

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> January 2015**  
**Stannington First School – 5.30pm**

Attendance:

Clr K Carins – in the chair  
Clr P Smith  
Clr D Strachan  
Clr S Dickinson  
Clr H Brown  
Clr B Smiles  
D Hall – Clerk

PC Teasedale

## **49. Apologies**

Clr Armstrong – Northumberland County Council  
Clr R Philipson

## **50. Public session**

PC Teasedale attended the meeting. There had generally been a low level of crime over the past weeks although in the last few days there had been some planned break-ins to farms and some car thefts. In addition to this there had been a raised level of activity in terms of poaching. Members discussed the potential for a neighbourhood watch scheme and the clerk agreed to source some information. Trading standards have issued proceedings against a trader using the Ridley Arms car park.

Ryan Jobson from Trident Soccer attended the meeting to update members on the 10 week football coaching funded by the council. Members noted that:

1. The football field drainage was now fully effective
2. Excellent feedback had been received from those attending
3. Willie Donachie from Hartlepool FC had attended to support coaching
4. Between 10 and 15 children attended each week
5. On June 13<sup>th</sup> the children from the parish would take part in a tournament at Hipsburn
6. Proposals for a football camp were being investigated
7. Possibility of friendly matches on the field

8. 3 children attended the meeting aged 4, 5 and 7 years and told the council about how they had improved their skill levels, penalty technique, shooting and dribbling prowess.

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

**Resolved that these be approved**

### **52. Matters arising**

Non other than items covered on the agenda

### **53. Reports from across the parish**

#### **Well Hill**

- Extraction of coal - 112,000 tonnes taken off site
- Fire Clay- 30,000 tonnes taken off site
- By March 135,000 tonnes of coal will have been removed as predicted
- Roads- Dousers will clean surrounding roads. Traffic calming measures requested by Glororum residents.
- Development- Complaints made about early operations before 7am, this issue has been rectified. There are no dust issues. The site will be complete June/July and restoration will commence. The reclamation of the site will begin in June and July. There have been some changes to the restoration but they are minor and will not cause any issues. Maps will be brought to the PC meeting.
- Date of next meeting- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 4pm in the school building.
- Funding committee- The school has received £5000 for decking. There are 3 applications still to be decided.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The steering group has retained a planning consultant to help with policy writing. The return for the grant is being completed and a full report on this will be given at the next PC meeting. The Housing need and Transport questionnaire which will gather evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan will be sent out on the 14th January.

#### **Handy Man**

Maurice Stewart received a hamper from Moorhouse Farm Shop this year. It was magnificent and he was delighted.

#### **Village Hall**

Minutes were circulated

#### **Brenkley Liaison committee**

Minutes were circulated

## **Stannington Station;**

The secretary, Kay Hampson has died and will be sadly missed by all the residents. There have been reports of men with guns, dogs and lamps at night in the area. A Neighbourhood Watch scheme should be set up.

## **Northumberlandia**

Date for next meeting to be decided.

## **St Marys Liaison committee**

No meeting has been arranged to date.

## **Village Show**

The Village show steering group has applied to the community chest for playground equipment.

## **Area North Meeting**

The chair will be attending this meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January and will send a report prior to the PC meeting.

## **Clifton**

There are now have 2 volunteers to tend the planters in Clifton since the departure of Mr. Lisle.

Solagen are re-locating the inter active speed signs on 14/01/15

The planning application for 35 houses on Clifton Caravan Centre was due to be heard last Thursday (8/01/15). The Chairman & Cllr Strachan attended the meeting in Alnwick but the application has been deferred as the members of the North Area Planning Committee requested a site visit. The visit will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10am.

An Ecology report has been requested from the NCC Ecologist on the site North of The Shires where an application to build 4 houses has been lodged.

The Lorries are still overturning the edging on the green triangle in Clifton as they attempt to join the A197 prior to joining the A1. Cllr Strachan has spoken to Frances Wilkinson at NCC & she has forwarded our concerns to the relevant body.

## **Glororum**

The road surface of the Glorum route is in a very poor state with upwards of 60 potholes. As well as the potholes residents have the added problem of the loose gravel and stones which have come out of these holes. Residents sweep these stones away from our houses

every week as they are getting thrown up by the vehicle wheels and hitting their doors and windows. The verges either side are still experiencing a lot of wheel wear.

