

# Stannington Parish Council

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## **Minutes of Meeting** **12<sup>th</sup> November 2014** **Stannington Village Hall – 7.00pm**

Attendance:

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

### **36. Apologies**

Clr Armstrong – Northumberland County Council  
PC Teasedale

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

**Resolved that these be approved**

### **38. Matters arising**

- Cllr Smiles raised the issue of the recent A1 resurfacing and the poor quality of it which he had emailed a One about.
- Cllr Dickinson updated members on the remembrance service which had gone well and was well received by the parishioners.
- A new tree guard and plaque is to be purchased in the next financial year for the tree which was planted in memory of Lord Ridley.

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

#### **Well Hill opencast**

- Extraction of coal dependent on the weather- 90,000 tonnes taken off site
- Fire Clay- movement began August- 75 lorry loads of coal and 35 lorry loads of clay per week
- Transport contractors- Mann and T James- if there are changes to hauliers we will be notified

- Development- Complaints made about early operations before 7am, this issue has been rectified. Extra monitoring of noise will be undertaken following complaints. There are no dust issues. Noise from vehicles breaking were reported in Glororum.
- Restoration- Western site has been signed off, sub soil level. Far western area is completed to sub soil level.
- No planning issues- a site visit to a brick works will be undertaken. A school presentation of clay and brick technology will be arranged.
- Date of next meeting- Thursday 8th January 4pm in the village hall.
- Funding committee- 3 applications in see attached.

## **Neighbourhood plan**

Last meeting held on Monday 27 October 2014

Present:

Cllr Eileen Armstrong – in the Chair  
 Cllr Sandra Dickinson  
 Cllr Karen Carins  
 Cllr Robson Philipson  
 Mike Carins  
 Ian Byatt  
 Vicky Dungait  
 Mark Wood

In Attendance:

Kevin Tipple (Planning Officer, Northumberland county Council)  
 David English (Senior Planning Officer, Northumberland County Council)

Apologies:

Cllr Helen Brown  
 Cllr Denise Strachan  
 David Hepton  
 Colin Thompson  
 Mark McKelvey  
 Mike Peke  
 David Hall

Core strategy consultation

The next draft of the Core Strategy will be published on 11 December and representations can be made up to 16 February 2015. The full Core Strategy will be prepared later in 2015.

Finance – re surveys etc

No financial report was available as David Hall was not present. It is thought that there is about £5,000 in the account which has to be spent before 31 December this year.

Neighbourhood planning drop in session, community engagement

The Drop in session will be in the Village Hall between 2pm and 6pm on 20 November. R Philipson suggested Lord Ridley be asked to give a short talk on Stannington to increase attendance. M Wood agreed to ask him.

D English emphasised the importance of developing the website and getting all the documents on it by the date of the drop in session. The cost should not be great.

An analysis of the comments received from the earlier events would be available in A4 form rather than on posters although the Wizard and Dragon boards used at the school would be on display.

#### Housing need and transport surveys

The questionnaires are being re-written on professional lines. The Housing Survey is fairly easy to draft but the Transport Survey is more difficult. It must find a mid-way between Bellway's transport obligations at St Mary's and a simple bus survey. D English urged the Group to prepare an infrastructure survey against which to test the responses that came back. Maps of various parts of the parish would be made available for members to carry out the survey. The survey should be in a tick-box form to record what is there, is it needed and its state of repair etc.

The survey papers are to be posted at the end of December. Chris Anderson of Planning Aid will advise drawing up a brief so we can engage a professional consultant to analyse the results of the survey. He will also have available the results of earlier consultations. The cost would be between £250 and £750 per day.

The final draft of the survey forms will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

1. Cllr K Carins reported that Bellway had applied for consent to demolish the hospital buildings at St Mary's that were going to be converted into apartments. Small one or two bedroom units would be included and there would be a net increase of about 40 houses on the site. The draft Section 106 promises financial assistance for enlarging/improving the school – details not known.
2. Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan Group has asked for a meeting with our group. D English suggested they be invited to the drop in session as should all surrounding parishes. Invitations should go out through their clerks and each parish should be limited to two people.
3. Colin Horncastle (Allendale Parish Council) has said he would be willing to meet us to talk about their experience. Their neighbourhood plan is ready for inspection and approval.
4. M Wood asked if his successor at Blagdon (Peter Combe) could be invited to the next meeting. This was approved.

The next meeting will be on Monday 24 November at 5.30pm at Moorhouse Farm Shop

#### **Village Hall**

A copy of the recent Village Hall minutes were circulated to members.

#### **Brenkley Liaison committee**

Next meeting Tuesday 23rd September 2014.

