

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of Meeting held**

**25 March 2026**

**St Mary's Village Hall**

**7.00pm**

### **Attendance:**

R Tolson – in the chair  
H Brown  
S Thompson  
S Dickinson  
R Nixon  
M Buckley  
L Darwin – Northumberland County Council

D Hall – Clerk

### **Public session**

No members of the public present

### **57. To receive apologies for absence**

M Scott, R Philipson

### **58. Declaration of any interests**

None

### **59. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Agreed as a true record

### **60. Matters arising**

Councillors discussed the unsatisfactory situation regarding Netherton Park and in particular the refusal of Northumberland County Council to take any action in terms of either widening the proposed access road or retaining the current dual system. Cllr Darwin agreed to raise this at Full council.

Councillors also discussed the unsatisfactory response from Neil Snowdon of Northumberland County Council in terms of the lack of any meaningful action relating to speeding on Church Road and the ongoing dangerous junction at Shotton Edge. Cllr Darwin agreed to raise this at Full council.

Parishioners had expressed concern relating to traffic using Stannington Village as a short cut to Netherton Park. It was agreed that this be referred to the Highways Agency to see if this could be addressed using alternative signage on the A1.

## **61. Development Control**

Councillors considered planning applications - unless otherwise stated no objection was raised

Installation of 1 x 9m medium pole - Reference: OGEAA4582000  
Land South West Of Shotton Edge House Seaton Burn Northumberland  
Ref. No: 26/01006/MISC ·

Hedgerow Removal Notice: Removal of three sections of hedgerow totalling 35m  
Land West Of Plessey South Moor Farm Fisher Lane Cramlington Northumberland  
Ref. No: 26/00973/HEGRMN ·

Non Material Amendment (Removal of the approved front dormer window and replacement with a rooflight within the same roof slope.) on approved application 25/02108/FUL (Amended)  
East School Cottage Church Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6HF  
Ref. No: 26/00873/NONMAT

**The council maintains its objection to the above application as previously stated.**

First floor extension to rear of existing dwelling  
23 Station Road Stannington NE61 6DX  
Ref. No: 26/00777/FUL ·

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved application 25/00055/FUL in order to reflect the amended design  
Land South West Of North Moor 36 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland  
Ref. No: 26/00722/VARYCO

Proposed two storey side extension over garage, including garage conversion  
6 Cheltenham Grove Stannington Northumberland NE61 6GA  
Ref. No: 26/00729/FUL

Certificate of Lawful Development - Existing use for class E(g)(i) to use an office solely for digital admin work, with no public access, vehicles, and no physical changes to the site  
G12 The Rivergreen Centre St Mary Lane St Mary Park Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6BL  
Ref. No: 26/00699/CLEXIS

Tree Preservation Order Application: T11 Sycamore - Remove deadwood, T17 Sycamore - Pollard, T18 Sycamore- Reduce to habitat pole/monolith, G1 A Scots Pine - Remove deadwood, G1 B Larch- Fell  
Horticultural Skills Unit Park Drive Hepscott Park Northumberland NE61 6NF  
Ref. No: 26/00628/FELTPO

Proposed single storey side extension  
The Lodge 34 Station Road Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6DT  
Ref. No: 26/00552/FUL

Notification of Prior Approval for a general purpose agricultural building and associated farm track  
 Low Horton Grange Farm Green Lane Seaton Burn Northumberland NE13 6BZ  
 Ref. No: 26/00533/AGRGDO

Variation of Condition 3 (Verification Report) on approved application 25/00842/VARYCO in order to ensure compliance with the submitted drainage verification and monitoring evidence Land South Of Hepscott Park Smithy Lane Hepscott Park Northumberland  
 Ref. No: 26/00405/VARYCO

Note:  
 Notices of appeal – none  
 Notices of enquiry – none  
 Other notices – Whitehouse Centre Enforcement - noted

**62. Finance**

The following income and payment of accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Balances:

BOI - £51,795.49  
 Lloyds £10350.00

| <b>Chq</b> | <b>Payee</b>                  | <b>Details</b>          | <b>Amount £</b> |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1459       | Conway Fencing                | Fence works             | 6312.00         |
| 1460       | THC                           | Grounds works           | 7768.40         |
| 1461       | Northern Services             | Maintenance             | 160.00          |
| 1462       | Conways Fencing               | Fence Works             | 8262.80         |
| 1463       | Elan City                     | Speed sign              | 3000.00         |
| 1464       | D Hall                        | Salary/Exp/PAYE         | 1526.84         |
| N/A        | Northumberland County Council | Rates for Store - NIL   | 0.00            |
| 1465       | J Douglass                    | Audit                   | 300.00          |
| 1466       | Stannington School            | Donation for library    | 750.00          |
| 1467       | St Marys Village Hall         | Donation for Defib pads | 68.20           |

**Resolved that: The payments listed be approved**

**63. Correspondence**

All correspondence noted and actioned unless indicated otherwise:

N Snowdon Northumberland County Council - Update as requested.

1. Blagdon Lane junction - we will be undertaking a feasibility study during 2026/27 to assess potential improvements for the junction.
2. Church Lane - According to our Speed Compliance Tool average speeds are recorded to be 28.5mph so vehicles are travelling well in advance of the 20mph speed limit. SLOW markings can be provided, but something more physical may be of benefit, these may not be popular though.
3. Slip Road - we aren't aware of any further incidents, we'll request that street lighting assess the lighting, to ensure no entry signs are illuminated correctly.

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#### **64. Other urgent business**

- Cllr Dickinson reported issues with a public right of way to the East of Netherton Park
- 2 recycled seats to be ordered
- Commemorative tree to be sourced for the late M Woods
- Cllr Darwin Surgery 28 March
- Issues with playing field fence – being addressed
- K Carins – Defibrillator usage
- C Bessant – Netherton Park – discussed above
- Northumberland County Council – consultation on Road Traffic Calming on Station Road – await outcome of residents views
- Northumberland County Council – refusal to reinstate bins on A1
- First School – library – agreed above
- Mr Emery – thanks for works on footpath to the south of Stannington
- Northumberland County Council – ongoing information re Neighbourhood plan.

Date of next meeting 12 May 2026

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_