

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held

22 December 2021

5.00pm

Attendance:

K Carins – in the chair

S Dickinson

M Scott

R Nixon

H Brown

R Tolson

D Hall – Clerk

Councillors noted that this meeting had been delayed due to significant compassionate and health grounds relating to the Clerk and also some members of the council and also noted that the need to be flexible on meeting dates was likely to exist for some time. Members of the council and the Clerk expressed their thanks for the council's ongoing forbearance and kind wishes and support.

51. To receive apologies for absence

R Philipson

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

None declared at this point

53. Public session

There were no members of the public present

54. To receive the minutes of the previous meetings held

Minutes agreed as a true record.

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

None not already covered in the agenda

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

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 22nd December 2021

Purpose of report: To update the Council on matters affecting Stannington Parish Brenkley & Shotton Liaison Committees

Commentary:

The remainder of the Brenkley Lane Fund, £122.79, has been donated to Hazelrigg Community Centre Food bank. Jeannie Kielty is leaving Banks. Stannington Parish Council has thanked Jeannie for her hard work and support for all things Stannington.

Stannington Village

Commentary:

The tree opposite the Lychgate has been removed as it was causing structural damage to the stone wall. Councillor Phillipson purchased the village Christmas tree from Mr Wox, again, and it was erected in the first week of December. The feedback has been very positive. The defibrillator in the southern bus shelter has been re registered with The Circuit and is live again. The new flag is now flying on the flag pole and we now have several flags that may be flown for the different special days in the calendar.

The recent storm has caused a lot of damage around the Parish and many of the public footpaths still remain impassable. The storm did bring a lot of issues for our residents. Some waited over 10 days to be back on the grid. Many had no source of heat too. Fellow residents did come to their rescue and helped where they were able. Unfortunately the village hall was not utilised during the emergency which is disappointing. It is registered as an emergency hub and Stannington Parish Council would hope that in the event of any future emergencies the trustees of the hall will open it up for the benefit of the community. Thankfully we had no injuries and apart from a lot of spoiled freezer food everyone remained safe.

Actions requested: The council to consider the development an emergency protocol.

Stannington Station

Commentary:

It is important to acknowledge all of the positive changes that have taken place this year...a replacement road surface, repaired bus shelter, replacement larger litter/ dog poo bin and flower planters. Fencing erected on the side of the road near the old A1 Diner has eliminated much of the difficulties of fly tipping and those of haulage vehicles. All of this and work towards achieving these things is much appreciated by residents.

The question of a long outstanding reduction in speed limit signs is expected in the next few weeks. The footpath is being used by cyclists which is causing safety issues to residents and businesses. There have been complaints around lighting pollution and planning permission regarding the illuminated advertising hoarding at the Filling Station. Lack of clear signage on new developments is also causing difficulties with delivery drivers. Residents are constantly being asked by delivery drivers for directions and there seems to be a distinct lack of street names in these offshoot developments. The amount of litter has dramatically increased since the garage shop increased its scope for ready hot food and hot drinks.

Actions requested:

To continue to liaise with the residents and businesses on Station Road.

Netherton Park

Issues and reports from Netherton Park;

- Sub contractors (mostly MGL Demolition) coming onto site earlier than the working times stated. This was reported to Bellway and they have dealt with it swiftly..
- The big gates to the site at the end of the Drive being left open. Again Bellway have reminded the subcontractors of their responsibilities here and it has some effect as the lorries can be monitored and the drivers have been spoken to.
- Another subcontractor (Hydrosure?) dug some trenches on the land on either side of the Drive one day and didn't backfill them but just put some fencing over. This was a hazard and upsetting to residents on the Drive. Bellway dealt with it immediately the following morning Bellway don't have a presence on site so rely on the sub contractors sticking to the rules but sometimes they don't. Bellway have picked up on these issues when they have been reported. Once there is a site manager in situ then many of the issues will cease. However there is no Bellway works presently(as the Council hasn't signed key things off) so there is a reliance on the subcontractors compliance.
- As the buildings were pulled down there were some reports of more rats being seen. Bellway have had a company in to put down poison and traps, although there has been another report over the weekend.
- The tree line at the end of the access road at the Kyloe/Drive corner has been cleared so line of sight is much better. That consequently left an exposed area off the side of the road which was a bit of a hazard. Bellway installed some low birds mouth fencing which has reduced the hazard and created a clear barrier.
- There have been some complaints from Drive residents about the state (dirt) of the road. Bellway did arrange for the road to be swept but it had limited effect, particularly given the amount of rain there has been.
- Some areas of the site need fencing in. Bellway have accepted that but also say that getting hold of the right materials and sub contractors is a challenge.
- There has been an issue about the lack of a path for residents from the Drive houses along to the end of the Drive, which has particularly affected one family with a young child who has to catch the school bus in the morning. This issue is to do with lack of light, safety, mess etc. Furthermore if the Council had approved the road arrangements Bellway would have been able to undertake the work on the Drive which would have meant that a path would have been installed after the work had been done. They have to dig up one side of the Drive next to the houses all the way along to put services in, using the other side as the access road, then they swap over and make good the road and install a path on the Kyloe side. They haven't been able to do this without Council sign off. Bellway asked Kyloe House to agree to allow residents to use a strip of land behind the hedge on the Drive side of the boundary fence. This was not possible. Bellway they have said they'll put a temporary path along the front of the houses, or across the Green at the back to the path that runs along the Green. The residents have agreed to a temporary path on the Green. Bellway are prepared to help.
- Bellway have cleared the footpath from the Kyloe corner to the old A1. They also did some road repairs to the Drive and the access road with more to be done. It took them some time to get permission from the County Council.

