

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting
12th July 2017
Stannington 1st School

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair
Councillor H Brown
Councillor S Wilson
Councillor S Dickinson
Councillor R Philipson
Councillor M Scott
D Hall – Clerk

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated details of the powers of parish councils

24. Apologies

Councillor D Emery Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

25. Declarations of interest in the agenda

None known at this stage

26. Minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed

27. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

To note that the internal Audit was complete and there were no matters requiring the Council's attention and that Mr Douglas had been able to give an unqualified assurance.

28. Reports from around the parish/outside bodies

Brenkley Liaison meeting:

The committee are happy, in principal, for the Village Show to apply for the defibrillator funding. No minutes of the 20th June meeting have been published yet, they will follow once Councillor Carins is in receipt of them.

Action;

To report the application result and circulate the minutes.

Northumberlandia;

There has been no meeting to date

Stannington Station;

There has been a robbery on Station Road. Two Quad bikes and garden equipment was stolen. Councillor Carins emailed residents to inform via them to be on their guard.

Stannington Village;

County Councillor Eileen Armstrong has informed the council that she hopes to shortly have the schedule for the repair of the pot holes and road issues within the Parish. County Councillor Sanderson is now heading the highways task force. Fly Tipping has been reported

To report to the council any planned works.

Handy Man;

There have been complaints about the lack of kerb spraying in the village. Residents have enquired about the picnic bench and football nets for the playing field. There has been a request for a netball post/basketball post in the playing field. Many of the climbing rails in the play area are either missing or need to be replaced. The fountain has not been planted. The tip at the top of the cemetery is now high and untidy, is there anyone in the parish who has a small digger that could be used to level the mound? There has been an upsurge in the number of residents who have kindly adopted areas within the parish to plant up and tend.

There has been another incident of fly tipping on the old A1 slip road down to the Vale.

Action;

To monitor all the issues and rectify where appropriate. At the time of the meeting the play equipment was repaired, picnic bench in place and the fountain planted.

Hepscott Park;

There has been a complaint from a resident regarding the demolition of the properties at Hepscott Park. The contactors are not using the correct entrance, exit and route into the building site which is causing a lot of problems to the residents. The contractors are not following the conditions as set out in the s106 agreement.

Action:

To report the issue to the Enforcement Officer at NCC to remedy the problem.

St Marys;

Councillor Wilson and Councillor Carins attended a meeting at St Marys with residents and Tracey Brady (MD Bellway North). The meeting was to discuss the new village hall and how to run it effectively. Mrs Brady will liaise with a fire and safety officer about safety requirements of the hall. Councillors attending agreed to forward information helpful to the setting up of a management committee. Residents also asked that the hall be listed as a community asset to safeguard it for the community. Cllr Scott has supported with a fire assessment and the procurement of fire equipment.

Action:

Councillor Wilson will liaise with the newly formed management committee. A further meeting to be planned with Mrs Brady to discuss the ownership of the building and the establishment of a trust deed.

Highways;

Noted that the road is in a very poor state of repair from construction traffic. Cllr Armstrong to address this with Northumberland County Council.

School;

A discussion took place relating to the school and the pressure of ever increasing numbers and an aging asset. Councillors agreed that, in the light of the core strategy being withdrawn, that the debate about moving the school to the west of the old A1 north of the village be reopened with a view to seeking a northern bypass at the same time.

29. Development Control

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
17/02009/CLPROP	Richmond House, Cheviot Wat – St Mary Park	Certificate of lawfulness – extension	No objection
17/02114/FUL	6 Church Rd, Stannington	Extension	No objection
17/02104	43 The Glebe	Extension	No objection
17/02269	St Mary Park	Cricket Pavilion	No objection

Notices of appeal
Notices of enquiry

30. Neighbourhood plan

The consultation has now ended and the planning consultant is in receipt of all the comments received. These comments will be answered and published shortly. A meeting was held between NCC Planning Officers, Councillor Eileen Armstrong and Councillor Carins to address NCC's comments to the NP. This exercise was to enable the plan to be submitted to NCC without too many objections from the Planning Department. The meeting was constructive and ironed out any confusion thus helping the Examiner when it goes for examination. The withdrawal of the Core Strategy will change the wording slightly but the NP will carry more weight once it is submitted to NCC. The plan will give some protection to the plan area whilst the Core Strategy draft plan is consulted on over housing numbers. Councillor Wilson, Councillor Scott and Councillor Carins attended a Planning briefing on the effect the removal of the Core Strategy will have on planning applications.

A full copy of the briefing will be sent to all parish councils. Once this is received the link will be sent around to councillors.

31. Finance

The following income accounts were approved:

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1110	Viking	Stationery	133.64
1111	Solagen	Traffic safety signs	1722.00

1112	Carrs	DIY spares for handyman and squirrel food	258.98
1113	G Dickie	Planters	100.00
1114	Blinkin Imp	Picture	23.00

Annual Audit - The Clerk advised that BDO had raised 2 queries and when responded to it was clear that they already had the information requested and the queries were not valid.

Resolved that:

The payments and income listed be approved and the matters relating to audit be noted.

32. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Northumberland County Council dog walkers ownership scheme
- Northumberland County Council – response to SNP consultation
- Northumberland County Council – footpath diversion No28
- Northumberland County Council – Fire consultation
- K Lawson – Road at Beechlea in need to repair – refer to Northumberland County Council
- C Jakubovics – Allotments – refer to Blagdon Est
- CANN News
- G Dickie – budget for Clifton planters – confirm £100 but next year through grounds contractor
- Northumberland County Council Carers Forum
- I Tate – shelter at St Mary's

33. Any Other Business

- Send a letter to retiring Councillors thanking them for their support
- Bus shelter at St Mary has been removed by Bellway – request buses to go into the site and turn at the new community building
- Signs for St Mary's Inn to be removed in light of the closure of this facility
- Agreed to purchase a flagpole for the village to be erected in the autumn
- Agreed to fund the installation of lighting serving the cemetery car park to the value of circa £1000

Signed

Chairman

Date