

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Annual Meeting

16 June 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
Councillor R Philipson

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Public Session

None

1. To receive any apologies

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

2. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

None

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

Approved at the last ordinary meeting following the annual meeting in 2019

4. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

No Matters arising not already covered on the agenda.

5. Chairman’s annual report

2020 has proved a very different year to anything that Stannington Parish Council has ever experienced before. A huge thank you must go to all our hard working, dedicated and supportive

residents who have helped their friends, neighbours and families during this Pandemic. Thank you to our Parish Councillors who have also given their time to volunteer for all the different roles that have been asked of them. Thank you to all our businesses who went above and beyond their continued support of all things Stannington. The farm shops and food outlets which have helped so much during this difficult time. Having access to fresh produce, a takeaway pizza and a curry made the lockdown more bearable. And through all of this, our beautiful Parish continues to thrive and flourish. I have been humbled by the actions of our community. We are extremely lucky to live in an area which allows us out door space and even though I have lived here for 34 years, I have met so many more lovely people during our daily exercise walks!

Our Parish Councillors' duties involve their commitment to representing and working for the whole of the Parish area. One of these duties involve consulting on planning applications;

- We have commented and spoken, on behalf of the Parish, at the various planning meetings at County Hall. We speak for and against planning applications that come before the council. Our comments are always based on planning facts and on our knowledge of the parish which is greatly aided by the residents who live here.
- We are nearer to the adoption of the Local Plan; it is, from this month, entering phase 2 of the examination. We remain vigilant to all large and small planning applications that are lodged within our Parish. We work with residents to mitigate against any issues or concerns they may have. Like the last few years our Parish continues to grow and buck the trend of other rural Parishes. These new developments mean we have welcomed new residents into our Parish. These new residents are joining in all the village social groups and activities, further enhancing the wonderful community spirit we all enjoy in Stannington.
- St Mary Park residents have hosted meetings for us and there has been farmer's markets in their village hall. St Mary's Inn will hopefully open again soon and become, once again, the thriving hub of the community. We are looking forward to working with everyone who is involved in our WW2 event, which is due to take place in September, but may be postponed until next year. A decision on this will be made in July.

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We have seen remedial work carried out on our trees in the village. We removed self-seeded Ash trees and a Mountain Ash. We have Ash die-back in the Parish and these trees were unfortunately showing signs of the disease. We had the awful dilemma of leaving these trees to mature further and cause a health and safety issue or remove them while they were still in a manageable condition. They have also been blighting the hedgerow. We took professional advice. The hedgerow will now be allowed to flourish to encourage the wildlife we take great care of, from our hedgehogs, our birds, our red squirrels and all of our wildlife. New hedging will fill in the gaps shortly, and around six semi mature trees of differing species (to ensure that if we don't have any more disease problems) will be planted in September. The new trees will be planted in line with the existing trees nearer to the verge. We are also planting more trees in the millennium avenue as we have lost three trees in that area.

A recent walkabout with a Northumberland County Council Tree Officer confirmed that there are further works required within the village. We are hopeful that no more trees will need to be felled but the officer has photographed the trees he has concerns for and he will be keeping an eye on them. As a Parish Council we have planted many trees over the years and we will continue to do so but we have to be responsible when we are faced with diseased trees. Ash Die-back causes brittle branches which are easily dislodged during inclement weather, a child, a person, an animal or a property could be injured or damaged.

Our Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan has proved invaluable in informing Northumberland County Council on all things relating to the Parish. It has helped in deciding planning applications.

Other duties around the Parish have included;

- Supporting various groups within the parish. The Parish Council will continue to support our red squirrels and we are, again, most grateful for all the hard work Mark Legard puts into the preservation of these beautiful creatures.
- We support, maintain and improve the grounds across the Parish. We report potholes, fly tipping and any other issues that affect our Parish. We continue to work with the County Council to reduce speed limits and put in parking restriction measures to safeguard our residents and our school children. We work with the local authority, we manage the grass cutting, refuse collections and the general housekeeping within the Parish. Our relationship with Northumberland County Council continues to be excellent and this is helped by the various training sessions and conferences which we attend every year.
- We set the precept for the year and, again, there is no increase in cost per household, in fact, there was a slight reduction which has been achieved by the new developments which have come about during this last year.
- The various Liaison Committee meetings we attend help maintain the good relationships that the Parish Council has with all outside bodies.
- We maintain the children's playground and playing field.
- The council has continued to hold meetings in the school room.

