

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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**Minutes of Meeting held**  
**23 November 2022**  
**St Mary's Church Meeting Room**  
**7.00pm**

**Attendance:**

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

**31. To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

**32. To receive any declarations of interest**

None

**33. To receive the minutes of the previous**

Received and confirmed as a true record

**34. To receive any matters arising**

None

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

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr Malcolm Scott

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

**Purpose of report:** To update the Council on issues raised

**Commentary:**

- a) A resident has spoken to me and asked if it would be possible for the village to be tidied up next year. She mentioned the situation relating to the large amounts of weeds etc on the pavements, growing in the street gutters and on the central dividing areas on Platinum Way this year. She has felt that the village has looked 'shabby' in 2022. If possible, could

the PC consider whether any of the monies raised by the World War events be used for this purpose in 2023. She has mentioned perhaps a deal with one of the local garden centres who could perhaps provide floral displays in the village.

- b) A local villager has mentioned the darkness in the cul de sac opposite the Ridley Arms which she say makes walking along the uneven footpath difficult in darkness

**Actions requested:**

- a) Request Stannington Parish Council consider a Village tidy up in 2023.
- b) Can an additional streetlight be provided in the cul de sac

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr. Karen Carins

**Date:** 23rd Novemberr 2022

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

**Stannington Station Road**

The garage sign has been removed and replaced with a smaller sign. Residents are pleased with the outcome. There has been a possible breach of planning conditions at Willow Homes NE Development of Nursery Gardens. Councillor Carins has contacted Liz Sinnamon, Planning Officer,NCC, for advice.

**Action:** To continue to work with residents with ongoing issues

**Stannington Village**

The Christmas tree will be sourced by Councillor Robson and new connections will be purchased. Stannington First School's Christmas lunch has been organised to be held at the Village Hall and the Parish Council will pay for the hire of the hall. The Village Hall Committee have organised a magician, as their contribution to the Christmas lunch. There has been flooding issues, again, on Church Road.

**Action:** To liaise with residents and report to the Parish Council. To ask that NCC clean all the drains around the village.

**St Marys Park**

There has been no news on the playing field to date.

**Action:** To support the residents and work with Bellway and NCC to ensure that the area is put back to a state that is agreeable to all.

**The Coronation**

The village hall and entertainment has been booked for the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This is to be a whole Parish free event similar to the Jubilee Event in 2022.

**Action:**The councillors to discuss the format for the day.

## **Netherton Park**

Since the last report the Drive has been tarmacked which has made a huge difference, and the clearing/tidying work near the show home/plot 1 is nearing completion so the show home should be open fairly soon. There is now a useable foot path down the side of the Drive but it is a rubble one and should be tarmacked soon.

Two speed bumps have been put down by Bellway on the Drive which is controlling the speed of traffic on the Drive which has been a concern of residents. The promised (before the school summer holidays) speed bumps on the main County Council owned access road are still not there, the County Council are ignoring all requests for information/clarification and the concerns about safety/speed from the Straughans corner to Kyloe House entrance remain.

Part of the narrow road that runs north to south from the past the offices and the 'Cottages' is being dug up to allow electricity cables to be laid which will connect to the five new houses on the Drive. This has meant a temporary access route for the Offices and the Cottages and the back lane to be put in place. This takes incoming traffic along the Drive, then through the Bellway site to the existing eastern boundary road and then north, west and south. Outgoing traffic does the reverse. This should only be in place for a few days while the work is done. Unfortunately the horrendous weather last week has delayed the process and slowed up the work.

Bellway facilitated this temporary access route by laying a significant amount of hard core on the periphery and widening the roads as best they can and putting in passing places.

There has been confusion from some locals about the use Bellway have made over the last few weeks of the road north from the Drive and then along the road at the northern boundary to their temporary compound on the farmers land. This is entirely their prerogative as they own these roads. The northern road will be the access road for the houses that are built on the northern boundary. The confusion may have arisen because of the discussions with Bellway regarding site access before the development started, and the agreement that the main access route would be along the Drive. The northern route was considered but both the majority of residents and Bellway agreed that the Drive was the best option. However, this did not mean that Bellway would not or could not use the roads that they own when necessary. Bellway did explain to the residents that they would need to do this for a period of time while the work on the Drive was completed.

