

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting **23rd March 2016** **Stannington 1st School**

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair

Councillor P Smith

Councillor H Brown

Councillor S Wilson

Councillor S Dickinson

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

D Hall – Clerk

2 Residents from Station Road

65. Apologies

Councillor B Smiles, Councillor D Strachan, Councillor R Philipson

66. Public session

No matters were raised by members of the public

67. Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved that: the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 January be approved as a true record.

68. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

No matters arising was all items to be covered in the main agenda.

69. Reports from around the parish/outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Carins

Date: March 2016

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

Brenkley Liaison meeting

Commentary

Minutes circulated

Stannington Station Residents Association

A walkabout concerning Issues and Options has been planned for the residents of Station Rd with Sean Gallagher, a final year planning student from Newcastle University. The minutes and Terms of Reference from the inaugural meeting of the Station Road Interest Group (SRIG) has been requested for the PC meeting on the 23rd March. The next SRIG meeting is on the 22nd March at 6 pm in the Ridley Arms.

Northumberlandia

There has been no meeting

SPNP

The minutes of the last formal SPNP meeting will be forwarded to Parish Councillors prior to the 18th April SPNP meeting. At the funding meeting the SPNP asked Councillor Carins to approach the Parish Council for a grant to enable the SPNP to be completed.

Councillor Carins has been made a Neighbourhood Planning Champion (NPC) and attended a residential event in Sheffield, another residential event took place the following week in. There are 130 NPC's in England. Councillor Nic Best and Councillor Carins will represent the North East. The role of an NPC is being established through the feedback from the residential events. Councillor Carins received an excellent resource pack which will assist the SPNP.

***STANNINGTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP INFORMAL
FUNDRAISING MEETING
Monday 14th March 2016
Moorhouse Farm Shop***

MINUTES

Present:

*Councillor Eileen Armstrong
Councillor Karen Carins
Councillor Robson Philipson
Mike Carins
Ian Byatt
Mark Wood
Councillor Helen Brown
Councillor Sandra Dickinson
Vicky Dungait*

APOLOGIES

Harriet Bosnyak

The SPNP meeting was informal and arranged to discuss and consider funding issues. The minutes from the last SPNP meeting will be read and agreed at the next SPNP meeting on the 18th April 2016

- ***SPNP Work Still To Be Completed***

Stage 1: Analysing the questionnaire results and seeing how positive the responses were to different objectives/policy areas, and quantifying that in a meaningful way.

Stage 2: Possible settlement boundaries for Stannington Station/Stannington within the C.S. proposed insets. Evidence is still being collated for Station Rd. Looking at land that may be put forward for future development using vacant plots/SHLAA?

Stage 3: Following that, draft a plan for pre-submission consultation (depending on outcome of analysis)

Stage 4: Carry out your pre-submission consultation including consulting all statutory bodies etc.

Stage 5: Process responses to the pre-submission consultation, and amend the plan accordingly

Stage 6: Produce a Consultation Statement and a Basic Conditions Statement and make sure we have a clear Evidence Base

Then, we can submit to LPA (NCC) they will re-consult, and then arrange examination and referendum (if it passes examination).

Stage 1: Analysis of questionnaires etc. -2 days (£395x2 =£790)

Stage 2: Settlement Boundaries – difficult to decide on this until consultation results have been analysed £790?

Stage 3: Drafting plan – 5 days (£395x5=£1975)

Stage 4: Consultation on pre-sub draft possible flier/open day? £500

Stage 5: Process responses to pre-sub consultation – really depends how much there is to process! Maybe 2 days? (£395x2=£790)

Stage 6: Produce Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement and make sure Evidence Base is clear: 5 days (£395x5=£1975)

Stage 1	£790
Stage 2	£790
Stage 3	£1975
Stage 4	£500
Stage 5	£790
Stage 6	£1975

TOTAL £6030

Funding available £2719

Funding required **£3311**

Possible sources

- “Cash for all” up to £10,000: The Group were advised that this takes 4 months to apply for and we may not be successful. Deprived areas and more needy causes tended to be more successful although we did fit the criteria. It may be worth applying for just in case.
- Grant from Parish Council £500- £1000: The Group will apply to the PC for financial assistance at the PC meeting on the 23rd March
- Grant from Member’s allowance £500- £2000: Karen will formally apply, on behalf of SPNP, for a grant from Councillor Armstrong through NCC.
- Crowdfunding? The group felt that this was not an option as we were not starting a business and so share options would not be available.