All that has been achieved, this year, would not have been possible if we did not have a strong Parish Council. Our County Councillor Eileen Armstrong, continues to support Stannington Parish, her advice and her attendance, on our behalf of all of us, at meetings at County Hall, is invaluable. Eileen works incredibly hard for us and makes sure that each and every resident is represented. We thank her for her friendship and her commitment to our Parish. Eileen has contributed to various schemes to enhance the Parish.

We thank Alex Palmer, all her wonderful staff and our amazing schoolchildren for all their contributions to our Parish. We are immensely proud of our school; we support them and look forward to seeing all the beautiful work that the children exhibit at the village show. Their acting and musical abilities also are a joy to behold.

Reverend Catherine Pickford remains a true friend to the Parish Council and we are very grateful for her support and her care and commitment to the people of Stannington Parish. We are very sorry to see her leave the Parish in July but we wish her and her lovely family all the happiness in their new home. We know Reverend Catherine will be successful in her new position as Archdeacon of Northolt. I will, personally, miss her advice and support.

We granted Doreen Robson, Andrew Coulson (posthumously) and Jeannie Dungait the title of Freeman of the Parish for all their remarkable work within the Parish. Their dedication and support of the Parish is commendable.

Maurice has now retired but he keeps me right on all things related to the village. He is, as ever, the eyes and ears of the Parish Council and a great ambassador for us. His hard work and dedication have been noticed and appreciated. We will be planting a tree and erecting a seat in the village to honour Maurice's retirement and dedication.

Tommy Pringle is my right-hand man when it comes to the arrangements surrounding the Remembrance Sunday service. He is also another great ambassador for the village and has been very helpful in all things plant and hedge related!

On behalf of all the Parish Councillors I would like to thank David Hall for his longstanding dedication as Clerk to the parish, we truly appreciate his expertise. During this difficult time, he has kept up his advice and support which are crucial to the running of this council. He makes sure that we maintain a professional and correct approach whilst we all go about our Parish duties. We are grateful for his diligence and friendship.

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This coming year we can look forward to our new tree planting ceremony, new equipment for the playground, the cemetery car park re surface and a continuation of all that is positive in our Parish.

We can still look forward to better days to come, our WW2 event, our Village Show and all the various social events that have been put on hold. Our WW2 marquee is helping the schoolchildren with their social distancing as they make their transition from First School to Middle School.

As a resident I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their hard work and commitment, they are unpaid volunteers who have a great love for our Parish and it shows. Thank you to all our residents and businesses for, again, trusting the Parish Council to watch over this beautiful Parish and for allowing us the special privilege of safeguarding it for now and for the future.

6. Questions from the public

None

7. Any other business

None

The meeting closed at 3.35pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

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8. To receive any apologies

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9. Election of Chairman

Councillor Scott nominated Councillor Carins and this was seconded by Councillor Brown, there being no other nominations Councillor Carins was duly elected for the ensuing year.

10. Election of Vice Chairman

Councillor Philipson nominated Councillor Dickinson and this was seconded by Councillor Wilson, there being no other nominations Councillor Dickinson was duly elected for the ensuing year.

11. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

Councillor Dickinson indicated that she had an interest in 2 planning applications and would declare these at the appropriate point in the meeting.

10. To receive and note the minutes of the previous meeting AGM

Approved at the last ordinary meeting following the annual meeting in 2019

11. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM

No Matters arising as these were dealt with at the last ordinary meeting following the AGM in 2019.

12. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 23.3.20

Approved at the last ordinary meeting following the annual meeting in 2019

13. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 23.3.20

- A pothole remains at Clifton – chase up Northumberland County Council
- A trip hazard on Elizabeth Sq still needs attention – chase up Northumberland County Council
- Drain on Church Road – Cllr Carins has met Northumberland County Council and works are underway to clear all gullies in the village as well as the drain in question
- Road sweep needed every month in the parish – write to Northumberland County Council
- Cyclists continue to cause a lot of littering - write to Northumberland County Council
- Co-option of a councillor – wait until a public session can be held or hold a zoom meeting – review at the next meeting

It was also noted that the work done by many volunteers and the council during the COVID 19 pandemic was greatly appreciated by all residents in the parish, young and old.

