

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
**8 January 2018**  
**Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School**

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair  
Councillor H Brown  
Councillor S Wilson  
Councillor S Dickinson  
Councillor D Emery  
Councillor R Tolson  
Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor  
D Hall – Clerk

## **59. Apologies**

Councillor R Philipson  
Councillor M Scott

## **60. Public session**

Mr Miller, resident of Station Road attended the meeting and asked to explain a current planning application for 8 properties on his land which had been deemed brownfield by Northumberland County Council. The Clerk reminded Mr Miller and Councillors that no decision or opinion could be offered.

Mr Miller outlined the development and the background to it:

- Now only 8 properties rather than 20
- Current use is care sales for 12 years
- 30 cars per week

The Chairman thanked Mr Miller.

## **61. Declarations of interest in the agenda**

None

## **62. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Agreed

**63. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

- Councillors noted that residents of St Mary Park were delighted with the intention to replace the shelter at the entrance to the estate.
- Superfast broadband is now available to Middle Duddo and Glororum.
- Councillor Carins explained that she was pursuing requests for one bed accommodation for the elderly in Stannington Village to support residents who had been bereaved and were now living alone. Update to follow.
- The Clerk reported that Solagen would look at the flashing speed signs and repair and that the potential for the council to then move them was being investigated.
- Neighbourhood Plan now entering an 8 week consultation phase.

**64. Reports from around the parish/outside bodies**

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr. Karen Carins

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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

**Brenkley meeting report**

The Community fund committee minutes have not been issued yet.

**Actions requested:**

To report to the Parish Council following all Brenkley meetings

**Stannington Village**

**Commentary:** Residents have reported that the potholes that had been infilled are not fit for purpose. Many of the holes have returned.

**Actions Requested:** The Parish Council will liaise with NCC Highways to see if a more effective infill can be acquired.

**St Marys Park**

**Commentary:** Residents have complained there is an issue with the lack of gritting that is taking place in their area. This has been reported to NCC and Councillor Eileen Armstrong is also looking into the problem.

There have also been continuing complaints regarding the state of the road between St Marys Park and Stannington village. This issue has been reported to Highways and they have informed the Councillor Carins that this work will be scheduled however there has been no progress and the road is deteriorating at an alarming rate.

**Actions requested:**

To liaise with NCC Highways for a prompt solution to this issue.

**Stannington Station**

**Commentary:** There have been no reported issues. A planning application for 8 houses at Moor Estate has been lodged with NCC

**Actions requested:**

To remain vigilant of any issues that may arise from the various developments that are currently in progress.

**Morpeth Boundary Study**

**Commentary:** Councillor Carins received an email regarding a proposed Boundary Study by Morpeth Town Council. The Chairs of Hepscott and Mitford Parish Councils felt it was of interest to Stannington Parish Council as our parish borders the Morpeth Town Plan Area. Councillor Carins has reported the matter to Councillor Eileen Armstrong for her consideration and Councillor Carins has asked Councillor David Bawn of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to include Stannington Parish Council in any discussions/consultations or meetings on this subject.

**Actions requested:**

To report back to the Parish Council any information regarding the Morpeth Boundary Study.

**Highways**

- No salting of the school route – report to Northumberland County Council
- Request Mr King to report to the next meeting
- Request plan of salting routes from Northumberland County Council

**Actions requested:**

To report to Northumberland County Council as required.

**Handyman**

- Recycling area fence down – Northumberland County Council
- Water on the path at Church Corner – Northumberland County Council
- Litter bin at Swan Farm – declined
- Horses on the playing field – signage to be installed

**Actions requested:**

To report to Northumberland County Council as required.

**65. 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:

<b>Application</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Decision</b>
17/04381/DISCON	St Mary Park	Discharge of condition for Stythe Gas	Noted
17/04377/VARYCO	58 Station Road	Change of house styles to match the vernacular	Supported as the proposals are more in

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			keeping with the local style.
17/04510/DISCON	St Mary Park	Discharge of condition on landscaping	Noted
17/04475/OUT	Land at Moor Farm Station Road	8 Dwellings	Cllr Dickinson Declared and interest and left the meeting. Councillors believe that this is a less dense style of development than previously planned and more acceptable. However it was felt that the style of the layout, although indicative was very urban and lacked a more informal layout as would be expected on Station Road while maintaining open views of the countryside.

Note: Cllr Armstrong of Northumberland County Council took no part in any of the planning discussions.

