

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held
13 April 2022
St Mary's Church Meeting Room
7.00pm

Attendance:

K Carins – in the chair
S Dickinson
M Scott
R Nixon
H Brown
R Philipson
R Tolson

D Hall – Clerk

74. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council, Cllr H Brown, Cllr Nixon

75. To receive any declarations in any part of the agenda as known prior to the meeting

None declared at this point

76. Public session

Mr Rich of the local scout group came along and gave an insightful update on the work of the group:

- Scout numbers have risen from 25 pre Covid to 45 post Covid
- Expected to grow to 60-70 over the next 3 years
- The group is financially sound
- A wish to be more deeply involved in community activity
- A secretary is needed for the group
- The group is committed to a bigger role at Remembrance Day

The parish council were delighted to receive the update and committed to working with and supporting the group in the future.

77. To receive the minutes of the previous meetings held 26.1.2022

Minutes agreed as a true record.

78. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings not covered in the agenda for the meeting

None

79. To consider any written reports from councillors or representatives on outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Councillor Sandra Dickinson

Date: 14/03/22

Purpose of report: Report to Parish Council Meeting.

Commentary:

School request for community garden, seat, and library box.

Outside the school gate and to the right-hand side of school frontage is a piece of grass that is constantly walked on and in winter/wet months is muddy and vans/wagons plough up curb side grass.

The community garden would provide fresh herbs, salad greens etc. for the community to pick when ready.

The school would look after the beds and have signs on items when ready to pick.

A seat beside a library box would enable the community to have a swap library again the school have books for children, and the community would have other books to spare, the school would look after this.

School entrance Gate.

Now there is a rubbish bin as you go into school if it could be moved further to the left then put two planters at each side of entrance gate would enhance the entry into the school grounds.

Actions requested:

to investigate the possibility of accommodating these requests. - **Agreed**

World War one Plaque Border.

After initially looking at this area at the road junction into the Glebe and Beechlea I would like to propose we do a border around with herbs such as rosemary, lavender, and thyme [all will tolerate dry conditions as this is on a slight bank] with a few red poppies grown as annuals.

Actions requested:

to confirm request - **Agreed**

Notice board at Clifton.

The notice board has begun to leak in, it looks like pin on the hinge has come out.

Actions requested:

Notice board repaired. – **Replacement ordered**

Dovecote Road.

Farmer when moving livestock has encountered vehicles taking no notice of stock movement.

Actions requested

Road signage be aware movement of farm animals – **reported to Northumberland County Council**

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author : Helen Brown

Date: 13th April 2022

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

Commentary:

Glororum:

After some discussion with the residents of Glororum it appears that the priority signage is largely being ignored. We have priority signage at the East and West exit/entrance to facilitate safe movement of vehicles through the narrow, single width part of the route within Glororum itself. If followed correctly this avoids head on collisions. Over the summer Holidays I have witnessed this daily. We highlighted this issue at the recent meeting held at Glororum to inform Netherton Park residents of the issues we have encountered being a Bellway Construction route and to pass on our knowledge to hopefully avoid the same issues there.

We feel that the warning of the 'narrow route' and 'priority' signs are too late within Glororum and need to be placed further out if possible but do appreciate that the lack of verge now may not make this possible, especially at the East Junction.

NCC are now aware of the problems and a meeting has been organized with Neil Snowdon of the safety team.

We are also awaiting the traffic movement / count device to compare results with last year now that we have the speed flashers in place.

Councilor Brown would also appreciate feedback on issues raised in March 2021 as no action has been taken to add more gravel to the 'over run' areas, repair the road

where it is breaking up, to remove the sharp curb at the East junction heading out to Clifton as this edge is repeatedly splitting tyres or any improvements to reduce the many signs at the Clifton junction to reduce confusion and distraction. There are 22 signs in a space approx. 20mtr

April 2022: I have left the above in my report as I have received no further information and wondered if anyone else knows anymore?

When the calming measures were implemented at Glororum the white fencing alongside the 2 culvert entrances in the 'dip' to act as a visual reminder of the narrowness there and to protect the thin concrete at these entrances which are not built to with stand traffic were missed and a promise was made to come back and put them in place.

