

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting
10th July 2019 –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 Philipson
D Hall – Clerk

23. To receive any apologies

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

Councillors noted with deep regret and sorrow that Cllr Tolson was not at the meeting following the sudden and extremely tragic loss of his wife and the council extended their sincere condolences to him at this sad time.

24. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

Clr Carins declared an interest in any applications for planning on Station Road

25. To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 8 May and 17 June 2019

No matters arising as all items dealt with at the council meeting held on 11 July 2018.

26. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings 8 May and 17 June 2019

- Cllr Phillipson confirmed that he was obtaining quotes for the resurfacing of the car park at the cemetery and that there would be 3 quotes
- Clerk to write to Northumberland County Council re parking on Church Road and the need ofr edge reinforcement
- The Clerk to write to Northumberland County Council to discuss the recent traffic scheme which has been put in place and is making a big improvement to road safety at Stannington Primary School. Further that - it occurs to the council however that the opportunity for using school transport is not fully utilized and to ask one of the appropriate team at Northumberland County Council to contact us to discuss how to make sure all areas are covered and also how we can work together to ensure that there is maximum take-up.
- Cllr Armstrong is sorting out signs for cyclists on busy and uneven roads

- Clerk to write to Northumberland County Council about the deplorable state of the road to Catraw to Stannington Village which is now very serious in that it has been patched and potholed to the point that it is now just a total patchwork of pothole mounds and holes. Can something please be done before someone, especially a cyclist, gets badly hurt?
- Also raise with Northumberland County Council that the footpath from Netherton Park to Station Road end is almost nonexistent now it has been patched so much in some places and has disintegrated in others.
- When the A1 grade separated junction was built some years ago a swale was built by the HA. The hedge on the roadside is now out of control. Can this be resolved as we believe this to be in their ownership? Clerk to write to Highways England
- Bridge on the road to Catraw. This road floods regularly and needs some positive drainage to the burn - can this be resolved please? Clerk to write to Northumberland County Council
- Littering – there is a significant issue with littering especially at Clifton - Clerk to write to Northumberland County Council re sign

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

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins
Date: 19th July 2019

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

Brenley Liaison Committee

Commentary: Minutes were circulated
Actions requested: To attend meetings and report to the council

Shotton Liaison Committee

Commentary: Minutes were circulated
Actions requested: To attend meetings and report to the council. Banks have asked if any Parish Councillors wish to attend a visit at Shotton.

Stannington Village

Commentary: Residents have reported new electricity cable work is to be carried out at Green Close. A football net has been erected in the playing field which does not belong to the Parish Council. A request for more play equipment has been put forward. Following the success of wild flower verges, a resident has requested that the councillors look into a similar project for Stannington Parish particularly at the roundabouts. See link below:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/News/2019/Jul/Roadside-wildflowers-are-blooming-marvellous.aspx>

Actions Requested: The Parish Council will look into these matters and report back to the residents.

Saint Mary Park

Commentary: Residents are still waiting for a meeting to discuss the pavilion.
Actions requested: The Parish Council is to broker a meeting between the Planning Authority, Bellway and the residents.

WW1 Fund

Commentary: The fund has now been deposited in a new bank account. The balance presently stands at £7,136.90. £400 has been donated to the church and £200 to the school. £200 will be donated to

the cub/scout group. A committee has been set up to oversee future events and to manage the funds. The WW2 Battle of Britain event has now been arranged to take place on the 26th September 2020.

Actions requested: All groups within the Parish will be asked if they wish to contribute to this event. The Parish Council will oversee this committee.

Cllr Dickinson enquired about how the remaining balances would be used and how decisions would be made about which individuals or groups received grants. The chairman advised on the intention to set up a committee to oversee future grant payments and that councillors would be involved through a final approval of grants. There is now a formal group to manage the ongoing activity relating to WW1 and future events with a constitution and bank account.

Stannington Station Road

Commentary : There have been no reports from Station Road. All PC minutes and agendas are sent to a resident who will liaise with the council and oversee the PC noticeboard.

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

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 10th July 2019

Purpose of report: To update the Council on issues raised

Commentary:

- a) Resident has expressed concern and complained about the state of the road surface and potholes at main A1 North Junction Roundabout on the East side of the A1. The roundabout surface to the East side is poor and requires repair.
- b) The wheely bin provided at layby located on the A1 just South of the River Blyth Bridge is constantly overflowing with rubbish and waste which is unsightly, unhygienic, not environmentally friendly and could pose a road danger on this fast stretch of the A1. This is particularly evident during the Summer months. The layby is used nightly by HGVs for overnight stops and the rubbish builds up rapidly. Can this bin be replaced with a larger one or additional waste disposal bins be provided with possible daily emptying or emptying every other day.
- c) The wheely bin provided at layby located on the A1 just on the southside of the Great North Road opposite Blagdon is constantly overflowing with rubbish and waste which is unsightly, unhygienic and not environmentally friendly. Could this bin be replaced with a larger type or an additional bin with emptying daily or every other day. Both items (b) and (c) are not very becoming for the area.
- d) Is there any further progress with the possible provision of a bus service to Manor Walks Shopping Centre in Cramlington a couple of days a week?
- e) Is there any further progress relating to the parking at the North end of the village were local residents park on the main road and thus create a danger due to traffic having to overtake adjacent to the chic cane.

