

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held

22 January 2025

Stannington Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

R Tolson – in the chair
M Scott
R Philipson
R Nixon
H Brown

D Hall – Clerk

55. To receive apologies for absence

S Dickinson, L Darwin – Northumberland County Council

56. receive any declarations of interest

None

57. To receive the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of meeting in November 2024 were received and approved.

58. To receive any matters arising

No matters arising not covered in the agenda

59. General update

The clerk updated members on the following:

The Clerk reported that the work on the white shelters in Stannington village had been commissioned and that gutters would be specially made. New notice board is on order for St Mary Park and the dog bins at Station Road and Stannington Village would be replaced by large litter bins with capability to take dog waste.

The Clerk also updated the council on ongoing concerns re the speed illuminated speed sign on the east of Station Road. The limited hours of sunlight and high number of ‘triggers’ means that the sign runs out of power on some days as batteries do not recharge. This has been confirmed to be the case by the manufacturer. Cllr Brown confirmed that this happens occasionally at

Glororum. The police have also been asked to do speed checks and the rail authority to police the abuse of crossing barriers and lights.

The Clerk advised that Mosdale Gillatt Architects has been appointed to design a solution for the Hearse House as a community venue subject to consultation. The company are an award winning English Heritage approved architects and are to do the work at cost rather than commercially with an expected fee of £1400. The work will be done in March 2025.

The temporary encampment adjacent to the A1 has been removed.

60. Councillors updates

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 22/01/2025

Purpose of report: To update the Council on items reported.

Commentary:

- a) Report from local two residents.
Mr W. Stewart has reported the problems with numerous mole hills in the Stannington cemetery in the past month. - ACTIONED
- b) At least three persons have asked me a question relating to a large caravan having been sited at the site of the old filling station/café on the Great North Road near the end of Station Road. I personally saw this being delivered by a truck some weeks ago. I have explained that this may have been sited by potential contractors pending the possible start of some works. Is it possible to obtain more information. – REPORTED TO Northumberland County Council ENFORCEMENT
- c) The Southbound village bus shelter has a lot of flaking paint and exposed wood on the structure. Are there any imminent plans to have this repaired and repainted to prevent any potential rot. – ALREADY ACTIONED
- d) Report of graffiti (vandalism) in the children’s playground in the Village. This came from the Stannington Watch WhatsApp Group. I understand that police have been informed. Looks suspiciously like an ‘A’ at the top middle. – CLERK TO ACTION

Councillor M. Scott 22/01/2025

61. To consider items pertaining to development control

Councillors considered the following applications lodged with the local planning authority, unless otherwise stated no comment or objection was made to Northumberland County Council:

Reserved Matters Application (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) for four dwellings on approved application/appeal reference 20/04096/OUT - APP/P2935/W/23/3323159.

Land At Moor Farm Estate Station Road Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/00085/REM

Proposed detached dwelling, detached garage, access details, parking and landscaping including works to trees.

Land South West Of North Moor 36 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/00055/FUL

Variation of conditions 4 (ecology), 7 (trees), 8 (landscaping), 9 (construction method statement), 11 (vehicular access) and 12 (refuse storage) on approved application 19/00886/VARYCO to amend wording of conditions from 'pre-commencement' and 'pre-occupation' to 'in accordance with'

Land North West Of The Shires Great North Road Clifton Northumberland
Ref. No: 25/00027/VARYCO

Notification of Prior Approval for an Agricultural Machinery Shed

Land South East Of Saltwick Farm Cottages Tranwell Woods Northumberland
Ref. No: 24/04465/AGRGDO - RECOMMEND NO DOMESTIC USE

Single storey extension to cafe

Whitehouse Farm Cafe Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AW
Ref. No: 24/04457/FUL

Demolition of existing kiosk shed and construction of new single storey entrance kiosk
Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 24/04446/FUL

Outdoor Children's Play Area Steel Framed Cover Building.

Whitehouse Farm Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AW
Ref. No: 24/04306/FUL – REQUEST REFUSAL, IMPACTS RIGHT OF WAY, TRAFFIC IMPACT INCREASE, BREACH OF PLANNING ALREADY COMMENCED

Proposed two storey side extension

20 Ashley Gardens St Mary Park Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6BJ
Ref. No: 24/04178/FUL

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

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Land East Of Moor Farm Station Road Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 24/04122/OUT

Proposed front and rear extension and new bedroom over existing garage

11 The Glebe Stannington Northumberland NE61 6HW
Ref. No: 24/03957/FUL

Variation of condition 13 (Contamination - parts A & B) pursuant to planning permission 22/04480/FUL to change the condition from 'pre-commencement' to 'pre-occupation'

Land On Tranwell Airfield South West Of Wellhill Tranwell Woods Northumberland
Ref. No: 24/03942/VARYCO

Non-material amendment (front facade of the property to apply cladding and changes to hydro pool windows) on approved planning application 24/00687/FUL (amended 27.11.2024)

Oak Cottage 15 Park Drive Hepscott Park Northumberland NE61 6QA
 Ref. No: 24/03721/NONMAT

Proposed two storey front side and rear extensions
 Clifton Ridge 17 Great North Road Clifton Northumberland NE61 6DQ
 Ref. No: 24/03634/FUL

Note:
 Notices of appeal – none
 Notices of enquiry – none
 Other notices – none

62. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Fees

Bank balance of BOI £49,200.62 and Lloyds TSB £10,350.00 as at 30 November 2024.

