

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held
11 July 2018 – 6.45pm
Stannington 1st School

Attendance:

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

D Hall – Clerk

21. To receive any apologies

Councillor R Philipson
Councillor D Emery
Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

All apologies were approved.

22. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

None known at this stage

23. To receive and agree the minutes of the previous meeting held 9 May 2018

Agreed. Noted that the Clerk would take advice relating to the publishing of certain information relating to GDPR.

24. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 May 2018

- The school may have surplus shelter which could be deployed to St Mary Park – the clerk to liaise with the Headteacher.

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

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Helen Brown

Date: 11th July 2018

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

Glororum Farm:

Since October 2017 the signage provided by NCC at the east junction, along with signage along the Construction Route for the Bellway development at St Mary's has been permanently removed or periodically missing when the grass verges are cut.

This construction traffic has been using this route for over 11 years and the ONE-WAY SYSTEM works when it is followed. In particular the signage at the East End Junction of the Glorum route has had to be re-erected by the residents time and time again due to it being left in or on the hedge after grass cutting or even in the adjoining field! It is now missing.

One of the main signs was removed by A1 England when the footpath here was upgraded, never to be seen again and also never replaced. Despite many emails to the NCC Highways we are no further forward. After 10 months this is disgraceful and extremely embarrassing! The residents at Glorum feel that permanent or temporary permanent signage would solve the issue as the grass cutters would be unable to move them. Controversially similar signage within Stannington Village is always in place.

Cllr Brown has offered to drive the route with NCC Highways to point out where all the signage was so that it can be reinstated. This offer has not been taken up.

Bellway have agreed to inform all their contractors of the ONE-WAY SYSTEM but how can we expect them to follow the agreed route if there is no signage to follow. If there are no signs to see then the wagons do not follow this system. This causes danger to all road users and to the road itself as damage is done when wagons need to pass each other as there is no room to do this.

Recently drainage works have been carried out at the Well Hill Opencast site and although the drivers know they need to follow the ONE-WAY SYSTEM they have not done so causing chaos to residents and local farmers at this busy time of year.

ACTION REQUIRED: Inform NCC Highways again.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 11th July 2018

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

Commentary:

Brenkley meeting report circulated to members.

Actions requested:

To report to the Parish Council following all Brenkley meetings

Stannington Village & Handyman

Commentary:

An unlocked jaguar car has been left outside the village hall noticeboard. The noticeboard cannot be accessed. The old fence that was taken down by Karbon Homes has been left and tree debris has been left by the bus shelter. The trees by the new fence need to be clipped. The proposed extra light near the Ridley Arms is acceptable to residents. The tip in the cemetery needs to be bulldozed, it is unsightly. An enquiry has been made about the bench by the playing field which was discussed and agreed. There have been more thefts from the cemetery, a spray head has been stolen. The flower beds in the cemetery to be adopted. The bottle bank area is being used as an unofficial dumping ground again. There are signs missing from the area which need to be replaced. Enquiries concerning the flag pole and the defibrillator have been made.

Actions Requested: The Parish Council will enquire as to the position of the abandoned car as the normal function of the noticeboard cannot be carried out. The Parish Council will notify Karbon Homes of the issues regarding the fence and tree debris. Ask NCC to clip trees by new fence. Organise flower beds in the cemetery. Level cemetery tip. Replace bottle bank signs and remove rubbish. Report update re the flag pole and the defibrillator.

St Marys Park

Commentary:

Residents' main complaints are regarding the state of the road. Questions concerning the road layout at the entrance to the estate need to be addressed and the positioning of the bus shelter. The defibrillator is also to be delivered to the village hall for fixing.

Actions requested:

To liaise with NCC Highways for a prompt solution to this issue. To enquire about both the road layout and bus shelter.

Stannington Station

Commentary: There have been no reported issues.

