

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of meeting held**

**10 March 2021**

**Via Zoom Call**

### **Attendance:**

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

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

Cllr Armstrong of Northumberland County Council

### **77. To receive any declarations in any part of the agenda as known prior to the meeting**

None declared at this point

### **78. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held 11 November 2020**

Minutes agreed as a true record

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

Non not already covered in the agenda

- Two no entry signs need re-erected on the Stannington Village south slip road, to be referred to Northumberland County Council
- Footpath between The Limes and Church Road in need of clearing – this is not a Northumberland County Council adopted path but is a public right of way footpath and is therefore at the required standard – ask Stannington Parish Council contractor to clear this at one of the regular visits in the summer
- Fountain lettering is peeling – refer to K Common who has agreed to repair this
- Speed limit sign on Station Road now has batteries fitted and is fully functional

### **80. To consider any written reports from councillors or representatives on outside bodies**

## **REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr. Karen Carins

**Date:** 10th March 2021

**Purpose of report:** To update the Council on matters affecting Stannington Parish

### **Brenkley Liaison Committee**

No meeting scheduled until June

### **Stannington Village Commentary:**

Litter is becoming a problem on the road next to Swan Farm. Residents have inquired whether Stannington Parish Council can supply litter pickers, black bags and gloves.

Maurice reported a damaged gate post in the playground and a broken rung. Water is getting under the new surfacing in the cemetery car park. A salt bin has been requested for the cemetery car park. The bulb needs replacing in the north bus shelter. The lamp post is still off on Church Road.

The council has received good feedback regarding the flooding issue on Church Road. The issue has been solved.

Stannington School headmistress, Alex Palmer, has reported a problem with school space. A meeting is being organised by Councillor Eileen Armstrong and the Chairman of the School Governors, to include Councillor Carins, Alex Palmer and other interested bodies to look at a solution to the overcrowding issue.

Councillor Carins has been liaising with the residents of Netherton Park in relation to the Bellway development. The Parish Council and the residents are still waiting for a response regarding the lack of debate or answers to the access issues and the tree destruction on the Drive. The residents have made a formal complaint to the Chief Executive, Democartec Services, Senior Planning Officer Rob Murfin and Guy Opperman MP. The Morpeth Herald has written an article regarding this issue and the residents intend to approach other media organisations. The Residents are forming a liaison committee group to work with Bellway representatives, NCC Planning Officers and Stannington Parish Council to keep residents informed of any issues during the construction phase of the development i.e., noise, dust, utility interruptions and traffic control.

Councillor Carins has received another enquiry regarding a library/noticeboard on Station Road.

**Actions requested:** The council to consider litter picking request. The playground damage to be repaired. To consider a salt bin. Request, again, a replacement lamp post bulb. To organise a bulb replacement in the north bus stop. To report back to the council the outcome of the school meeting. To report back to the council any updates on Netherton Park.

### **The Coronavirus Pandemic Commentary:**

Volunteers have continued to assist residents in the Parish.

**Actions requested:**

To discuss at the next Parish Council meeting, how we can further support the residents and businesses in our Parish.

**Saint Marys Park**

**Commentary:**

Saint Mary's Inn is under new ownership and will be reopening in the near future.

**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.

**POLICE REPORT**

Courtesy of PC Andrea Potts

Reports including Covid complaints are relatively low in Stannington. One thing that has come up recently is the number of vehicles that are being parked in/around the village hall/Ridley Arms carpark. PC Potts understands that the person who was using the carpark was selling the vehicles. If this is still a problem can the Council inform the Police. Reports of possible poachers in the area. It is so important that these reports keep coming in because the Police are then able to gather intelligence and provide positive action.

**Actions requested:**

To liaise with the Local Area Police

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author :** Helen Brown

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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

**Commentary:**

**Glororum:**

There is also a huge pothole on the blind corner causing vehicles to drive in the middle of the road on a blind corner – we have reported this on the NCC website too. This has been filled

with gravel chips but has opened up again. As this keeps happening, I think a longer term solution needs to be looked into. This has opened up again and now full of water.