The junction at the west end of the route has had 'Uneven Surface' signage since before Christmas. There are 6 very large, deep holes and all the gravel/stones that have come out of the holes making the area very slippery and dangerous. This situation is due to the wagons turning down onto the Glororum route and their wheels literally 'churning' up the tarmac. It has been repeatedly repaired about 4 times over the last couple of years but now it is much worse and needs to be closed and repaired properly.

The 'Blind Corner' sign is still sitting in the verge/hedge since it was hit and uprooted in February 2014.

The 'No Stopping' sign at the east end junction is still lying in the verge since it was hit and uprooted by a vehicle in September 2014

A gentleman from the county council came out early December to assess the entry / exit areas of the route at Glororum with regard to road calming measures – he was reporting back to Neil Snowden.

In summary the route is in a disgraceful condition and looks as if no one is interested in just the basic level of care and repair. Considering the large amount of funding the County Council has already been given by Belway for the care/calming measures for the roads in this area we have to ask why this route is so badly maintained.

The Clerk to invite NCC to the next meeting.

## **54. Finance**

The following income accounts were approved:

### **Income**

Interest:

November £1.36

December £1.23

FD Fees £2125.00

The following payments were approved:

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
964	K Carins	Stationary costs NP	37.99
965	Ludman planning	Consultancy NP	2765.00
966	D Hall	Salary and expenses	1177.42
967	K Carins	Reimburse NP costs	50.00
968	National leaflet co	Distribution for NP	591.60
969	NCC	Printing NP	899.78
970	Moorhouse farm	Hamper for MS	120.00

971	NCC	Questionnaires NP	1500.00
972	NWL	Water bill	13.53
973	Village Hall	Rent	36.00
974	Trident Soccer	Coaching	500.00
975	M Stewart	Salary	160.00
976	BDO	Audit	240.00
977	K Clark	Maintenance	300.00

Members discussed the need for an expenses scheme for travel.

**Resolved that: where a member is required to attend meetings outside the parish for planning, area committees and other council meetings or training they are entitled to claim £0.45 per mile for all miles travelled outside the parish boundary.**

Members noted an update on projected year end balances and proposals for a budget for 2015/16:

Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2014/15						
Name	Budget 14/15	Actual 14/15	Further	Y/End	Variance	Budget 15/16
<b>Precept</b>	<b>-19000.00</b>	<b>-19000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-19000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
Interest Rec'd	-10.00	-11.60	0.00	-11.60	-1.60	-10.00
Burial Fees, etc.	-1200.00	-2125.00	-425.00	-2550.00	-1350.00	-1800.00
<b>Sub total income</b>	<b>-1210.00</b>	<b>-21136.60</b>	<b>-425.00</b>	<b>-21561.60</b>	<b>-1351.60</b>	<b>-1810.00</b>
Other income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salaries & Wages(Office)	4500.00	2705.27	1794.73	4500.00	0.00	4500.00
Handyman	2200.00	1400.00	480.00	1880.00	-320.00	2200.00
Travel	400.00	481.44	480.00	961.44	561.44	500.00
Telephone	250.00	196.53	70.00	266.53	16.53	280.00
Stationery	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	200.00
Postages	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-50.00	100.00
Books and periodicals	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-50.00	100.00
Insurances	1850.00	1882.80	0.00	1882.80	32.80	1900.00
Sundries /admin/jubilee	500.00	418.00	100.00	518.00	18.00	500.00
Professional Fees	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	200.00
Subscriptions	300.00	314.20	0.00	314.20	14.20	350.00
Audit Fees	450.00	240.00	200.00	440.00	-10.00	450.00
Cemetery - Maintenance	2400.00	152.03	2200.00	2352.03	-47.97	2500.00
N Plan	50.00	6247.74	400.00	6647.74	6597.74	300.00
S.137 Expenditure	1000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	-500.00	2000.00
Grounds and Open Space General	2500.00	1355.53	200.00	1555.53	-944.47	2500.00
Shelters seats and bins	2000.00	1551.06	0.00	1551.06	-448.94	2000.00
Equipment	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-300.00	3000.00
Furniture & Fittings	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00
Playing Field	2000.00	2175.00	0.00	2175.00	175.00	2000.00
Store Rental & fittings	550.00	498.86	0.00	498.86	-51.14	550.00
Environmental/traffic schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Members travel	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-500.00	500.00
VAT	0.00	1220.29	0.00	1220.29	1220.29	0.00
<b>Sub total net expenditure</b>	<b>22350.00</b>	<b>21338.75</b>	<b>5924.73</b>	<b>27263.48</b>	<b>4913.48</b>	<b>26730.00</b>
<b>Inter bank transfer</b>						
<b>Net Balance</b>	<b>21140.00</b>	<b>202.15</b>	<b>5499.73</b>	<b>5701.88</b>	<b>3561.88</b>	
<b>BANK OF IRELAND</b>						
<b>Opening balance</b>		9295.63		<b>Precept 2015-16</b>		
<b>Add income</b>		21136.60		Book balance as at 31 March 2015		24739.04
<b>Less exp</b>		21338.75		Add income		1810.00
<b>Less further exp</b>		5924.73		Less total expenditure		26730.00
<b>add futher income and recoverable vat</b>		1220.29		Balance		-180.96
<b>Grand total</b>		4389.04		<b>Precept</b>		<b>19800</b>
				Proposed balance at 31 March 2016		19619.04
<b>LLOYDS</b>						
<b>Add Lloyds balance</b>		20350.00		<b>2015/16 precept</b>		<b>19800</b>
<b>Total estimated balances as of 31 Mar 2014</b>		24739.04		Band D equivalent proposed		34.78
				Band D Equivalent last year		34.89

