

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held

13 March 2019 – 6.45pm

Stannington 1st School

Attendance:

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

D Hall – Clerk

8 Residents of the parish and local PC Went of Northumbria Police

74. Public session

A resident asked about ownership and responsibilities for leaning headstones in the old church yard. The Clerk explained in depth the process of closure and that ultimately Northumberland County Council is now responsible for the care and maintenance although the Diocese may also need involvement. The Clerk agreed to notify Northumberland County Council about one stone in particular which is leaning near the road and footpath.

Mr Whiffing of Green Close asked about the treatment of trees on the boundary of the Village Hall and his property on Green Close. The Clerk confirmed that instruction had been issued to North County Tree Surgeons to trim the trees and that the Village Hall would be asked about his request to access his garden for drainage purposes.

There was also concern about litter on the bridle path near the A1 and Northumberland County Council are to be informed.

Residents raised concern relating to Bellway and their failure to fulfil the S106 agreement in relation to the pavilion. It was agreed that a meeting be set up with Bellway, residents and Northumberland County Council to resolve this.

75. To receive any apologies

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor and PC Went – no longer covering Stannington

76. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

None at this point in the meeting

77. To receive and agree the minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed

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

- None

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

Verbal reports were received:

- Handyman – moles in the cemetery receiving attention, water ponding at the Lych Gate
- Station Road – concern at poor resurfacing and potholes – refer to Northumberland County Council
- Grant to be sought for church car park

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 13th March 2019

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

Mins of Brenkley Liaison meeting circulated.

Actions requested: To report to the Parish Council following the next meetings on the 19th March

Stannington Village

Commentary:

Stannington Village has a new pavement from Green Close to the Village Hall car park, this has taken a long time to organise and we must thank County Councillor Eileen Armstrong for pushing this through. Beechlea has been resurfaced, however there are still areas within the village that require repair particularly the road from the village through Catraw.

We requested the road sweepers and the drains to be cleaned and it is hoped this will make a big difference to the problem with surface water at certain points in the village. A request for a sign to be erected on the bus shelter that houses the defibrillator has come forward. Some residents are unsure where the defibrillator is. A notice in the village hall and the pub would assist too. A resident has reported the debris and litter around roundabouts and link roads around the parish and beyond.

The account for the WW1 fund has now been set up and will be monitored by the Parish Council.

A suggestion to erect a granite stone to inlay the 36 named plaques of the local men who perished in WW1 has been made. It may be positioned opposite the fountain so that it is visible to all.

Actions Requested: The Parish Council will liaise with the Highways Department to consider repair work at Catraw. A litter pickup be organised. A sign and notices be erected for the village defibrillator. Obtain costings for the granite stone.

Stannington Station Road

Commentary:

There have been major road repairs to Station Road, however residents are disappointed that this was a partial patching rather than a full resurface. The £100 fund that remains from the SSRA cannot be used by the new residents' group as it contravenes the constitution. Any funding must be to the benefit of all residents irrespective of opinion. It may be donated to a local charity that residents are in agreement with.

Actions requested: To continue to monitor the road conditions and work with the residents on Station Road.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author : Helen Brown

Date: 13th March 2019

Purpose of report : To update the Council on Glororum route

Commentary:

Glororum:

The accident on 10th December 2018 severely damaged the roadside 'Junction' warning sign. It is still sitting beside the damaged hedge and needs to be removed and replaced. 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 corner causing vehicles to drive in the middle of the road on a blind corner – we have reported this on the NCC website too.

The litter along the roadside is dreadful and is a hazard for wildlife and livestock. This has also been reported on NCC website.

Clifton:

The litter coming off the A1 into Clifton and up onto the A1 coming out of Clifton is also dreadful and gives a very poor welcome into Morpeth. There is also some metal debris left from a recent accident? Can we report this to Highways England please?

Actions requested :

Please inform NCC of the above hazards.