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

The following reports were taken as read and actions to be undertaken as recommended in so far as was reasonably practicable given the lockdown arrangements across Northumberland and the UK.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 16th June 2020

Purpose of report: To update the Council on issues raised

Commentary:

- a) Resident has requested if large pothole that has appeared in the road at Shotton Edge/Blagdon Lane Junction can be repaired as soon as possible.
- b) Concerns raised and opposition from local residents to 'Party In The Park' at Tranwell Airfield.
 - Why has the venue been changed from the Links at Blyth
 - Have NCC given permission for this event with relevant risk assessment for all issues been carried out?
 - Have concerns been raised regarding numbers of people, location of camping and welfare facilities.
 - Large amounts of traffic on local roads, noise pollution, potential 'criminality, potential drug use, biohazards, litter, pollution and waste disposal, potential dangers to livestock, wildlife and numerous other safety and other issues.
 - All these must be taken into consideration and a possible protest made in the strongest terms to the event organizers.

Actions requested:

To discuss this issue with Parish Councillors and contact NCC to ascertain the situation regarding all issues including a site inspection by Parish Council.

- c) Concerns have been raised by resident about litter being disposed in village and on local roads by large amounts of cyclists during Covid crisis.

Actions Required

Discuss with Parish Council potential provision of signage at entrances to village aimed at cyclists requesting 'Please do not drop litter' when passing through the village and Parish.

Councillor M. Scott 16th June 2020

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author : Helen Brown

Date: 11th June 2020

Purpose of report : To update the Council on Glororum route + any other Parish Issues.

Commentary:

Glororum:

The junction road surface paint needs to be repainted at the West end junction. The LH lane heading East towards the final corner on the Glororum route has begun to deteriorate again.

There is also a huge pothole on the blind corner causing vehicles to drive in the middle of the road on a blind corner – we have reported this on the NCC website too. This has been filled with gravel chips but has opened up again. As this keeps happening I think a longer term solution needs to be looked into.

During the first few weeks of Lockdown the residents walked up and down the road and noticed all the litter. So the residents have collected over 10 bin liners, 2 wheelbarrows and a few small bags full of rubbish. Mostly plastic bottles and energy drinks/bars and some glass bottles too. These have all been disposed of safely. We have also jet washed the false white gates as it has been safe to do so with much less traffic on the route.

Speeding is still very much an issue and we would very much appreciate those speed count tests on the road.

Clifton:

I witnessed the vehicle used by NCC to transport the grass cutters unfortunately knock over one of the hazard bollards near the Clifton sign and it is lying there – just need to be put back into the ground.

Actions requested :

Please inform NCC of the above hazards.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 16th June 2020

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

Commentary: see below

Brenkley & Shotton Liaison Committees- minutes circulated.

Stannington Village

Commentary:

The tree works has now commenced and there has been concerns raised by residents. Hedgehogs, amphibians and other wildlife were the main concerns. The trees that were removed were self-seeded Ash trees and a Mountain Ash. The Parish has Ash die-back and these trees were showing signs of the disease. The Council had the dilemma of leaving these trees to mature further and cause a health and safety issue or remove them while they were still in a manageable condition. They have also been blighting the hedgerow. Professional advice was sought and the council worked with the County Council. The hedgerow will now be allowed to flourish to encourage the wildlife. New hedging will fill in the gaps shortly, and 6 semi mature trees of differing species (to ensure against any more disease problems) will be planted in September. The new trees will be planted in line with the existing trees nearer to the verge.

The Council will be planting more trees in the millennium avenue as we have lost 3 trees in that area.

On Tuesday, 8th June, Councillor Carins had a walkabout with the Northumberland County Council Tree Officer as there are further works required within the village. It is hoped that no more trees will need to be felled but the officer has photographed the trees he has concerns for and he will be keeping an eye on them.

As a Parish Council we have planted many trees over the years and we will continue to do so but we have to be responsible when we are faced with diseased trees. Ash Die-back causes brittle branches which are easily dislodged during inclement weather, a child, a person, an animal or a property could be injured or damaged.

The full report and costings will be attached to the minutes of the meeting of the 16th June. The cost and types of semi mature trees to be planted may not be in this report as our

contractor is visiting a tree nursery that specialises in transplanting trees in Lanchester and this may not happen until after the June PC meeting.

There are raised pavements due to tree roots which are being examined by NCC Highways as possible trip hazards, a report on this will be forwarded when it becomes available. NCC will trim and tidy up trees on the slip road from the south into the village as they are causing a health and safety issue to pedestrians. The trees near the south bus shelter are also requiring some remedial work. A beech tree will be removed, at the owner's expense, as it has grown over the bus shelter. Councillor Carins has sent a special request in to NCC for some tree work to be done on the lime tree next to Maurice's property. He has complained about the light issues he has. This is not covered by NCC tree preservation criteria.

