

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting **13 July 2016** **Stannington 1st School**

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair
Councillor P Smith
Councillor H Brown
Councillor S Wilson
Councillor S Dickinson
D Hall – Clerk

4 Residents

18. Apologies

Councillor B Smiles, Councillor D Strachan, Councillor R Philipson Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

19. Public session

Scout Group

Andrew Teasdale and Mark Woods attended to update on the work of the scout group.

The Ridley Scout Group is thought to be around 100 years old. The group is taking part in the WW1 project with Mark Leggard. Ideally the group are looking for a project to look after, perhaps the village fountain.

Scouting began in 1907 in the UK and there are now over 550,000 scouts and 33m worldwide. Scouting provides opportunities for young people to develop. The focus is on outdoor experiences and the group have been away on overnight training 5 times in the past year. Scouting is for both boys and girls now.

The group consists of the following members:

Beavers 6-8yrs	0
Cubs 8-10yrs	20
Scouts 10-14 yrs	8

The group is now financially sustainable although numbers are limited due to adult and child ratios. There are however some new leaders in the pipeline.

The group are looking for a badge and need some equipment, the clerk gave some information on sources of grants.

The Council pledged its support for the group.

Residents of Whitehouse Centre

Mrs O'Neil, Mr Kerr and Ms Slater attended the meeting and asked for the council's support in securing a change to the bus service from St Mary's to Morpeth. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Northumberland County Council and the bus company and if this fails then a meeting would be convened with the relevant parties and the residents.

20. Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved that: the minutes be agreed as a true record however it be noted there was a discussion at the previous meeting about support for annual fireworks display. It be noted that Cllr Smith had declared an interest in the discussion and had left the meeting. It be noted that the council had decided not to proceed with support until further information on insurance etc. was available.

21. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting

There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.

22. Reports from around the parish/outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Carins

Date: July 2016

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

Brenkley Liaison meeting

Commentary;

Meeting 21st June 2016. Minutes not published at the time of this report.

Northumberlandia

Commentary;

There has been no meeting

SPNP

Commentary;

David English attended the SPNP meeting on the 4th July. Parish Councillors, present, asked David English for clarification of various issues and concerns they had with regard to the Core Strategy consultation.

- Was it too late to look at the inset for Stannington Village as concerns regarding the school size and the inadequate buildings were mooted again?
- Given the figures we have now, 82 children (2 from outside the catchment area) presently attending and with this figure likely to nearly double over the next couple of years, could a location be included within the inset to house a new school?
- Why had NCC not included the triangle at the northern end of the village in the inset? This site was shown to be a suitable area to contained a school and shop. Its location, close to

the A1, would make a shop viable and a replacement school there would remove the current dangerous parking hazard outside the current school and replace the outdated and inadequate school buildings.

David English explained that, during the last consultation, the PC had not, specifically identify the site nor had they included any evidence to back up the request for this site to be considered within the new inset. The PC had had several meetings with NCC and had considered the information, maps and documentation given to planning officers a proper representation on behalf of the Parish Council. Unfortunately this was not the case. David has suggested that we contact the LEA, the school headmistress, developers within the parish and collect all the relevant evidence we have to back up the case for a new school. It is not too late to make a case for this land to be considered for a new school.

- Stannington Station inset has been redrawn to accommodate all the concerns both the PC and the residents had for the area. The A1 site was not included, within the inset, as it is a brownfield site and has had planning consented in the past. By not including this site, the areas on either side could be contained and protected by the green belt. The old A1 also acts as a very tight boundary for Stannington Station. Concerns around the possibility of infill were muted. This will be looked at during the NP process.

The report produced by the NU students last year on Stannington village is a good piece of evidence and can be used to help make a case for a relocation of the school. It is attached to this report.

The Steering group will now move forward with the NP and Jenny Ludman will be attending the next meeting to go through policy writing. It is hoped that the plan will be completed by the end of 2016.

Action;

To make a concise and detailed representation to NCC for the site north of Stannington Village to be included within the inset.

To continue constructing a NP for Stannington Parish.

Play Area

Commentary;

Councillors are aware that the play area improvements are now underway and the playground will be ready for the school summer break.

Actions requested:

A letter of thanks be sent to Northumbrian Water for painting the existing play equipment and to Hargreaves and the Village Show Group for the generous grants received.

Clerk to supply a cost report to enable returns be completed and the release of the Banks grant.