Tax Base 569.27

Precept	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	0.67	0.78	0.89	1.00	1.22	1.44	1.67	2.00
1000.00	1.18	1.37	1.56	1.76	2.14	2.53	2.93	3.51
15000.00	17.65	20.55	23.45	26.35	32.15	37.94	44.00	52.70
15500.00	18.24	21.24	24.23	27.23	33.22	39.21	45.47	54.46
16000.00	18.83	21.92	25.01	28.11	34.29	40.47	46.94	56.21
16500.00	19.42	22.61	25.80	28.98	35.36	41.74	48.40	57.97
17000.00	20.01	23.29	26.58	29.86	36.43	43.00	49.87	59.73
17500.00	20.60	23.98	27.36	30.74	37.50	44.27	51.34	61.48
18000.00	21.19	24.66	28.14	31.62	38.58	45.53	52.80	63.24
18500.00	21.77	25.35	28.92	32.50	39.65	46.80	54.27	65.00
19000.00	22.36	26.03	29.70	33.38	40.72	48.06	55.74	66.75
<b>19800.00</b>	<b>23.30</b>	<b>27.13</b>	<b>30.96</b>	<b>34.78</b>	<b>42.43</b>	<b>50.09</b>	<b>58.08</b>	<b>69.56</b>
19500.00	22.95	26.72	30.49	34.25	41.79	49.33	57.20	68.51
20000.00	23.54	27.40	31.27	35.13	42.86	50.59	58.67	70.27
20500.00	24.13	28.09	32.05	36.01	43.93	51.86	60.14	72.02
21000.00	24.72	28.77	32.83	36.89	45.01	53.12	61.61	73.78
21500.00	25.30	29.46	33.61	37.77	46.08	54.39	63.07	75.54
22000.00	25.89	30.14	34.39	38.65	47.15	55.65	64.54	77.29

**Resolved that: the precept for 2015/16 be £19800**

## **55. Development Control**

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
14/4063	Cherry Neuk	Extension	No objection
14/04051	Gurdev Villa	Condition discharge	No objection
15/000048	32 Green Close	Extension	Clr Smith declared an interest  No objection but restrict to domestic use
15/00048	23 Station Road	2 storey extension	No objection

Notices of appeal  
Notices of enquiry

## **56. Correspondence**

Noted unless otherwise indicated:

- NCC – letter to Green Close ResidentsN
- NCC – no election called so PC is free to Co-opt
- Stannington Village Hall – Letter about grant funding (KCarins and S Dickinson decalred an interest and left the meeting for this matter) Members thanked the VH for their letter and noted that they did not need a grant but welcomed further approaches for specific projects
- NCC – Winter Services
- E Black – request for seat – agreed
- NCC – removal of website weekly planning list

### **57. Any Other Business**

- Light at the cemetery car park – ask NCC to consider a double light on Church Road
- BT Box – concern around a broadband poster
- Grass verges next to the telephone exchange
- Signs at Swan Farm – clerk to raise with NCC
- Litter on the A1 – report to NCC
- Signage for the slip road to the south of Stannington – ask AOne
- Chair and plaque from Nethererton Park to be moved to St Mary’s Church

### **58. Date of next meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> March at Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Date**