Notices of appeal - none

Notices of enquiry – none

**65. Stannington Parish Neighbourhood plan (SPNP)**

The SPNP is now been submitted to NCC. The site notices are in place around the Parish and notification has been put on both the SPNP website and the Facebook page. The consultation will run until the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 to allow for extra time because of the Christmas period.

**66. Finance**

The following income accounts were approved:

**Income:**

**Fees £175**

**Interest**

December £2.58

**The following payments were approved:**

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1139	Carrs Billington	Squirrel Food	43.73
DD	BT	Line rental	57.59

**Resolved that:**

The payments and income listed be approved

**Finance update and budget 2018/19**

<b>Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2017/18</b>							
<b>Name</b>	<b>Budget 17/18</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Further</b>	<b>Y/End</b>	<b>Variance</b>		<b>Budget 18/19</b>
Precept	-22950.00	-22950.00			-22950.00	0.00	-25000.00
Interest Rec'd	0.00	-24.94			-24.94	-24.94	-30.00
Burial Fees, etc.	-1100.00	-425.00			-425.00	675.00	-1000.00
Misc	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
NP grant	0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total income</b>	<b>-24050.00</b>	<b>-23399.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>-23399.94</b>	<b>650.06</b>	<b>-26030.00</b>
Salaries & Wages(Office)	4500.00	2939.83	1560.17		4500.00	0.00	4500.00
Handyman	2200.00	480.00	960.00		1440.00	-760.00	2200.00
Travel (incl members £500)	750.00	185.85	300.00		485.85	-264.15	750.00
Telephone	200.00	178.50	150.00		328.50	128.50	200.00
Stationery	200.00	239.37	0.00		239.37	39.37	200.00
Postages	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-100.00	100.00
Books and periodicals	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-100.00	100.00
Insurances	1900.00	1989.38	0.00		1989.38	89.38	1900.00
Sundries /admin/events	500.00	1100.80	1000.00		2100.80	1600.80	4000.00
Professional Fees	200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-200.00	200.00
Subscriptions	350.00	378.25	0.00		378.25	28.25	350.00
Audit Fees	450.00	240.00	0.00		240.00	-210.00	450.00
Cemetery - Maintenance	2500.00	250.72	2500.00		2750.72	250.72	2500.00
N Plan	300.00	2945.61	0.00		2945.61	2645.61	300.00
S.137 Expenditure	1500.00	1052.60	0.00		1052.60	-447.40	1500.00
Grounds and Open Space General	1500.00	100.00	1200.00		1300.00	-200.00	1500.00
Shelters seats and bins	2250.00	0.00	4000.00		4000.00	1750.00	2250.00
Equipment	500.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-500.00	500.00
Furniture & Fittings	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-100.00	100.00
Playing Field	0.00	2355.00	0.00		2355.00	2355.00	1000.00
Store Rental & fittings	550.00	633.25	0.00		633.25	83.25	550.00
Environmental/traffic schemes	2000.00	1735.80	0.00		1735.80	-264.20	1000.00
Election	2000.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-2000.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24650.00</b>	<b>16804.96</b>	<b>11670.17</b>		<b>28475.13</b>	<b>3825.13</b>	<b>26150.00</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>-6594.98</b>	<b>11670.17</b>		<b>5075.19</b>	<b>4475.19</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>Opening balance as of 1 April 2017</b>	35028.79				<b>Expected balance as of 31/3/19</b>		30283.54
<b>Add income</b>	23399.94						
<b>Ad further expected income</b>	449.94						
<b>Less Exp to date</b>	-16804.96						
<b>Less further Exp</b>	-11670.17						
<b>Expected balance 31/3/17</b>	30403.54						
Actual precept 2017/18		22950					
Band D equivalent		34.77					
Proposed precept 2018/19		25000					
Band D equivalent		34.60					

