7.30pm

Date of next meeting 11 March 2020

Signed

Chairman

Date