Actions requested:

- a) To request road surface repairs to the roundabout surface at the North of the Village on the East side of the A1.
- b) Can the current waste bin be replaced with a larger one or additional waste disposal bins be provided with daily emptying provided or emptying every other day.
- c) Could the waste bin be replaced with a larger type or an additional bin with emptying carried out daily or every other day.

- d) Can the Rural Bus provider be contacted for a meeting to explore the possible provision of this service.
- e) To contact NCC Traffic Dept and Northumbria Police for comment on this particular issue. PCC Clerk is understood to have looked into this.

28. 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	Detail	Decision
19/00316	East of Shotton	Pre-App for Opencast	Need improvements to Shotton Edge junction i.e. road junction
19/01541	41 Station Road	Extension	No objection
19/01719	36 Station Road	Tree work	No objection
19/01693	Kyloe house	Variation	No objection
19/01511/OUT	Land at moor Farm	6 Dwellings	Object as per 18/4083

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:

29. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Interest

May £2.64

Fees/Income £206.66 (TWAG)

Bank balance of £31408.53 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 21 June 2019

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1208	Northumberland Society	Subs	25.00
1209	Gustharts	Spares	9.45
1210	Wave	Water bill	14.63
1211	Value products	Bus shelter	4020.00

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Noted also that the internal audit was complete with no issues to report and that all necessary documents sent to the Auditor.

30. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- A resident of Stannington enquired if signs could be put in the village to slow drivers for wildlife crossing the road – agreed to investigate at village entrances
- BHIB – Insurance documents
- Resident – concern re bus service – Clerk has written again to Arriva
- Northumberland County Council Local Transport Plan – our priorities to Northumberland County Council are:
 - New roundabout at Shotton Edge - this is a very dangerous junction and also very busy
 - Parking and edge treatment on Church Road Stannington
 - Roundabout on Station Road at its west end
 - Reconstruct path Station Road to Netherton Park
 - Repairs to Station Road footpath
 - Bus service from Cramlington to Stannington
 - Extend years of service for the bus from St Mary Park to Morpeth
 - Bellway Homes – response to our enquiries (PC question in black and Bellway response in red)

1. NCC and Bellway to clarify current status of the pavilion planning.

Planning condition part discharged for provision of the attached pavilion. Part planning condition discharge application pending for detailed recreation field drainage.

2. NCC to explain how this satisfies the original 106 agreement which was a condition of planning consent.

For NCC to comment upon.

3. Bellway to explain attempts to discharge the condition Inc. attempts to remove the provision of the sports field. (No evidence provided that the community didn't want these facilities, although it was claimed by Bellway)

We have never tried to remove the provision of the recreation field. We have an open planning discharge application showing drainage details to be implemented for the recreation field and we await discharge of the planning condition by NCC. NCC is currently awaiting further design details from us in order to satisfy the planning condition, which we have agreed will be with them by 12th July. Once the planning condition is discharged, we will proceed with installation of the drainage and landscaping of the field. It has always been our intention to deliver the playing field in accordance with the currently submitted plans (subject to NCC approval).

4. NCC current position on how the 106 is implemented as it should have been.

For NCC to comment upon.

5. Bellway's current position and what they intend to do.

The pavilion and recreation field (along with the community hall) will be transferred to the St Mary's Management Company and managed by the appointed Managing Agent once the final plot on the development is sold. Residents will collectively pay for the upkeep and management of all of the communal facilities via the service charge levied on their

properties. The residents will need to take responsibility for the on-going management of the pavilion, including bookings, day-to-day running costs etc. There are no formal sports teams identified to take on the cost and the running of the pavilion and playing field. The general feedback from residents is that the pavilion will be under-used and it will become a liability that they will have to bear the cost for. The village hall is already up and running and residents have invested significant time and effort in ensuring its success. The general feeling is that residents are not in a position to take on further buildings to manage and maintain.

We have explained to residents that provision of the pavilion is a planning obligation. However, we would discuss the possibility with the Local Authority of replacing the pavilion with another facility on site that would be easier for residents and the management company to manage and maintain. We had discussed with residents the possibility of providing a play area in lieu of the pavilion. The majority feedback from residents is that the play area would be used by more of the community and would be a much more inclusive facility.

At this stage, we have not submitted any formal planning application to NCC for removal of the pavilion. We have explained to residents that any replacement of the pavilion would require an amendment to the Section 106 and the planning permission which NCC would have to approve. As Bellway have made no formal application at this stage, I would suggest that NCC will be unable to comment upon the proposals until a formal application is made.

31. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

- Two triangle areas in the cemetery to add to the contractors list
- New seat needed for the cemetery – Clerk to action
- Clerk and Chair to seek to meet with the new Chair of the Village Hall
- The chairman reported that some money was still available from TWAG and that this would be split between parish councils
- Wheelie bins on the A1 need emptied and more provided – report to Northumberland County Council
- Parking on north exit from Stannington Village – write to Northumberland County Council
- Bus stop at Whitehouse needs refurbished – Clerk to action
- Large bin for recycling needed for Village Hall

32. Date of next meeting

11th September 2019 – 6.45pm Stannington 1st School

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed

Chairman

Date