

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held
8 September 2021
St Mary's Church Stannington
7.00pm

Attendance:

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a two minute silence to mark the death of Susan Wilson, former parish councillor who retired at the May Elections. Sue was a very active member of the WI, History Group and Parish Council and will be sorely missed.

38. To receive apologies for absence

R Philipson

39. To receive any declarations in any part of the agenda as known prior to the meeting

None declared at this point

40. Public session

Thirteen members of the public were present, mainly from The Dovecote and also Whitehouse Farm.

A very long and detailed discussion took place in relation to The Whitehouse Centre and a environmental screening report which had been published by Northumberland County Council. The Clerk to the council explained that this was an advanced piece of work in relation to a planning application which would be likely submitted in 2022 and at that point the council and public could comment, support or object. There was particular concern about a Pet Crematorium which had been established without planning permission and this would be reported to the planning officer. It was suggested that a liaison meeting with the operator of the attraction may be useful.

A further discussion took place regarding the access. Residents own the access and the operators of the centre have a right of access over it. This is a matter for civil law. There was also a discussion about septic tank issues which is a matter for the Environment Agency.

Residents of The Dovecote expressed concern about the ongoing issue of vehicles using the unclassified road which is prohibited except for residents. Drivers use this road, at speed and

cause obstructions. The Chairman is meeting Northumberland County Council and will discuss the issues with them.

Local Parish Council Stapleton attended the meeting and gave a detailed report on issues in the local area. It is important to note however that this is a very low crime area.

41. To receive the minutes of the previous meetings held

Minutes agreed as a true record.

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

None not already covered in the agenda

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

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 7th September 2021

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

1. a) A resident has spoken to me and complained about a hole in the pavement at the edge of the fire hydrant adjacent to No 61 The Glebe, Stannington. (See picture attachment) . This is creating a trip and fall hazard on the pavement.
2. b) A Vauxhall Astra (Reg No. KL55 MHU) understood to be a Luton registration has been abandoned on the grass verge at the rear of No 1 Elizabeth Square Stannington. The vehicle has been there for 5-6 days. The resident of No.1 Mr. Lamb has reported this to Northumbria Police who it is understood have not attended yet. He states that it was abandoned by two men. It is understood that Councillor Carins was to take this matter up with N.C.C. this week. (See attached pictures).PC Andrea Potts has been informed.
3. c) Elderly resident has again asked if there has ever been any further feedback regarding a once or twice weekly bus service to Cramlington Manor Walks.

Actions requested:

1. a) Request repair to pavement at the Glebe.
2. b) Request N.C.C. or Northumbria Police to arrange uplift of this car.
3. c) Council considers whether further discussions with the Local Bus Company would be useful regarding this issue.

Councillor M. Scott 07/09/2021

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author : Helen Brown

Date: 8th September 2021

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

Commentary:

Glororum:

After some discussion with the residents of Glorum it appears that the priority signage is largely being ignored. We have priority signage at the East and West exit/entrance to facilitate safe movement of vehicles through the narrow, single width part of the route within Glorum itself. If followed correctly this avoids head on collisions. Over the summer Holidays I have witnessed this daily. We highlighted this issue at the recent meeting held at Glorum to inform netherton Park residents of the issues we have encountered being a Bellway Construction route and to pass on our knowledge to hopefully avoid the same issues there.

We feel that the warning of the 'narrow route' and 'priority' signs are too late within Glorum and need to be placed further out if possible but do appreciate that the lack of verge now may not make this possible, especially at the East Junction.

NCC are now aware of the problems and a meeting has been organized with NEIL Snowdon of the safety team.

We are also awaiting the traffic movement / count device to compare results with last year now that we have the speed flashers in place.

Councilor Brown would also appreciate feedback on issues raised in March as no action has been taken to add more gravel to the 'over run' areas, repair the road where it is breaking up, to remove the sharp curb at the East junction heading out to Clifton as this edge is repeatedly splitting tyres or any improvements to reduce the many signs at the Clifton junction to reduce confusion and distraction.

Actions requested :

Follow up on Neil Snowdon meeting

Speed/vehicle count strips put down at Glorum

Please inform NCC of the above hazards:

: request inspection of the Glorum route with a view to add more gravel

: strengthen road where it is breaking up.

: remove / replace sharp edged roadside curb.

: look to reducing the amount of signage or sharing poles – 'totem pole' effect

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 8th September 2021

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

Brenkley Liaison Committees

Commentary: Next meeting 14th September 2021 Stannington Village

Commentary:

Councillor Carins received a report regarding the utilities beneath the grass verge where the proposed tree planting will take place.

The trees will need to be planted further back from the kerb and be of a height that will not cause a nuisance to the residents close by. Fruit trees are still being considered. Trees, within the village, that need surgery work will be attended to within the next 3 to 12 months. The Tree Officers are advising the Parish Council on tree root damage to the pavements. Highway Officers will be inspecting trees from private gardens that are causing issues with any public footpaths. The Glebe has been resurfaced.