Also heading down to this blind corner heading East the route surface has started to break up...this happened before the route was resurfaced a few years ago.

The large grey gravel which was used to fill in between the route and the hedge on the East carriageway needs to be topped up as it has become embedded by passing traffic – in the main this has worked as it facilitates wider vehicles passing each other.

Morpeth Litter Group have kindly collected the rubbish from the verges on the Glororum route. Is there any temporary signage placards that can be put up to remind folk to not throw litter?

The sharp-edged curb on approach to the East junction has caused havoc again and split another tyre.

As mentioned before, there are over 20 individual signs at the East End junction (Clifton end) and these are very distracting and confusing to motorists.

#### **Actions requested:**

Please inform NCC of the above hazards:

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

## **REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr Malcolm Scott

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Purpose of report:** To update the Council on all issues raised by residents and others

#### **Commentary:**

- Complaints received from Village resident and a delivery driver regarding the dangerous and deep potholes on the main road through the village and the bad state of the road through the village. These potholes have been reported to the County Council website for repairs.
- Continuing complaints from a village resident regarding the dangers of the Northbound slip road from the A1 into the village. The free standing No Entry signs provided by the County Council Highways Dept at the Slip Road have fallen over. – report to Northumberland County Council
- Request again received for the Council to look at the potential of closing the high-speed slip road off the A1 to prevent traffic including large HGVs from driving through the village and treating it as a ‘layby’ to park at the North end for rest breaks etc. – Not

agreed at present as this is a complex matter and could adversely affect bus service revival attempts.

- Complaint received about the very bad state of Station Road and the amounts of mud being left on the road during building works. This poses a danger to traffic. – Refer to Northumberland County Council
- Local Resident Steve Lamb is continuing with his issues and campaign regarding the request for ‘silent’ road surfacing on the A1 Village bypass. He has received a reply from Guy Opperman our Local M.P. who is looking into this issue with Highways England.

**Actions requested:**

- To discuss the bad state of the road through Stannington village, the potholes situation and to have the potholes properly patched and repaired – refer to Northumberland County Council
- To request the County Council to inspect the road through the village and look at a possible full resurfacing schedule – refer to Northumberland County Council
- To request the County Council to lift the No Entry signage and secure the signs better – refer to Northumberland County Council
- To discuss the ongoing situation with traffic from the A1 coming through and into the village at speed and using it as a layby. Litter on North End roadside - refer to Northumberland County Council
- To request that the building and groundworks contractors on Station Road clean the road properly if it becomes muddy etc. – refer to Northumberland County Council
- To liaise with Mr. Lamb and continue to monitor his ongoing correspondence. Possibly request Mr. Lamb to copy The Clerk.

**81. To consider Councillors items**

1. Church road footpath - There is a hedge overhanging Church Road – refer to Northumberland County Council
2. Litter – there is an increasing issue with litter on the A1 and roads from Station Road to Stannington Village, over littering is also taking place in the church car park and also in the area of The Vale – Refer to Northumberland County Council and order several new bins in the new financial year for deployment.
3. The Playground (to include repairs) - Post on the gate needs repair including full inspection of play are and any subsequent repairs. – Ask Northern Services to repair. In addition, it was agreed to paint the goal posts in the summer when the weather is better.
4. Noticeboards/library – New notice board to be placed at Station Road incorporating library. Contractor is on furlough so action once this has ended.
5. Planters – THC landscapes will replace all planters in the summer with ‘sleeper’ style boxes.
6. Tree planting – Cllr Carins looking at options and to report back.

