

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting
11th March 2015
Stannington First School – 6.00pm

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
Clr E Armstrong - NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

59. Apologies

None

60. Public session

PC Teasedale attended the meeting. There was little to report except that there had been some damage to some car posters on the A1. PC Teasdale also advised that the vehicle speed gun was to be deployed in Glororum.

61. H J Banks presentation

Messers, Peak, Shuttleworth and Handcock were present and accompanied by Mr Combe from Blagdon Estate. A case was presented for extending the village settlement boundary as part of the neighbourhood plan. The proposal included the construction of a new northern link road to the north of the village connecting the A1 grade separated junction and the road leading to St Mary's. The land left between the current village and the new road would allow further housing, retail and potentially a new school. Members received this presentation.

62. ISOS presentation

Messers Watson and Rimmington were present. They outlines a proposal to develop the former garage site at the north of Beechlea. The development would consist of 4x2 bd bungalows and 4x3bed houses. Members outlined the concerns re access via Beechlea and the need for off-street parking on the entrance corner to allow safe vehicular access. In

addition it was felt appropriate to reorientate the development to look out into the village over the old A1 rather than at the rear of Beechlea. A localised letting policy will be employed. Members welcomed a proposal for a public consultation and deferred any further comment until the views of villagers were known.

63. Highways

Mr King attended the meeting to discuss highways. A discussion took place about the concerns of traffic from St Mary's and the OCCS at Well Hill and the impact on the Glorum Road. Both Mr King and Clr Brown had visited the site prior to the meeting. Of significant concern was the plethora of potholes and deep rutting of the roadside and verge which was in some cases over 30cm deep. Mr King agreed to the following:

- Increase highway inspections of the road
- Seek to provide the council with a copy of the S106 agreement for Bellway outlining the contributions to road infrastructure and sums of money involved
- Repair the roadside verges with road planings or granular material as a temporary measure until construction has completed

A further discussion took place about litter on the A1. Mr King refuted that this was the council's responsibility despite the clerk providing an email from the Highways Agency. Nevertheless he agreed to discuss the disgraceful state of the A1 and litter with colleagues and revert to the council on what action would be taken. In addition Mr King agreed to investigate the TRO on the old A1 to the Vale and to take action to reinstate the 30mph sign if appropriate.

64. Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved that these be approved

65. Matters arising

Trader from the Ridley car park has left.

66. Reports from across the parish

Clifton

1. The 2 planters in Clifton are now being looked after & seasonally filled by Gill & Ray Dickie. All the rubbish in Clifton was collected last week by the Environmental team who are looking after Clifton & Glorum as "rubbish hotspots" .
2. The junction of the Glorum road with the end of the A1 slip road before the road passes under the bridge at Clifton is breaking up. There is a lot of loose shale which could be dangerous for vehicles.
3. Clr Strachan is still awaiting an e-mail from Frances Wilkinson, planning officer, who is liaising with highways about the state of the verge as the Lorries turn from the Clifton triangle onto the A197.

4. There are “uneven “road signs now placed on the Glororum road, the road to Well Hill & the road from the water tower towards Tranwell Village. These roads are potholed, rutted & in a very poor state. These signs were not in evidence until the construction traffic & the Well Hill traffic commenced.
5. The rubbish along the A1 including the bin in the Northbound lay by is disgraceful.
6. The camera van was in Clifton on 3.3. 15

Clr Strachan emailed Tony Carter from NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL about community benefit from the Clifton caravan site which the developer had offered in his planning application and the reply was:

Unfortunately there was no planning justification to provide anything other than a contribution towards affordable housing as part of the section 106 contributions therefore there is no provision for a community benefit. In order to secure funding or any form of community benefit from a section 106 it has to meet the three statutory tests. These tests would be, is it necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; directly related to the development; and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. These tests that were formerly part of advice are now legal requirements giving them much greater weight. There is clear evidence that the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State are taking a much more interest in S106 agreements to ensure the tests are met. For the LPA to take account of a S106 in granting a permission it needs to be convinced that without the obligation permission should be refused.

Well Hill

Minutes circulated

Neighbourhood Plan

The steering group are now looking at what settlements within the parish may be inset within the green belt. They are working with 2 Newcastle University Planning Students. A business survey is to be conducted over the next 2 months (see attached). A report from Jenny Ludman is attached too. 40% response rate to survey of residents. Business survey being undertaken.

Village Hall

Minutes circulated

Brenkley Liaison committee;

Minutes circulated

Stannington Station

There has been a lot of complaints regarding the litter around the slip roads, the old A1 and the roundabouts.

Northumberlandia

Date for next meeting to be decided.

Netherton Park

Planning application approved.

St Marys Liaison committee

No meeting has been arranged to date.

Village Show

The Village show steering group has begun planning for this year's show which will follow a similar format to last year. The BBQ will be a 1940's themed event. As it has been successful in acquiring a £2500 grant from the Community Chest it will now continue to apply for grants to raise money for the Children's playground.

A discussion also took place about a letter received from the Village hall about a possible grant.

Clr Carins and Dickinson both left the meeting during this item – Clr Strachan in the chair.

The village hall requested confirmation of the council's ongoing support on the basis that in prior years £1000 grant had been awarded. The letter from the chairman however acknowledged that "the village hall doesn't need any financial support" at present. Members concluded that the council did indeed continue to have an interest in the success of the hall and that it would support future projects or initiatives on a case by case basis.

Clr Carins and Dickinson returned to the meeting – Clr Carins in the chair.

67. Finance

The following income accounts were approved:

Income

Interest:

Jan 0.96

Feb 0.83

NP grant 695.00

VAT 16.1.36

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount
978	Leaflet co	NP postage	414.67
979	M Stewart	Salary	480.00
980	Nwl	Water bill	11.10
981	Solagen	Signs contract	1572.00
982	Northumberland County Council	Printing	69.37
983	J Dickie	Fowers	19.97
DD	BT	Phone line rental	73.11

Members discussed the need for an expenses scheme for travel.

68. Development Control

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
15/00048	23 Station Road	Extension	No objection
15/00451	Green Lane Seaton Burn	Two dwellings	No objection
15/00668	Clifton Lane	Dwelling	No objection
			No objection

Notices of appeal

Notices of enquiry

69. Cooption of a councillor

There was an expression of interest from Susan Wilson which members considered a suitable appointment.

Resolved that: Susan Wilson be coopted and to join the council at its meeting on 13th May.

70. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise indicated:

- Letter from St Mary's Church asking for support for fireworks show. Cllrs Philipson, Dickinson and Smiles declared an interest. A vote took place and was carried 3:1 in favour of a £200 grant.
- Northumberland County Council – residents festival
- Footpath diversion at Delhi

71. Any Other Business

- 4 lights out on old A1 between grade separated junction and Netherton Park
- No improvement in parking issue – email NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
- Meeting needed to discuss INSET areas for neighbourhood plan
- Arrange catch up meeting with T Brady of Bellway
- Letter to Blagdon about double glazing at Shotton
- Cllr Smith expressed disappointment at the rejection of the pharmacy application for Stannington
- Cllr Smith to bring forward costs to support the red squirrel campaign at the next meeting

72. Date of next meeting

13th May – Stannington 1st School – 6.00pm

73. Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 20.30

Signed

Chairman

Date