Fundraising events:

- Char Mausum – potential £300 (40 persons) (based on £5 per person + raffle) Karen to enquire about possible dates in early May for one or two events.

- *Ridley Arms or Village Hall (quiz + supper + raffle) (80 persons x £5.00) Prizes £50, £25, £10 – potential £600-£85= £515 : the group felt that this may be more labour intensive and may not produce much revenue*
- *Auction event (ask local businesses for pledges) include light supper, bar, raffle----potential £1000+ (80 persons x £7.50) : the group would consider this type of event later in the year*
- *A champagne garden party ----potential £2000 less costs £1500?(80 persons x £25) : the group would consider this idea*
- *Community Car Treasure Hunt---- Geocaching type of event, again another interesting idea. £5 entry for each car?*
- *Ice Cream cart at Village Show-----Sandra to investigate with Show group*

Jenny Ludman will be asked if she will assist the group at each stage as and when money is available.

A report on the outcome of funding ideas will be available at the next official SPNP meeting on the 18th April at 5.30 pm at Moorhouse Farm Café

Councillor Carins has spoken to Councillor Armstrong about a jig saw fund raising idea. Councillor Carins has also approached Banks Mining who may be able to use their drone to photograph the whole Parish. Residents and businesses may then purchase a jigsaw piece and smaller jigsaws could be sold too. The main jigsaw could then be framed along with a list of the jigsaw piece owners and displayed in the Village Hall to commemorate SPNP. Money over from all fundraising could be used to put on an end of plan event, free to residents. Pieces could be purchased from £1 to whatever anyone wishes to pay. The jigsaw could be a 500,750 or 1000 pieces.

Clr Smith proposed and it was agreed that the Council should fund the gap to complete the Neighbourhood plan asap given the pressures of planning applications and the slippage with the County Structure Plan.

RED SQUIRRELS

At a recent event Councillor Carins met Adrian Vass of the UK Squirrel Accord Group. He has offered to give a talk/presentation to the PC. As we have a large red squirrel following and conservation programme in Stannington this may interest a lot of people.

WOW 2016 AWARDS

A Stannington Parish business, Whitehouse Farm Centre, won an award for the best Children's Recreation Facility/Venue of the year. Stannington Parish should be proud to be mentioned again in these awards which cover the whole of Northumberland.

PLAYGROUND

Items to be considered for the playground are attached via email.

Prices are quoted below:

Playdale Playgrounds Ltd: Price Request

The price of the Orbit is £ 4,390 .	Delivery and Installation, subject to a Site Survey is £ 1,536
The price of the Spring Foal is £ 981 .	Delivery and Installation, subject to a Site Survey is £ 343
The price of the Play Train is £ 1,772	Delivery and Installation, subject to a Site Survey is £ 886
The price of the Hong Kong is £ 6,258	Delivery and Installation, subject to a Site Survey is £ 2,503
The price of the Loudspeaker is £993	Delivery and Installation, subject to a Site Survey is £ 496

Prices do not include VAT .

Actions requested:

To note the report.

To consider Mr Vass's offer re red squirrels

To congratulate the Whitehouse Farm Centre on its award and for highlighting Stannington Parish again.

To consider the purchase of the playground equipment

To consider the funding request made by the SPNP Steering Group

Resolved that: Cllrs Carins, Brown & Disckinson meet with the Clerk to agree action on the play area.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Brown

Date: March 2016

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

Glororum

The new Priority signage was put in place in late January. Some motorists are taking note of who has right of way and some are not...there have been a few near misses! We will continue to monitor the situation as it has only been in place for 2 months.

One of the main contractors for Bellway at the St Mary's site(Pattersons) have started delivering into the site. Unfortunately these wagons are not keeping to the 'one way system' and have caused much disruption. They seem to be starting very early on site as we have seen them as early as 6.15pm. The drivers are not considerate to other road users, travel at speed and travel in convoy. Within the first day of these vehicle movements the newly repaired verges are damaged and more damage has been done to the road surface edges.

Action Required: Monitor the new Priority signage. Inform Bellway of the wagons movements.

Ask NCC to monitor vehicles on the route – vehicle count?

NCC asked to check that the 'one way' system signage is still in place along this route as previous bad weather may have caused the signage to fall over.

St Mary Park

I have been asked if there is going to be a school bus stop within the housing development as the one at the entrance is not ideal due to location and passing construction vehicles. I recall discussing this idea within one of the initial 'liason' meetings. Do we know if this is still planned? It would be welcome, especially as new residents are asking about school transport to Stannington First School which would help with congestion there.

