Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting 29 July 2020 – 3.00pm

Attendance:

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

D Hall – Clerk

Representative from H J Banks in attendance

Public Session

HJ Banks representative, J Raine and B Siddle briefed the council on their intention to submit a planning application in August/September to Northumberland County Council for a small opencast at Shotton Edge. The site would be known as Hare Hill. The key points of the briefing were:

- HJ Banks legacy in the local community of over £1m investment including funding, ecology and restoration
- Significant employment in the region on average wages of circa £900/week
 - The new proposal would:
 - Last 17 months
 - Create 40 jobs
 - Create 108 supply chain jobs
 - Provide a community fund of £50,000
 - 7am to 10pm
 - o Generate 55 HGV each day onto the dual carriageway in the Cramlington Parish
 - Consultation will take place including online webinar, face to face meetings, a dedicated website, presentations to PCs in the area

The council listened to and noted the briefing but deferred any opinion or decision to the formal planning consultation but the council did advise representatives that they and residents would see this as a significant opportunity to address road safety issues at Shotton Edge Junction.

20. To receive any apologies

Councillor R Philipson and Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

21. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

None known

22. To receive and note the minutes of the previous meeting

Approved

23. To consider any matters arising from the minutes

- THC to strim the Millennium Avenue upon clearance of debris
- M Stewart action re installation of a seat and tree
- Playdale on hold given the Covid 19 issues

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

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins Date: 29th July 2020

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

Minutes for Brenkley and Shotton OCCS community liaison circulated

Stannington Village

Commentary:

NCC has cleaned all the road drains in the village. The road at Catraw has been resurfaced in places.

Playdale have requested, again, the council's thoughts on the playground layout for the new play equipment.

Councillor Carins has been advised by the Poppy Appeal representative that orders must be made now for Remembrance Sunday. There will be 3 wreaths, one for the Church, one for the Fountain and a special RAF wreath to commemorate the Battle of Britain. A payment of £80 is required (as per last year). The cemetery car park is still causing concerns. There are graves which require topping up, Maurice has offered to do this.

Councillor Carins will be meeting a Highways Officer on the Blagdon footpath(opposite the ice cream parlour) to discuss the repairs which are taking place to the footpath.

Pedestrians are having issues with cyclists riding on footpaths in the Parish and not using a bell to warn people walking on cyclists' routes. The main footpath, in question, is the south slip road coming into the village, pedestrians have suffered abuse and near collisions with cyclists using the path illegally. This is not a cyclist path. The conflict between cyclists on the road next to Swan Fam(this is the designated cycle path but there are no pavements) has also witnessed some near accidents between cyclists, children, dogs and pedestrians. Cyclists are not giving warning to walkers and riding at speeds in excess of 20 mph.

Councillor Carins has arranged the Church and catering for the Freeman of the Parish ceremony. The event is confirmed for Sunday 25th October 2020 at 6pm. Lord and Lady Ridley have been invited. Social distancing will be adhered to and presently, no more than 50 people may be present in the Church at one time.

There are fence posts broken in the children's playground, which are a health and safety matter. Potholes are still causing issues around the Parish

Actions requested:

The council to arrange a safe meeting with Playdale. The council to organise the cemetery car park resurfacing and organise the grave topping. The council to look at clear cyclist signage and the fence at the playground be repaired.

The Coronavirus Pandemic

Volunteers have continued to assist residents in the Parish. The Ridley Arms and other businesses, within the Parish, are now open and operating under Coronavirus restrictions and within safety guidelines.

Actions requested:

To continue to support the residents and businesses in our Parish.

Saint Marys and Stannington Station Road

There have been reports of attempted car break ins at St Marys. No report from Station Road to date

Commentary:

The council to continue to work with residents. Residents must remain vigilant.

WW1 FUND

Commentary:

The remaining funds of £6,618.40

The plinth for the plaques will come out of this fund.