The new Construction Manager has been good in communicating with residents and responding to the issues as they are reported.

It also seems to me that going forward the majority of issues will be experienced by those on the Drive. It will be a real challenge as the residents on the Drive will experience all the site traffic for the next 3 years or so. For the rest/majority of residents the work will carry on largely out of sight and will not have a huge impact on them. However the issue that will continue to

affect residents is that of the access road. Residents remain convinced that the road is not wide enough, and the pavement unsafe, and even when the temporary construction road is in, the main road will continue to be problematic. Horrendous examples of speeding have been witnessed recently. The Council's road safety plan is yet to be adopted. Residents will continue to lobby and push for an alternative solution, i.e. the widening of the road and pavement.

Actions requested:

The council to continue to work with residents.

Saint Marys Park

Commentary:

There have been no reports from St Marys Park. Actions requested:

The council to continue to work with residents.

WW2 Event Commentary:

The event has been postponed until 18th June 2022. All booked attractions have confirmed their attendance. The group has been accepted for the Northumberland Lottery. Every ticket sold, 50p goes towards the WW2 funds. The group will use all the proceeds from the event and lottery to benefit the community towards a much needed village shop.

Police Report

Awaiting confirmation of PC Andrea Potts attendance at the PC meeting or the submission of a report.

Actions requested:

To liaise with the Local Area Police

57. To consider Councillors items/projects

- Trees in the cemetery needing attention – referred to Northumberland County Council
- Play area – now complete and donations being called for
- 30mph proposal for Station Road – noted that Northumberland County Council were yet to publish the order for the proposal thus allowing residents the opportunity to support or object
- Further work ongoing to look at the feasibility of using the old hearse house for various uses/shop

57. To consider items pertaining to development control

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

Ground floor extension to front elevation.

2 Rivergreen Gardens St Mary Park Morpeth NE61 6FY

Ref. No: 21/04668/FUL | Received: Thu 02 Dec 2021 | Validated: Thu 02 Dec 2021 |

Non-material amendment pursuant to planning permission 20/02069/REM for amendments to sub-station provision, regularise northern boundary gate position and tree retention.

Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 21/04688/NONMAT | Received: Thu 02 Dec 2021 | Validated: Thu 02 Dec 2021 | Status: Registered

Parish Council raises no objection

Certificate of Lawful Development - Existing use of units 8 & 9 for pet hydrotherapy and rehabilitation centre

Four Paws Hydrotherapy 8 And 9 Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AW

Ref. No: 21/04519/CLEXIS | Received: Fri 19 Nov 2021 | Validated: Fri 19 Nov 2021 | Status: Registered

Parish Council raises objection to this development which is too close to residential properties

Prior notification for conversion of existing agricultural building to residential to include installation of windows and doorways (Cllr Brown declared an interest and took no part in the discussion)

Land On Tranwell Airfield South West Of Wellhill Tranwell Woods Northumberland

Ref. No: 21/04520/AGTRES | Received: Wed 17 Nov 2021 | Validated: Wed 17 Nov 2021 | Status: Registered

Parish Council raises no objection

Discharge of conditions 5 (landscaping), 9 (highways), 10 (surface water) (partial discharge), 11 (construction method statement), 12 (ecology), 15 (land contamination) (partial discharge), 17 (ground gas) (partial discharge) and 18 (acoustic design scheme) on appeal reference APP/P2935/W/19/3231462 (refused application 19/01031/OUT)