### **Stannington Station**

No reports or issues. Meeting will be arranged when there is news on Stobhill, A1 Diner and planning application for former aggregate site.

### **Northumberlandia**

Date for next meeting to be decided.

### **Netherton Park**

No further update on the planning application

### **St Marys Liaison committee**

No meeting has been arranged to date.

### **Village Show**

The Village show steering group can apply for funding from the community chest for playground equipment.

### **Shotton Liaison**

Cllr Smiles has resigned from this committee.

### **Handyman**

Trees in the corner of the playing field are being dealt with by NCC.

A grant has been applied for (Well Hill Opencast) in order to provide new equipment for the play area.

### **Clifton**

The rubbish is increasing yet again despite Mr Henderson from NCC assuring us that Clifton & Glorum would be monitored regularly. However, a picture of the rubbish will be sent to Mr. Henderson for his comments. In the meantime the offending material will be collected & disposed of asap.

There is no further news on the 2 planning applications in Clifton.

Mr. Lisle has now moved from Clifton so we are looking for a volunteer to look after the 2 planters in Clifton which have been well tended by Mr. Lisle whilst he was a resident of Clifton.

The next Shotton Liaison meeting is on December 16th & I will attend.

The Chairman & Cllr Strachan attended the Northumberland Town & Parish Councils Inaugural Annual Conference at County Hall on 25th September. Over 100 people attended to discuss more effective ways of working together & to discuss ideas in 2 workshops entitled "Effective joint Working" & "Effective Communication".

Communication or rather lack of communication with all departments in NCC especially Highways & Planning was heavily discussed in the workshops. Various Parish Councils were frustrated by Highways response of "No Comment" to planning applications where there was clearly an important local issue.

Stability of departmental staff was an issue as officers frequently changed & Parish & Town Councils were not informed. The consensus was that up to date information on staff changes should be out on the website. A Locality Officer should be assigned to each area who would know the issues & provide effective communication to benefit communities.

There was also discussion on whether there should be 6 monthly meetings for smaller parishes to meet heads of services to discuss a future vision for the parishes. Perhaps in the future the rural parishes could meet separately from the town or the Parish & Town Councils could be divided by size.

It was very informative & a chance to meet fellow Cllrs from other Parishes & to understand their needs.

#### **40. Finance**

The following income accounts were approved:

##### **Income**

Interest:

September £0.73

October £1.18

Precept £9500.00

The following payments were approved:

| <b>Chq</b> | <b>Payee</b>  | <b>Details</b>              | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 958        | K Carins      | Reimburse for poppy wreaths | 100.00        |
| 959        | M Stewart     | Salary                      | 480.00        |
| 960        | S Dickinson   | Reimburse for tree          | 44.99         |
| 961        | J Szymczuk    | Website for NP              | 300.39        |
| 962        | Air ambulance | Donation                    | 100.00        |
| 963        | PCC           | Delivery of NP forms        | 150.00        |

#### **41. Development Control**

| <b>Application</b> | <b>Address</b>     | <b>Detail</b> | <b>Decision</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 14/03453           | 19 Milkhope Centre | Extension     | No objection    |
| 14/02860           | Holiday Inn        | Extension     | No objection    |
| 14/03032           | East Moor Farm     | Shed          | No objection    |
| 14/03376           | West Duddo         | Extension     | No objection    |

Notices of appeal

Notices of enquiry

#### **42. Correspondence**

Noted unless otherwise indicated:

- Community Action – Annual report
- NALC – Annual report
- Legacare – request for funding declined
- Stannington Show – thanks for funding
- Stannington PCC – thanks for funding

#### **43. Any Other Business**

- Cllr Strachan raised concerns about the obscurity of the entrance to St Mary's which has been raised with NCC
- Cllr Dickinson raised the possibility of a parish directory which will be considered in the new year
- NCC – letter sent to parking offenders on Green Close
- PC Teasdale –
  - The issue regarding manure burning was given to the environmental health dept.
  - Station Road Nursery was broken into in September and pedal cycles stolen which to date have not been recovered. There was some information relating to who may be responsible but there was no evidence to confirm this.
  - Issue of cars being parked in the car park at the village hall. These belong to a car sales man who is exploiting the fact it is a private car park as the police have no powers to move these vehicles.
- NCC - Cllr Armstrong is funding a scheme to provide "Gateway signage" this will incorporate village nameplate signs with the speed limit. A project brief has recently been sent to our Design Team. Once designed, NCC will be forwarding Cllr Armstrong the proposals, NCC can also arrange for these be sent to The Parish Council for comments.

#### **44. Date of next meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> January in the new building at Stannington First School.

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Date**