**Tax Base**

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Tax Base	660.83		2017						
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	1.01	1.18	1.35	1.51	1.85	2.18	2.53	3.03	
15000.00	15.21	17.71	20.20	22.70	27.69	32.69	37.91	45.40	
15500.00	15.72	18.30	20.88	23.46	28.62	33.78	39.17	46.91	
16000.00	16.22	18.89	21.55	24.21	29.54	34.87	40.43	48.42	
16500.00	16.73	19.48	22.22	24.97	30.46	35.95	41.70	49.94	
17000.00	17.24	20.07	22.90	25.73	31.38	37.04	42.96	51.45	
17500.00	17.74	20.66	23.57	26.48	32.31	38.13	44.22	52.96	
18000.00	18.25	21.25	24.24	27.24	33.23	39.22	45.49	54.48	
18500.00	18.76	21.84	24.92	28.00	34.15	40.31	46.75	55.99	
19000.00	19.26	22.43	25.59	28.75	35.08	41.40	48.02	57.50	
19500.00	19.77	23.02	26.26	29.51	36.00	42.49	49.28	59.02	
20000.00	20.28	23.61	26.94	30.26	36.92	43.58	50.54	60.53	
20500.00	20.78	24.20	27.61	31.02	37.85	44.67	51.81	62.04	
21000.00	21.29	24.79	28.28	31.78	38.77	45.76	53.07	63.56	
21500.00	21.80	25.38	28.96	32.53	39.69	46.85	54.33	65.07	
22000.00	22.31	25.97	29.63	33.29	40.62	47.94	55.60	66.58	
22500.00	22.81	26.56	30.30	34.05	41.54	49.03	56.86	68.10	
22950.00	23.27	27.09	30.91	34.73	42.37	50.01	58.00	69.46	
23000.00	23.32	27.15	30.98	34.80	42.46	50.12	58.12	69.61	
23500.00	23.83	27.74	31.65	35.56	43.38	51.21	59.39	71.12	
24000.00	24.33	28.33	32.32	36.32	44.31	52.30	60.65	72.64	

Tax Base	722.49		2018						
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	0.93	1.08	1.23	1.38	1.69	1.99	2.31	2.77	
15000.00	13.91	16.19	18.48	20.76	25.33	29.90	34.67	41.52	
15500.00	14.37	16.73	19.09	21.45	26.17	30.89	35.83	42.91	
16000.00	14.84	17.27	19.71	22.15	27.02	31.89	36.98	44.29	
16500.00	15.30	17.81	20.33	22.84	27.86	32.89	38.14	45.68	
17000.00	15.76	18.35	20.94	23.53	28.71	33.88	39.29	47.06	
17500.00	16.23	18.89	21.56	24.22	29.55	34.88	40.45	48.44	
18000.00	16.69	19.43	22.17	24.91	30.39	35.88	41.61	49.83	
18500.00	17.16	19.97	22.79	25.61	31.24	36.87	42.76	51.21	
19000.00	17.62	20.51	23.41	26.30	32.08	37.87	43.92	52.60	
19500.00	18.08	21.05	24.02	26.99	32.93	38.87	45.07	53.98	
20000.00	18.55	21.59	24.64	27.68	33.77	39.86	46.23	55.36	
20500.00	19.01	22.13	25.25	28.37	34.62	40.86	47.38	56.75	
21000.00	19.47	22.67	25.87	29.07	35.46	41.86	48.54	58.13	
21500.00	19.94	23.21	26.48	29.76	36.31	42.85	49.70	59.52	
22000.00	20.40	23.75	27.10	30.45	37.15	43.85	50.85	60.90	
22500.00	20.87	24.29	27.72	31.14	37.99	44.84	52.01	62.28	
22950.00	21.28	24.78	28.27	31.77	38.75	45.74	53.05	63.53	
23000.00	21.33	24.83	28.33	31.83	38.84	45.84	53.16	63.67	
24000.00	22.26	25.91	29.56	33.22	40.53	47.83	55.47	66.44	
25000.00	23.18	26.99	30.80	34.60	42.22	49.83	57.79	69.21	
26000.00	24.11	28.07	32.03	35.99	43.90	51.82	60.10	71.97	

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Councillors noted that the tax base had increased from 660.83 to 722.49 and that by increasing the precept to £25,000 the band D equivalent would actually decrease by £0.13

It was also noted that the band D equivalent had not been increased for many years.

**Resolved that:**

**The precept for 2018/19 be £25,000 and that Northumberland County Council be notified accordingly.**

### **67. Correspondence**

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Proposed parking restrictions consultation – Church Road Stannington – supported with minor amendments
- NALC – Park homes legislation
- Northumberland County Council – Market towns survey
- Nominations for the Garden Party
- North of Tyne Devolution
- School – letting agreement
- Horses at Catraw – Noted and refer to Northumberland County Council
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### **68. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman**

The Chairman raised the issue of Freeman of the Parish for 2018.

**Resolved that:**

**A policy be introduced for selection, names to be placed on a plaque next to the new flag pole and that the flag pole be dedicated to a former resident of the parish once the agreement of the family is reached. Public be invited to make suggestions for nominations. Expected event date – June 2018.**

Other items:

- Path from Netherton Park to Station Road – report to Northumberland County Council
- Potholes across the parish – Chairman to meet Northumberland County Council and Cllr Sanderson.

### **69. Date of next meeting**

14 March 2018.

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Date**