WW1 ACCOUNTS					INCOME WW1						
					DATE						
BANK BALANCE	£ -	TRANSFER H/G	£6,302.83	BACCS	5.4.19	CASH HELD			£	40.96	
		TRANSFER H/G	£1,000.00	BACCS	6.4.19	CHILDRENS BOOK			£	126.00	
			£7,302.83		6.4.19	HISTORY	GROUP TRA	ANSFER	£	7,302.83	
					7.4.19	TEA TOWELS			£	14.00	
					11.4.19	HISTORY BOOKS			£	40.00	
					12.4.19	SCHOOL SALES AND	CHEQUES H	ELD	£	247.96	
		EXPENSES WW1			23.4.19	TEA TOWEL			£	7.00	
		000001 D COURT	£ 81.40	Final payment C.B.	30.4.19	CHILDRENS BOOK -	LIGHTNING S	SOURCE	£	4.55	
		000002 Church	£ 400.00	GRANT	8.5.19	R. TOLSON VARIOU	S		£	35.00	
		000003 School	£ 200.00	GRANT	26.7.19	TEA TOWEL			£	7.00	
		000005 Scouts	£ 200.00	GRANT	SUB TOTAL	TOTAL FROM WW1	EVENT		£	7,825.30	
		000007 Frame	£ 27.50	Lady Ridley picture	EXPENSES	WW1 EXPENSES			£	1,206.90	
		000006 Brownies	£ 200.00	GRANT	FINAL TOTAL	WW1 EVENT FINAL	SUM*****			£6,618.40	
		Art Group	£ 98.00	Fund owed							
			£1,206.90								
		Plinth for discs		tbd							
PAID IN for WW1											
5.4.19	£ 40.96										
BACCS	£ 126.00										
BACCS	£ 260.00										
BACCS	£ 27.96										
BACCS	£ 14.00										
BACCS	£ 4.55										
BACCS	£ 7.00										
BACCS	£ 35.00										
BACCS	£ 7.00										
	£ 522.47										

WW2 FUND

Commentary:

The Battle of Britain event has been postponed until next year, 17th July 2021. All businesses and attractions that had been booked for the event have confirmed that they will support the event next year. The marquee has been erected at Stannington First School to help with their social distancing during year 4 pupils' transition to middle school.

25. 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:

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
20/02273/NONMAT	Land North West Of The Shires Great North Road Clifton Northumberland	Non Material Amendment - to allow amendments to fenestration and internal layout on approved planning application 19/00886/VARYCO	No objection
20/02234/DISCON	St Marys Hospital Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AP	Discharge of conditions 13 (layout plans) and 18 (car parking) on approved planning application CM/20080874	No objection
20/02167/FUL	2 The Drive Stannington NE61 6EQ	Replacement of front conservatory with snug/hall, first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, and installation of front and rear dormers. Open for comment icon	No objection
20/02096/FUL	Land West Of 69 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland	Proposed extension and lean to on an existing agricultural building Open for comment icon	No objection
20/02069/REM	Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland	Reserved Matters relating to appearance, layout, landscaping and scale for the redevelopment of site for the erection of 85 no. dwellings (Use Class C3), multi-use games area, landscaping and associated engineering works pursuant to varied to outline planning permission 19/01241/VARYCO Open for comment icon	No objection
20/01975/FUL	Ardlea Station Road End Stannington NE61 6DR	Change of use from C3 (Dwellinghouse) to D1 (non-residential education)	No objection
20/01853/OUT	Bardon Station Road End Stannington Northumberland NE61 6DP	Outline planning permission for a hotel (Use Class C1), local business hub units (Use Classes A2) including retail (Use Class A1), EV charging station (Sui generis) with car parking with all matters reserved Open for comment icon	No objection
20/01842/AGTRES	Land South Of West Duddo Farm Cottages Stannington Northumberland	Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Class C3) Open for comment icon	No objection previously supported
20/01845/NONMAT	Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland	Non Material Amendment relating to planning application 19/01241/VARYCO - to vary wording of condition 5 concerning noise mitigation requirements regarding layout arrangements on eastern part of site.	No objection

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

Other notices:

26. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income: none

Bank balance of £42, 887.05 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds - 23.6.2020

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1249	G Dickie	Planters	200.00
1250	North County Trees	Surgery	3816.00
1251	K Carins	British Legion Wreaths	200.00

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Resolved that:

- 1. The Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 be approved
- 2. The Accounting Statements 2019/20 be approved
- 3. It be noted that the council does not operate a petty cash system
- 4. The councils financial regulations be reapproved

It be noted that the closing balance and total value of cash and short term investments at 31 March 2020 is £36552.34

27. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

• Northumberland County Council re trees in Stannington

28. Any other business at the descretion of the Chairman

- Co-option to take place at the September meeting
- Agreed to purchase poppy wreaths
- Plinth for WW1 plaques to cost circa £2k, agreed toporceed, noted that B Endean has backlog due to Covid 19
- Cllr Tolson rasied the issue of rural broadband and it was noted thet Northumberland County Council were working on this
- The Clerk proposed a possible Brtiain in Bloom project and it was agreed that he and Clr Dickinson look at this

29. Date of next meeting

Meeting to be planned in September subject to to COVID 19 restrictions.