Land East Of 21 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 21/04357/DISCON | Received: Mon 08 Nov 2021 | Validated: Mon 08 Nov 2021 | Status: Registered

Parish Council raises no objection

Retrospective - Change of use of existing building to two holiday lets

6 And 7 Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AW

Ref. No: 21/04219/COU | Received: Thu 28 Oct 2021 | Validated: Thu 28 Oct 2021 |

Parish Council raises concern at the lack of a coherent plan for the site and piecemeal applications of this nature

Discharge of condition 9(part(contamination) on approved application CM/20080874. Open for comment icon

St Marys Hospital Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AP

Ref. No: 21/04194/DISCON | Received: Tue 26 Oct 2021 | Validated: Tue 26 Oct 2021 |

Parish Council raises no objection

Certificate of Lawful Development for existing dog exercise area in association with existing Kennels and Cattery business

A1 Kennels And Cattery Low Middle Moor House Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6EJ

Ref. No: 21/04078/CLEXIS | Received: Mon 18 Oct 2021 | Validated: Mon 18 Oct 2021 |

Parish Council raises no objection

Change of use from residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to residential care home (Use Class C2)

Drift House Clifton Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6DG

Ref. No: 21/04062/COU | Received: Fri 15 Oct 2021 | Validated: Fri 15 Oct 2021 |
Parish Council raises no objection

Discharge of condition 33b (archaeological recoding scheme) on approved planning application 19/01241/VARYCO

Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 21/03776/DISCON | Received: Fri 24 Sep 2021 | Validated: Tue 28 Sep 2021 |
Parish Council raises no objection

Discharge of conditions : 15 (construction method statement) pursuant to planning approval 20/02069/REM

Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 21/03777/DISCON | Received: Fri 24 Sep 2021 | Validated: Fri 24 Sep 2021 |
Parish Council raises no objection

Discharge of condition 5 (Ground gas protection) on approved application 19/05035/FUL Open for comment icon

Land North Of Kyloe House Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 21/03764/DISCON | Received: Tue 21 Sep 2021 | Validated: Wed 27 Oct 2021 |
Parish Council raises no objection

Addition of a dormer window to the rear of the property, demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new extension, removal of window to outhouse and addition of bifold doors

Stanmore 11 Station Road Stannington NE61 6DS
Ref. No: 21/03676/FUL | Received: Fri 17 Sep 2021 | Validated: Mon 06 Dec 2021 |
Parish Council raises no objection

Proposal for 1no single-storey, three-bedroom dwelling Open for comment icon

Land South West Of North Moor 36 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland (Cllr Karins declared an interest and took no part in the discussion)
Ref. No: 21/03657/FUL | Received: Thu 16 Sep 2021 | Validated: Thu 14 Oct 2021 |
Parish Council raises no objection

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Councillors expressed concern at the retrospective application for a Pet Crematorium at Whitehouse Centre.

57. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income: Precept £16,275.00

Bank balance of BOI £31,098 and Lloyds TSB £10,350 as at 30 November 2021

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1294	N Ritson	Various project and maintenance work	1274.00

1295	D Hall	Salary & Exp	2352.20
1296	HMRC	PAYE & NIC	1435.00
1297	R Philipson	Reimburse for Christmas Trees	120.00
1298	K Carins	Reimburse for poppy wreathes	80.00
1299	Parochial Church Council	Bugler	50.00
1300	KPF Littlejohn	Audit	360.00
1301	S & J Flowers	Flowers	35.00
1302	Carrs Billington	Squirrel nuts	40.95
DD	Wave	Water bill DD	18.00
DD	BT	Line rental DD	78.75

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Councillors also noted the conclusion of the annul audit and the recommendations relating to restating of staffing lines at the next round of audit in 2022 requiring the separation of salaries (gross salary, NIC, pension) from any other expenses. Councillors resolved that this will be done for the current year and restated for the year 2020-21 at the point of the next audit.

58. Ongoing update on COVID19 Pandemic

The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation and give support where necessary to individuals and groups. There is a new variant of the virus that is sweeping the country and is more virulent than the last. Volunteers continue to do an amazing job at supporting elderly and vulnerable residents.

59. Correspondence

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

- Mr S Lamb – various matters including old A1 cyclists, gates, road clearance
- Claire Appleton – insignia for Queens Platinum Jubilee
- Northumberland County Council – traffic survey results

60. 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: _____