Red Squirrel Group

Commentary;

No meeting to date

Stannington Parish Centenary Festival of Remembrance

Commentary;

Letters asking for support will be sent around the Parish to local businesses, the PC and groups. A meeting with the Heritage Lottery fund will be organised. Costs came in for the making of 70 cloaks

at around £5000 which is the same price, in real terms, as it cost to make the cloaks in 1914. The scarves are to be knitted by a local knitting group. A reconstruction and the hire of WW1 costumes is being looked at. A brass band, the pipe band and the village hall have been booked for the event. A WW1 scheme in the village was discussed and an avenue of trees to commemorate the lives of the soldiers lost from the parish to be discussed with Banks Mining. The history book is gaining pace and more information and photographs keep emerging. The book will be an exciting and informative insight into the Parish in the years around WW1. The school children will play a very big part in the event.

Actions requested

That the Parish Council supports this event and continues to support the history book.

Joint Area Committee and Town/Parish Council Meeting

Commentary

Councillor Sue Wilson, Councillor Eilenn Armstrong and Councillor Karen Carins attended the above meeting on the 12th May in Ponteland. The Councillors spoke to Highway officers and Planning officers. Lighting within the parish will be upgraded over the next 2 years. A request for hard copies of planning documents was put to the planning officer.

Actions requested:

Follow up requests.

Maurice's Report

Commentary;

This report has been circulated via email.

- Could a zebra crossing be put in the centre of the village? Central reservation kerb is too steep for wheelchair/ prams and is causing the apparatus to tip. – not to be followed up
- The County Council are presently dropping the kerbs in Beach Lea, has there been any consultation?
- Grass cutting.... Left very untidy with cuttings. No spraying been done around poles or kerbs. Five plots around the area of the Vicarage not been cut again. A lot of complaints.
- Lord Ridley's tree is dying.
- Numerous heavy built dismantled wooden tables have been dumped at the recycling site in the village.

Actions requested

That any actions arising from this report are done.

Hepscott Park

Commentary;

Councillor Carins attended the public presentation on the 7th June at Hepscott Park. It was reported that the majority of attendees were from Hepscott Park and Hepscott village. Concerns were mainly around tree planting and the removal of established trees. A full report of the comments will be given by Bellway.

Actions requested

To follow up the report.

FURTHER UPDATES:

Village Hall – Minutes and accounts supplied to the meeting

Delhi Fund – Applications include a bid for a new boiler and cases for the Make, Bake and Grow Show.

Clifton – Sign damaged and needs removed (Clr Armstrong is dealing with this), Road to Glorum needs further attention and Clr Smith agreed to add this to correspondence he was having with M King of Northumberland County Council.

Highways – Clr Smith reported that the gate and fence on the Old A1 near The Vale had been demolished by a van and that he was speaking to Northumberland County Council about reinstatement.

23. Neighbourhood plan/Core Strategy

Note the report above.

Agreed that: representation be made to the core strategy on the provision of a new school relating to housing growth.

The Council also discussed the core strategy response on the Station Road Inset. Whilst many of the requested modifications had been implemented two further suggestions were made so as to protect the open nature of Station Road.

See attached response to Northumberland County Council as addendum to the minutes.

24. Finance

The following income accounts were approved:

Income

Interest

April £1.01
 May £1.24
 June £ 1.55

GWUK £2719 for Neighbourhood plan.

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1055	Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Subs	360.77
1056	M Stewart	Salary	160.00
1057	NWL	Water bill	12.84
1058	Tree Surgeon NCTS	Tree felling	384.00
1059	Carrs	Squirrel food	69.12
1060	J Douglas	Audit	200.00

Note: books and accounts with J Douglas for internal audit and submission to national audit.

25. Development Control

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
16/01605	84 Beachlea	Extension	No objection

16/01836	25 Green Close	Certificate of lawfulness for sun room	No objection
16/01927	Lough House	Communications mast amendments	No objection
16/01951	43 Station Road	Extension (letter also considered from adjacent neighbour)	Object on the grounds that it is out of character with the existing terrace and blocks a driveway.
16/02080	Nursery Gardens, St Mary's	4 dwellings	Object – open countryside development in the greenbelt.

Notices of appeal
Notices of enquiry

26. Correspondence

- Fireworks committee – further info required before application for funding can be assessed.
- AON – Insurance legislation change
- Northumberland County Council – public right of way at to the rear of The Glebe – request anti fouling signs and that the path be cleared to Northumberland County Council
- The Pensions Regulator – auto enrolment
- Northumberland County Council – Local transport plan
- Mr Fail – information on proposed planning application

27. Any Other Business

- Cllr Wilson had a request for a bus service to Cramlington but it was felt that this would not be supported by commercial operators
- Notice board at St Mary's to be replaced in the autumn
- Noted that there was no response yet on defibrillators from the British Hear Foundation.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held 14 September 2016.

28. Closed session

Members agreed to exclude members of the public on the grounds of discussing an item with legal or confidential information.

The clerk advised members of a request from a family to seek information on the process to exhume cremated remains and move a headstone. The clerk outlined the process.

Resolved that: the clerk convey this information to the applicant and to note that the council's reasonable costs would be levied.

Signed

Chairman

Date