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1421	Mazars	Audit fee	252.00
1422	Stannington School	Grant	1000.00
1423	THC	Landscaping	4854.00
1424	Village Hall	Hire	140.00
DD	BT	Line rent	38.76
DD	Wave	Water bill	27.73
1425	Northern Services	Electrical work	450.00

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Councillors discussed the forecast year and possible budget for 2025-26

Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2025-26

Name	Budget 2024/5	Budget 2025-26	Notes
Precept	-36100.00	-37000.00	
Interest Rec'd	0.00	0.00	
Burial Fees, etc.	-1550.00	-1500.00	
Misc	0.00	0.00	
VAT refund	-500.00	-1000.00	
Sub total income	-38150.00	-39500.00	
Salaries & Wages(Office)	4800.00	5200.00	
Travel (incl members £500)	500.00	500.00	
Telephone	300.00	300.00	
Stationery	100.00	100.00	
Postages	22.95	0.00	

Books and periodicals	0.00	0.00
Insurances	2000.00	2000.00
Sundries /admin/events	4000.00	4000.00
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	550.00	600.00
Audit Fees	450.00	500.00
Cemetery - Maintenance	4000.00	4600.00
N Plan	0.00	0.00
S.137 Expenditure Incl WW2 grants	3400.00	3000.00
Grounds and Open Space General	5000.00	5000.00
Shelters seats and bins	5000.00	4000.00
Equipment	100.00	500.00
Furniture & Fittings	0.00	0.00
Playing Field	2000.00	2000.00
Store Rental & fittings	300.00	300.00
Environmental/traffic schemes	5000.00	6000.00
Election	0.00	2000.00
Net	-627.05	1100.00

From reserves

Precept 2024-25	36100.00
Band D equivalent	34.24
	1054.30

Proposed precept 2025-26	37000.00		
Band D equivalent	33.90		
Band D for 2024/5 tax base	1091.59	Increase or reduction from prior year	-0.35 -1.01%

Tax Base 1,091.59 2025

Precept	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	0.67	0.78	0.89	1.00	1.22	1.44	1.67	2.00
1000	0.83	0.97	1.10	1.24	1.51	1.79	2.07	2.48
20000	12.28	14.29	16.31	18.32	22.35	26.38	30.60	36.64
20500	12.58	14.65	16.71	18.78	22.91	27.04	31.36	37.56
21000	12.89	15.01	17.12	19.24	23.47	27.70	32.13	38.48
21500	13.20	15.36	17.53	19.70	24.03	28.36	32.89	39.39
22000	13.50	15.72	17.94	20.15	24.59	29.02	33.66	40.31
22500	13.81	16.08	18.34	20.61	25.15	29.68	34.42	41.22
22950	14.09	16.40	18.71	21.02	25.65	30.28	35.11	42.05
23000	14.12	16.43	18.75	21.07	25.71	30.34	35.19	42.14
24000	14.73	17.15	19.57	21.99	26.82	31.66	36.72	43.97
25000	15.34	17.86	20.38	22.90	27.94	32.98	38.25	45.80
26000	15.96	18.58	21.20	23.82	29.06	34.30	39.78	47.64
27000	16.57	19.29	22.01	24.73	30.18	35.62	41.31	49.47
28000	17.19	20.01	22.83	25.65	31.29	36.94	42.84	51.30

29000	17.80	20.72	23.64	26.57	32.41	38.26	44.37	53.13
30000	18.41	21.44	24.46	27.48	33.53	39.58	45.90	54.97
31000	19.03	22.15	25.28	28.40	34.65	40.89	47.43	56.80
32000	19.64	22.87	26.09	29.32	35.76	42.21	48.96	58.63
33000	20.25	23.58	26.91	30.23	36.88	43.53	50.49	60.46
34000	20.87	24.29	27.72	31.15	38.00	44.85	52.02	62.29
35000	21.48	25.01	28.54	32.06	39.12	46.17	53.55	64.13
36000	22.10	25.72	29.35	32.98	40.23	47.49	55.08	65.96
37000	22.71	26.44	30.17	33.90	41.35	48.81	56.61	67.79
38000	23.32	27.15	30.98	34.81	42.47	50.13	58.14	69.62
39000	23.94	27.87	31.80	35.73	43.59	51.45	59.67	71.46
40000	24.55	28.58	32.61	36.64	44.71	52.77	61.20	73.29
41000	25.17	29.30	33.43	37.56	45.82	54.09	62.73	75.12
42000	25.78	30.01	34.24	38.48	46.94	55.41	64.25	76.95
43000	26.39	30.73	35.06	39.39	48.06	56.72	65.78	78.78
44000	27.01	31.44	35.87	40.31	49.18	58.04	67.31	80.62
45000	27.62	32.15	36.69	41.22	50.29	59.36	68.84	82.45

Average Band D in Northumberland 2024 was £50.50

Resolved that: the precept be set at £37,000 representing a 1% reduction for the second year in a row. The band D equivalent being £33.90 compared to a Northumberland average of £50.50 meaning Stannington band D is 67% of the Northumberland average.

63. Correspondence

All correspondence noted and actioned unless indicated otherwise:

- Mr Branch – agreed to cemetery rules
- E Ridley (Freeman)
 - cemetery car park drainage
 - dog bins
 - car park gate
 - moles in cemetery
- K Carins(Freeman)
 - Use of southbound shelter
 - Possible coring point on old A1
- Northumberland County Council – resilience forum

64. Other business

- Trees in the village to be attended to – Clerk to action.

65. Date of Next meeting

12 March 2025

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____