The last few weeks have been difficult as the poor weather and the nature of the work has conspired to make the roads and surrounding areas very muddy, and the work areas very busy as multiple tasks are carried out. Bellway are bringing in a road sweeper several times a day to deal with the worst of it. The tarmacking of the Drive has made a big difference.

Some of the new houses on the Drive may be occupied by Xmas.

Residents continue to meet with Bellway on a weekly basis and are kept informed of key developments, although it's clear that things can change on a daily basis depending on weather conditions, sub-contractor behaviour etc.

Finally, it's important to state that the residents continue to raise concerns with Northumberland County Council but receive no feedback or resolution.

The first is the ongoing issue of the main access road, speed, visibility, safety and the final road safety plan. The Council has not responded to any of the requests for a number of months.

The second is a more recent issue in relation to Kylloe House. A new electronic security gate has been approved by the Council which involves new lighting and cameras. Residents asked for clarification of how it would work, what the cameras would see, where the lighting would shine etc. Residents also suggested that the proposed security gate could be moved nearer to Kylloe House to avoid issues of traffic backing up onto the main access road and to improve the 'look and feel' of the entrance so that it would look less like the entrance to a prison. The residents are unclear why it needs to be where it is. However, all of their questions and requests have been ignored.

Residents are very disappointed with the lack of response from the County Council on all their concerns.

**Action:** To support the residents and work with Bellway and NCC to ensure that the area is put back to a state that is agreeable to all and the Parish Council should write to NCC regarding the road safety plan and the promised speed bumps and ask that the resident's concerns are addressed in a timely manner.

### **36. To consider items pertaining to development control**

#### **Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with timber framed extension**

Damson Cottage 2 Vale View Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6HD

Ref. No: 22/04272/FUL

**No objection**

#### **Discharge of Conditions 6 (Dust Management Plan), 8 (Contamination), 11 (Ground Gases), 13 (Foul/Surface Water), 15 (Proposed Highway Work), 16 (Maintenance of Proposed Streets), 18 (Surface Water Drainage), 19 (Construction Method Statement) and 22 (Archaeological Report) on approved application 21/00085/OUT**

51 Station Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6NH

Ref. No: 22/04230/DISCON

**No objection**

#### **Erection of 2 x detached two bed bungalows**

56 Station Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6NH

Ref. No: 22/04089/FUL

**Object: Is against and contrary to the Stannington Neighbourhood Plan and in Greenbelt.**

#### **Discharge of condition 13 (street maintenance) on approved application 20/02069/REM**

Land North East Of Netherton Park Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 22/03833/DISCON

**No objection**

### **37. Finance**

The Clerk reported that KPF Littlejohn had completed the external audit and that there were no matters to report and that it was a clean audit.

### **38. Correspondence**

- Northumberland County Council – community preparedness
- Resident – Willow Homes
- Resident – road safety at Netherton Park
- Northumberland County Council – dealing with road issues at Glororum and referred matters re damage on roundabouts at the grade separated junction

### **39. Forthcoming Coronation of the King**

Councillors discussed the format of the day. The council will fund a free event during the day at the Village Hall with bunting and tables on the car park and move indoors if weather becomes an issue. The council to fund entertainment.

A donation will be given to the Village Hall to run a music event that evening.

### **40. Other business**

- Cllr Brown has met Mr King of Northumberland County Council to discuss ongoing road issues at Glororum
- New noticeboards to be provided at Netherton Park and Hepscott Park
- Chair to offer support to St Mary's residents re the village hall there
- Move Defib from shelter to Village Hall
- Christmas tree and new lights on order
- First aid and defib course to be arranged in 2023
- Contact Northumberland County Council re weed killing and verge clearance across the parish
- Stannington School – thanks for supporting school trips
- Northumberland County Council – street lighting action

### **41. Date of Next meeting**

18 January 2023

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

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