Councillor Carins has made a request to NCC that all the road drains be cleaned as a matter of urgency. Church Road has been badly affected again by flooding. During a walkabout Councillor Carins found all the drains were in a very poor state. Playdale have requested the council's thoughts on the playground layout for the new play equipment.

Councillor Carins arranged for a £200 donation be made to the Royal British Legion in honour of VE Day.

Actions requested:

That the Parish Council looks at the possibility of a tree planting ceremony and the erection of bat boxes, bird houses, a hedgehog box and involving the Stannington children in making the remaining tree stumps into a bug hotel. The schoolchildren could be invited to design new Stannington Village entrance signs depicting our wildlife. Arrange a safe meeting with Playdale. Organise the cemetery car park resurfacing.

The Coronavirus Pandemic

Volunteers have continued to assist residents in the Parish
A Pandemic fund of £1000 was donated by Banks Mining. This will be held by the Make Bake Grow and Show group for ease of access.

HELLO! IF YOU ARE SELF- ISOLATING, WE CAN HELP.

WE ARE VOLUNTEERS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH

WE CAN PICK UP SHOPPING, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, POST MAIL, WALK THE DOG OR JUST BE A FRIENDLY VOICE ON THE TELEPHONE

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to keep yourself and others around you safe. Avoid physical contact, keep your distance and wash your hands regularly. Items can be left or picked up on the door step.

The following phone numbers are:

Karen 01670 789760

Malcolm 01670 789485

Brian 01670 789247

Richard 01670 789212

Catherine (the Vicar) 01670 785606

Jeannie 01670 789045

Actions requested:

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

Saint Marys and Stannington Station Road

Commentary:

There have been no reported issues to date

WW1 FUND

Commentary:

The remaining funds of **£6,618.40**

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 TRANSFER	£ 7,302.83
					7.4.19	TEA TOWELS	£ 14.00	
					11.4.19	HISTORY BOOKS	£ 40.00	
					12.4.19	SCHOOL SALES AND CHEQUES HELD	£ 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 SOURCE	£ 4.55	
		000002 Church	£ 400.00	GRANT	8.5.19	R. TOLSON VARIOUS	£ 35.00	
		000003 School	£ 200.00	GRANT	26.7.19	TEA TOWEL	£ 7.00	
		000005 Scouts	£ 200.00	GRANT		SUB TOTAL	£ 7,825.30	
		000007 Frame	£ 27.50	Lady Ridley picture		EXPENSES	£ 1,206.90	
		000006 Brownies	£ 200.00	GRANT		FINAL TOTAL	£ 6,618.40	
		Art Group	£ 98.00	Fund owed		WW1 EVENT FINAL SUM*****		
			£ 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, in September, is on hold, a meeting will be held in July to make a decision on whether it is safe to go ahead or to postpone until next year. The marquee that has been purchased will be lent to Stannington First School to help with their social distancing during year 4 pupils' transition to middle school.

15. 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
20/01537	56 Stn Rd	Access	No objection
20/01474	30 Stn Rd	Single Storey Bldg	No objection subject to single use clause
20/01479	1 Park Drive Hepscoth	Extension to rear	No objection
20/01408	31 Stn Rd	4 dwellings	<p>Object - Stannington Parish Council consulted for over three years with the residents of the parish and Stannington Station Road on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the whole Parish of Stannington. This plan is intended to run alongside any future adopted Local Plan. The Government expects all Town and Parish Councils to make a Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation prior to the adoption of our Neighbourhood Plan concentrated on Station Road more than on any other area in the Parish. We organised meetings and involved Newcastle University in a walkabout and fact finding exercise with the residents. This proved very beneficial and I attach a copy for your information. The Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan was the subject of a parish wide referendum earlier this year and received unanimous approval. This document, approved by the NCC Cabinet, is now a significant point of reference for all planning applications in the parish including Station Road. In particular the plan draws attention to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 88: When considering any application, local planning authorities should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt. 'Very special circumstances' will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm, is clearly outweighed by other considerations.' The Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan (SPNP) seeks to protect the 'rural feel' of Station Road in its reference to Green Belt and it states that: With the exception of Stannington Village, all the settlements identified in the Plan and on the Policies Map are within the general extent of the green belt as defined in Policy S5 of the Northumberland County and National Park Joint Structure Plan (2005). There is strong feeling in the local community that Stannington Station should retain its 'rural feel' and the sense of openness within the Green Belt. It is therefore proposed, as part of the Monitoring and Review section of the Plan, to investigate the potential for additional policies related to</p>