Please inform Highways England regarding the rubbish coming off the A1 if this is their responsibility.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 12th March 2019

Purpose of report: To update the Council on issues raised

Commentary:

- a) Local resident has expressed concern at dog fouling in the Village and in particular on the grassed areas opposite the Old School House in Church Lane. Could signage and dog waste bins be provided in the village.
- b) Has any further progress been made with the provision of a bus service to Manor Walks Shopping Centre in Cramlington a couple of days a week? Has the local community bus service provider been consulted about this as yet? – Awaiting Northumberland County Council
- c) Has any further progress been made regarding the re-siting of the Village Notice Board to the Main Bus Stop? To be moved by K Clark
- d) There has still been no provision of a grit bin at the top of the Elizabeth Square bank. Was this ordered? – Ordered.
- e) Unsure if this is the correct platform for this but was asked by a villager if the Parish Council are able to approach the local police regarding anti-social behavior around the Village Hall when meetings are going on. There have been groups being disrupted by three particular children from the village on more than one occasion.

Actions requested:

- a) To examine the provision of suitable signage relating to the prohibition of dog fouling and dog waste disposal bins.
- b) To contact the local bus service provider to explore the possible provision of this service.
- c) Ascertain costs and try to progress over the upcoming better weather.
- d) To progress provision and siting of grit bin at top of Elizabeth Square bank.
- e) To look to consult with Local Police representative (P.C. Went) regarding the issue relating to item (e) above.

80. 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:

Ref	Applicant	Address	Detail	Decision
18/03938	Whitehouse Farm	Whitehouse Farm Visitor Centre	2 wind turbines	The council supports the principle of wind generation where the scale and type of turbines is appropriate. In this particular case the Council merely asks that the turbine situated in the open filed is moved northward to a more appropriate

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				location in the visitor farm complex.
19/00134	Mr Ford	63 Station Road	5 dwellings	Object as per 18/4038 Cllr Carins Declared an interest
18/04539	Whitehouse Farm	Whitehouse centre	New visitor building	No objection
19/00061	Sandco	Former A1 Service Station	New use, shops, care home, nursery	Supported
19/00226	Mr Smith	65 Station Road	Dwelling	Object as per 18/4038
18/04546	Ms Redpath	Clifton lodge	Dwelling	Considered infill
19/00782	Mr Middleton	8 Burnholme	Sunroom	No objection

Note: Cllr Armstrong of Northumberland County Council took no part in any of the planning discussions.

Notices of appeal - none
Notices of enquiry – none

81. To consider matters relating to finance and the precept

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Interest
Jan 2.75
Feb 2.45

VAT reclaim 1609.70
Fees 700.00

Bank balance of £31949.88 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 5 February 2019

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1193	M Stewart	Handyman work	800.00
1194	Carrs	Wildlife food	43.73
1195	Wave	Water bill	16.03
1196	Elan City	Road speed signs	4306.92
1197	THC Landscapes	Planting, grass cutting of roundabouts etc	1290.00
1198	THC Landscapes	Cemetery maintenance, fountain planting, hedge cutting, tree work	3462.00
1199	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	1358.40
1200	D Hall	Salary and Expenses	2037.78
DD	BT	Line	62.97

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

82. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Healthwatch Northumberland
- Morpeth Gathering
- Street naming at St Mary Park – agreed
- Northumberland County Council – parish sotre free rates
- Bank of Ireland – end to interest on curret accounts
- Karbon Homes – Trees at Maple Court – refer to Northumberland County Council
- Residents of St Mary Park – S106 and Pavillion, discussed above
- Residents of Dovecote Lane – access arrangements
- NALC re Purdah
- Northumberland County Council – Local Plan
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83. Parish Deeds

Members discusse the potential to recover the deeds for the playing field, cemetery and village hall.

Resoved that the Clerk be duly authorised to request Eversheds Sutherland to release the deeds and to deliver them to the Clerk and that the Council meet such resonable costs in doing so.

84. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

- It is proposed to install a marble plinth on the entrance to Beechlea bearing the 36 discs with the names of those who died for King and Country in WW1
- Proposal to install a Christmas Tree near one of the village shelters in 2019
- Dog fouling on the rise at Station Road – notify Northumberland County Council and request signage
- New litter bin needed near farm shop on Station Road
- Discussion on drivers abusing traffic restrictions at the school – Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police to action

85. Date of next meeting

8 May 2019 – 6.45pm Stannington 1st School and that the July meeting be held at St Mary Park.

Signed

Chairman

Date