Actions requested:

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

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 09th July 2018

Purpose of report : To update the Council on complaint received from Stannington Village Hall Committee, Complaint regarding waste bins in A1 Laybys. Continuing car parking dangers near to chicane

Commentary:

1. At the meeting of the Village Hall Committee a complaint was raised with me relating to the general untidy state of the village particularly in relation to the verges and the central reservation in the main road through the village being full of weeds. 'Doreen Worswick asked Malcolm could the parish council see that the village be tidied up weeds, rubbish etc. Malcolm said he would see what he can do'.

Action requested: Councillor Scott to contact raise the issue with the Council at the next Parish Council Meeting

2. Concern raised by resident of Ridley Cottages about the overflowing waste bins located in the A1 laybys. Can these be emptied more regularly during the summer months?

Action requested: To request the Parish Council to discuss and request the County Council to empty more during the summer months

3. Further complaint from a resident of Elizabeth Square. Despite a new fence being erected adjacent to the main road through the village it is still noted that some residents are parking close to the chicane and are now just climbing the new fence to go to their residencies. This causes narrowing of the roadway at the chicane approach and is a safety issue.

Action Requested: Councillor Scott to raise this issue again to explore if any further action via the parish Council be taken relating to this.

26. 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:

Ref	Applicant	Address	Detail	Decision
18/02266	Bellway	Hepscott Park – Shepherds Cote Drive	Single Dwelling	No objection
18/02207	S Sinclair	The Shires Clifton	Single Dwelling	No objection
18/02189	Astoria homes	Furrow Grove	Six dwellings	No objection
18/01824	Mr Smith	West Of 65 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland	Single dwelling	No objection

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

Notices of appeal - none
Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices:

27. To consider an update on Stannington Parish Neighbourhood plan (SPNP)

Members noted that the referendum was now planned and that the council would be holding a drop in session so that members of the public could see the plan and seek comment. Members agreed to support the event which was to be held in the Village Hall. The referendum is the culmination of over 4 years work.

28. To consider the deployment of defibrillators

It was noted that the defibrillators had been received and are ready to be deployed. It was agreed that Mr Carins would look at the deployment, especially the link with the local ambulance service and codes for opening the safe repository. The first defibrillator to be deployed at St Mary Park on the new community building as Bellway had given permission and installed a power supply.

The remaining units will be deployed at Stannington Village and Station Road End. Power supplies need installed.

A lady had asked if a defibrillator could be provided either at Milkhope or Horton Grange and members felt this was a good idea. The chair agreed to ask Lord Ridley if he was in favour and if there was the possibility of a donation.

29. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Interest

May 3.35
June 2.62

Fees

Bank balance of £31106.32 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 22 June 2018

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1154	Wave	Water bill	152.02
1155	Blagdon Estate	Rent	390.00
1156	BHIB	Insurance	1769.68
1157	Defibshop	Defibrilators and cases	4752.00
1158	Gustharts	Spares	21.49
1159	Carrs	Squirell food	41.25
1160	Wave	Water bill	17.98
1161	Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Subs	404.18
1162	Blagdon Estate	Replacement for chq 1155 as Bladon Estate misplaced cheque	390.00
1163	History Group	Sets of parish books	240.00
1164	Vilage show	Grant for insurance	252.00
DD	BT	Line rental	57.63

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

30. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Northumberland County Council local plan representation – delegated to the chair
- Northumberland County Council – notification of SPNP referendum
- Karbon Homes – grounds maintenance policy
- NALC News
- NALC – legal update
- Mr Flounders – info re Dovecote Lane signage

- Northumberland County Council – recycling centre at St Mary Park – agreed

31. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

- Waste bins on the A1 need emptied – report to Northumberland County Council
- Tip in cemetery needs levelled – clerk to ask the grave digger to resolve this on the next visit
- Ask M King of Northumberland County Council to the next meeting
- Weed spraying needs done across the parish – Northumberland County Council

20. Date of next meeting

12 September 2018 – 6.45pm Stannington 1st School

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed

Chairman

Date