Action required:

Bellway PLC asked what action has been taken regarding wagon movements. Bellway PLC asked about new bus stop within the site.

OTHER UPDATES

- Transport – no further information from Northumberland County Council and Bellway on Busses
- Village Hall – no recent meeting
- Clifton – Development signs need removed including estate agents signs

- A number of other developer/estate agent signs need removed at Elisabeth Sq, The Limes, GreenLane, Bells Hill
- PC Teasdale – There have been a lot of complaints about boy races in Stannington and Tranwell. We have been addressing this issue using our team and traffic officers and we have issued warnings and seized a vehicle with no insurance. We will continue to monitor this problem. We have been carrying out night time operations to deal with poachers and thefts. A small holding on Station Road was broken into last week and the thieves attempted to steal a trailer and when unsuccessful emptied 2 tractors of their diesel. We have had similar thefts of diesel from the Tranwell area and there have been trailers thefts from across Northumberland. We have arrested people and we have some going to court but unfortunately we have not recovered the trailers. We know a lot of the thefts occur overnight however the offenders are out and about in the day time looking around to see what's available to steal therefore if you see any suspicious people or vehicles please phone in on 101 – or even just take registration numbers and pass them on to me so I can check them.

Stannington Village 20mph scheme

Councillor Smith gave the Council a full appraisal of the issues surrounding the proposal for a 20mph limit in Stannington Village including the lack of consultation from Northumberland County Council. He proposed that a 20mph limit be imposed across the whole village and not just Church Road and this was supported by the whole council. Councillor Smith agreed to be the ky point of contact for Northumberland County Council and agreed to raise issues surrounding signs at Swan Farm and other locations.

It was agreed that updates on actions would be given at the next meeting.

70. Finance

The following income accounts were approved:

Income

Interest

Nov £1.19
 Dec £1.06
 Jan £0.90
 Feb £0.84
 Mar £0.78

Burial Fees £250

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount
1035	HMRC	Paye	1599.15
1036	Carrs	Food	28.62
1037	NWL	Water bill	12.67
1038	THC	Grounds work	4146.00
1039	M Stewart	Grounds invoice	320.00

1040	NCC	Room hire	30.00
1041	Fallon	Name plate	204.00
1042	Solagen	Speed signs	196.80
1043	Stannington PCC	Cancelled as reissued	Nil

71. Development Control

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
16/00845	7 the Glebe	Trimming of TPO trees	No objection
16/00831	69 Station Road	Agricultural building	
16/00773	Seed house Blagdon	Residential conversion	No objection
16/00595	14 Eden Walk St Mary Park	Loft conversion	No objection
16/00221	Nurses home – St Mary Park	Demolition and replacement with 5 dwellings	No objection
16/00471	34 Green Close		No objection but materials to Match those used on Green Close (Clr Smith declared an interest and took no part in the decision)
16/00656			The parish council strongly objects to this application because it is not in keeping with the current style and density of development on Station Road. The application indicates further phases of development which the council objects to. The style of the development is very urban and places significant additional load on Station Road within proximity of the level crossing. The county council should satisfy itself about the current use and whether this historic use is lawful and was on the basis of planning permission previously granted. The development is in open countryside and if permitted could give way to up to 60-100 houses on land in the ownership of the applicant which the parish council objects to. (Clrs Karins and Dickinson declared an interest and took no part in the decision)

Notices of appeal
Notices of enquiry

Note the establishment of a TPO on Trees to the west of Beechlea
Note a letter from Bellway Hoes re demolition of former nurses home and replacement with 5 dwellings at St Mary's

72. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise indicated:

- Active Northumberland - Residents festival
- NALC – Audit changes for 2017

73. Any Other Business

- Adrian Vass to attend a future meeting to talk about Red Sqyurells
- Council noted that Mr Leggard had received a letter from HRH Prince Charles commending his work and the support given by the council
- Defibrilators – grant schem to re-open in late April, THE Clerk to apply for 3 for the parish
- Bus stop on A1 next to The Vale – maintemence compay to look at after vehicle collision
- Soil for the cemetery to be provided
- Cemetery headstones – noted that advertising on Headstones is not permitted
- Tree maintenance – noted that AOne were carrying out a rurvey on the A1 and may need to carry out some pruning works

74. Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held 11 May 2016

Signed

Chairman

Date