Also the concrete strip put down by the Council and which totally removed the roadside ditch was to be removed and the ditch reinstated. Again this has not been done.

I appreciate years have gone by but these issues should have been resolved and have not been.

The chairman did meet with Neil Snowdon who suggested some red speed reducing lines on the road surface to warn of the approaching '30' but we have heard no more on this.

I have sent photos from my phone of some of these issues.

Actions requested :

Follow up on Neil Snowdon meeting

Please inform NCC of the above hazards:

- : request inspection of the Glororum route with a view to add more gravel
- : strengthen road where it is breaking up.
- : remove / replace sharp edged roadside curb.
- : look to reducing the amount of signage or sharing poles – 'totem pole' effect

I have also been asked by local residents and neighbours if there was any response to why the 'Holiday Park' at The Whitehouse Farm application did not need an Environmental Impact Report to be carried out prior to a full application.

80. To receive updates on projects

Platinum Jubilee – the chairman gave a full update on plans for t

Queen's Platinum Jubilee and in particular:

- A parish wide event on 4 June in the field at the rear of the Ridley Arms with entertainment, a magician, children's games from the Scouts
- A coin to be provided to all children at Stannington School, along with a commemorative mug
- A platinum garden request to all residents
- The naming of the Old A1 through Stannington village to be Platinum Way

Shelters seats and bins:

- New notice boards ordered for Station Road, Clifton and the centre of Stannington village and repairs to St Mary's
- Perspex to be fitted to the listed shelter windows

Battle of Britain Event:

- Plans are well advanced including display on the field
- WI providing NAFI service
- Display at Lough House
- Evening celebration dance
- SAG approval has been received
- Cllr Darwin has agreed to support the next book in the history series

81. To consider items pertaining to development control

Councillors considered the following applications lodged with the local planning authority:

Discharge of condition 5 (SuDS) on approved application 20/02069/REM

Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/01172/DISCON

Discharge of Conditions : 8 (landscape), 11 (street lighting), 17 (road/paths) and 22 (highway) pursuant to planning approval 14/00808/OUT

Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/00668/DISCON

Resubmission: Conversion and extension of existing annexe into single private dwelling

Land North West Of 17 Great North Road Great North Road Clifton Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/00631/FUL

timber building and scaffolding frame (retrospective)

Whitehouse Farm Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AW
Ref. No: 22/00525/FUL

Resolved that the Council raise no objection to the above planning applications

Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access, for construction of 30no. bungalows for over 55s (Use Class C3)

Land West Of Furrow Grove Station Road Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/00566/OUT – object on same terms as previous and in particular again the neighbourhood plan and in the green belt

Advertisement consent for a new illuminated totem sign

Stannington Service Station Station Road End Stannington Northumberland NE61 6DW
Ref. No: 22/00461/ADE - **objection raised on the basis of light pollution and visual intrusion**

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices – none

82. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Fees: £1310.00

VAT 3297.90

Bank balance of BOI £26825.41 and Lloyds TSB £10350.00 as at 23.3.2022

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1305	D Hall	Salary & Exp	774.63
1306	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	478.40
1307	THC	Grounds work	6139.20
1308	Northern Services	Repairs and upgrade work	1332.00
1309	Glasdon UK	Bins	2287.56
1310	J Douglass	Professional fees	200.00
DD	Wave	Water direct debit	135.09
DD	BT	Direct debit	66.30
DD	Wave	Direct debit	30.58

Income: £3297.90

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

83. Correspondence

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

- Various residents – antisocial behaviour – plocie alerted
- D Littlewood – parking in Beechlea – Karbon homes matter
- PKF Littlejohn – audit arrangements including intermediate audit
- M King, Northumberland County Council – Clifton highways
- Northumberland County Council – additional grass cutting - declined

84. Other business

- Discussion relating to parish store and agreed to retain
- Agreed to erect a new flagpole in the summer at the position of the WW1 plaques
- Investigations ongoing into planting a real Christmas tree
- Phoenix buses interested in potential bus service
- Significant potholes issue across the parish – members to report using online tool
- Dog waste on path to Plessey woods reported to Northumberland County Council

85. Date of Next meeting

To remain flexible and in line with Covid 19 Guidance and ongoing challenges facing the Council and its members/staff.

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____