**82. To consider items pertaining to development control**

Councillors considered the following applications as a consultee of Northumberland County Council noting that the power to approve or refuse applications lies solely with the local planning authority and that the parish council’s comments would be taken into account along with all other statutory consultees and those of residents:

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
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(Resubmission of 18/04275/FUL)	Land to the rear of 51 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland	Outline application with all matters reserved for up to six residential dwellings	Strongly object as per prior objections – greenbelt and against the SPNP
19/02136/VARYCO for alterations to plots 3 and 4	Land East Of Nursery Gardens St Mary Lane St Mary Park Morpeth Northumberland Northumberland	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission	No objection
21/00287/AGRGDO	Land South East Of Saltwick Farm Cottages Tranwell Woods	Prior notification for a steel portal frame grain store	No objection
21/00804/NONMAT	The Garden House 10 Great North Road Clifton Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6DQ	Non-material amendment relating to planning permission 19/00886 and 20/00422/NONMAT to allow amendments to fenestration of two windows to improve natural lighting	No objection
21/00533/DISCON	Land North Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington NE61 6EF	Discharge of conditions: 16 (construction method statement), 26 (ecology - bats), 27 (ecology - birds), 28 (landscape), 32 (archaeology) and 33 (historic building record) pursuant to planning approval 19/01241/VARYCO Open for comment icon	The council continues to object to this application on the grounds of the destruction of the avenue of Trees on The Drive and also the access arrangements which are totally inadequate.

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices - none

### **83. Finance**

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

#### **Income:**

Fees £250

VAT £1576

**Bank balance of BOI £32,307.94 and Lloyds TSB £10,350 as at 28 February 2021**

**The following payments were approved:**

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1271	Elan City	Speed signs	10540.62
1272	N Ritson	Repairs/maintenance	630.00
1273	THC	Grounds work for 1 year	6732.00
1274	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	478.40
1275	D Hall	Sal/Exp	831.26
DD	Wave	Water bill	18.73
DD	BT	Line rental	72.04

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

#### **84. Ongoing update on COVID19 Pandemic**

The Parish Council has provided funding for laptops for children in the school who are at home and have no PC and therefore this provides a vital link for children to continue to undertake learning.

Age Concern has provided many items for the elderly in the parish and a team of volunteers continue to provide around the clock support for those who are housebound and alone as a result of self-isolating.

#### **85. Correspondence**

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

- BHIB Insurance – noted that the Parish Council can cover events that are commissioned by the Parish Council
- Northumberland Association of Local Councils member update – circulated
- Bart Endean – quote for WW1 Memorial £1800 + vat – agreed
- Northumberland County Council – bus service discussions with Arriva – ongoing
- M Warr – concerns over parking on The Glebe – refer to Northumberland County Council
- J Manners – Litter – Refer to Northumberland County Council
- S Lamb – Southern slip road – see above minutes, actions also taken with Northumberland County Council re signage
- R Leonard
  - Litter – referred to Northumberland County Council
  - Possible Footpath on Station Road – refer to Northumberland County Council but noted that this will be included in the Northumberland County Council local transport plan requests for funding for 2021/22
  - Damage to roadside verges – refer to Northumberland County Council
- Freeman E Ridley – endorse grant to the Battle of Britain Group of £1000
- C Bessant – Netherton Park, multiple correspondence with Northumberland County Council, the chair and clerk to assist residents in fighting the proposed development
- Northumberland County Council – Bells Hill, request for mirrors declined
- S Irving – multiple items of correspondence relating to the Northumberland County Council proposed order for a 30mph limit on Station Road. Parish Council awaits the

publication of the order which will be subject to consultation at that point, this is expected in the coming months.

**86. Any other urgent business**

- Guard needs removed from millennium Tree
- Cllr Armstrong from Northumberland County Council is standing down – Parish Council discussed how to mark this exemplary service
- Purdah commences 26 March
- Interim meetings may be necessary on 14 April, 7 May 2021 – to be advised
- The Parish Council has not been consulted on applications at Clifton – Caravan Park and Garage – refer to Northumberland County Council

**87. Date of Next meeting**

12 May 2021 – arrangements subject to Covid 19 Regulations and Guidance.

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

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