			<p>Stannington Station once a new Northumberland Local Plan is in place which will define new Green Belt boundaries. The SPNP goes on to specifically focus on protecting the open nature of Station Road through the use of Objective 5 in the plan: Objective 5: "Ensure each settlement in the Plan area maintains its identity, with a recognition in the Plan of the differences between the settlements, and the need to reflect local character in design". The relevant policy from the SPNP for Station Road is: Policy 10: Design and Character Development proposals will be expected, where relevant, to demonstrate how they will: a) respect the context of the site and its surroundings, rural character, historic setting and context; and b) demonstrate high quality design and where appropriate, innovative design; and c) where appropriate, incorporate sustainable design measures including SuDS; and d) integrate access for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport into the development; and e) provide suitable landscaping and open space, including, play provision; and f) secure access to broadband for future occupiers as set out in Policy 6 of the Plan; and g) secure a good standard of amenity for all existing and future occupants of land and h) buildings. Policy Explanation: Design of new development and preserving the setting of the settlements in the countryside was considered to be highly important to people in the Plan area. Different settlements have different 'characters': Stannington Station has a different character to Stannington village. It is a dispersed, rural settlement, with open views across to the countryside. It will be important to maintain these open views to retain the agricultural feel of the settlement, something which was considered to be highly important to people living in that area. This rural context will be an important factor to consider in the design of any future development proposals. Stannington Station is in the Green Belt. Parish Council supports the principle of the proposed INSET and settlement boundary for Station Road. We do not however wish to see ribbon development. This is because a settlement boundary is a very effective way of retaining development within a defined line and protecting the Green Belt, this has certainly</p>
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			been the case for Stannington Village where no development has been permitted outside the settlement boundary for many years. This application is wholly or partly in the Green Belt and contrary to the SPNP. The Parish Council therefore objects on the grounds outlined above. The proposed development is not in keeping with the rural nature of Station Road as a settlement, it further exacerbates the potential for ribbon development and it erodes the Greenbelt.
20/01434	12 Eden Grove	Porch	No objection
20/01395	Varyco	St Marys	No objection
20/01311	15 Stn Road	5 dwellings	Object – as 20/01408 above
20/01296	Land at Moor	Reserved matters	No objection
20/01221 Farm	Land east of the Shires	Dwelling	Object - The parish council strongly objects to this application, the proposed dwelling is on greenfield and within the greenbelt, it is not infill and as such would lead to development of agricultural land and therefore begin to erode the village nature of the settlement of Clifton.
20/01170	10 The Glebe	Extension	No objection

Note: Cllr Dickinson 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:

16. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income: £1000 HJ Banks, precept of £15365

Bank balance of £43225.74 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 30.05.20

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1239	Carrs	Squirrel Food	45.91
1240	Northern Services	Repair works	277.00
1241-1242	Cancelled cheques		

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1243	Village show		100.00
1244	Blagdon Estate	Rent	410.00
1245	BHIB	Insurance	1861.66
1246	Northumberland Soc	Subs	35.00
1247	Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Subs	486.92
1248	Carrs	Squirrel food	43.41
DD	Wave	Water bill	137.50
DD	Wave	Water bill	7.39
DD	BT	Line Rental	84.53

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Letter from the councils auditors KPF Littlejohn re new audit arrangements was noted.

17. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- CPRE newsletter
- E Ridley –planting of fountain
- E Ridley – Blagdon path – referred to Northumberland County Council
- J Chambers – litter bin for Hepscott Park – actioned
- NALC – Model code consultation

18. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

- Proposal to dedicate a tree to Harry Thomson – agreed
- Make arrangements for a seat and tree for Maurice Stewart after lockdown
- Council noted the grant of £1000 from HJ Banks for Covid 19 purposes
- Rubbish at the north entrance to the village – instruct THC
- Awaiting price for plaques plinth from K Common – currently closed
- Signs at each entrance to the village, Station Road, Clifton and Glororum – seek quotes
- Possible Party in the Park at Tranwell – watching brief, will need SAG approval
- Village Hall currently closed
- New speed signs for Station Road and Glororum – to be erected after lockdown

Councillors also noted with deep sadness that the Vicar Catherine Pickford was leaving to take up a new post near London. Councillors discussed how to recognise her sterling service.

Resolved that: Rev Pickford be asked if she would accept the conferment of the Honorary Freedom of the parish to be conferred in October.

19. Date of next meeting

None planned, pending the removal of lockdown arrangements.

The meeting closed at 17.15pm

Signed

Chairman

Date