Netherton Park and Glorum Commentary:

Councillor Carins attended a meeting at Count Hall with County Councillor Lyle Darwin, Planning Officer Geoff Horsman and Adam Hall (NCC Children's Services Residential Lead Manager for Kyloe House). The issues at Netherton Park were discussed.

1. Geoff Horsman has had some exchanges of emails with Kyloe House and they would not be supportive of their site being used to provide a one way system for construction traffic. There are health and safety concerns for the children residing at Kyloe House and they must comply with OFSTED. However, Councillors have spoken with a local landowner of the access track which runs to the immediate south of Kyloe House and the south east

corner of the application site which provides a route from the bridge underneath the railway line to the site access road just to the west of the Kyloe House access and they may be willing to consider an arrangement whereby that route could be used as part of a one way system for construction traffic.

2. In terms of use of The Drive by construction vehicles, a segregated footpath route could be considered to provide safe access along The Drive for use by residents during construction works.

3. Adam Hall has advised that there are certain times of day when comings and goings at Kyloe House in terms of staff changeovers and deliveries are at their greatest. It will be beneficial if Bellway could liaise with Adam on these matters and amend their proposals re Condition 16 so that use of the access road by Bellway construction staff/deliveries does not coincide with these busiest times re Kyloe House.

A meeting at Glorum and Netherton Park was arranged by Councillor Carins to consider the similar highway issues between Glorum and Netherton Park. Stannington Parish Council attended along with Council

Leader Glen Sanderson, residents from Netherton Park and County Councillor Lyle Darwin. Everyone witnessed first hand the ongoing problems at Glorum with the road width and signage. A convoy of 4 buses going to and from the Whitehouse Centre, a confusion regarding the give way to oncoming traffic sign, a tractor and speeding traffic were witnessed. Councillor Darwin continued onto Netherton Park to look at the issues there.

Councillor Carins organised a meeting to be held at both locations with Neil Snowdon (NCC Road Safety Officer) on the 16th September.

A further meeting with Councillor Sanderson was arranged for a look at the issues at Netherton Park on 2nd September.

Residents reinforced the pavement and road width issues, discussed the original plan in 2014 and the change in 2019 under delegated powers, raising the question of why land was no

longer available, why the 'sub-optimal' decision was made under delegated powers, the fact that traffic data from 2014 was used for the justification and also the question of whether the narrower road decision would have been made in 2014.

There was some discussion about why land was not looked at from neighbouring landowners.

Residents reinforced the safety concerns and the challenges for pavement users.

Residents showed Councillor Sanderson the sharp Kyloe S bend and pointed out how dangerous it is and that a road cutting across the north side of Kyloe land would be/have been a good solution for saving the Drive and making it safer.

The meeting moved to the Drive and residents pointed out all the trees that would be removed. The residents pointed out the Local Area Plan and the Council's own Green policy. A resident pointed out the contradiction that while the Council was making trees available to county residents they were allowing these trees to be removed. Geoff Horsman explained that all options had been explored as part of the planning process.

Residents reinforced their concerns regarding the Straughans corner and the crossing/footpath arrangements from there to the old A1.

Councillor Sanderson has asked Geoff Horsman to liaise with his secretary to arrange a meeting to get himself, Geoff Horsman, a senior representative from Bellway, a senior representative from the Netherton Park Trustees, Councillor Darwin, Councillor Carins and a representative of NPRA at County Hall to see what if anything else can be done. Bellway have been asked to delay the felling of the trees on The Drive.

Bellway has been asked to secure the site as there has been some antisocial behaviour taking place plus a lot of exploratory holes dug which are not covered.

Action; Councillor Carins will report the meetings findings to the Parish Council. We will continue to attend the NPRA liaison meetings.

44. To consider Councillors items/projects

- Discussions ongoing regarding the installation of a defibrillator at Station Road
- Parish council is seeking a meeting with the County Councillor and Leader re Netherton Park
- Play area installation is completed and donations are now requested
- Bins have now been installed across the parish at Station Road, Hepscott, St Mary, Stannington Village
- A new gate post is ordered from the cemetery gate

45. To consider items pertaining to development control

- **Discharge of conditions 72 (details of short-term grass seed mixture) and 84 (details of long-term grass seed mixture) on approved application 13/02814/VARCCM**
Brenkley Delhi Opencast Seaton Burn Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE13 6DA
Ref. No: 21/03245/DISCON | Received: Fri 13 Aug 2021 | Validated: Fri 13 Aug 2021 |

No objection from the Parish Council

- **Extension to the rear garden room.**
45 The Glebe Stannington NE61 6HW
Ref. No: 21/03175/FUL | Received: Tue 10 Aug 2021 | Validated: Wed 18 Aug 2021 |

No objection from the Parish Council

- **Screening Opinion for development of 49 holiday lodges/treehouses, 35 holiday chalets, 15 Caravan pitches with facilities, conversion of water tower into holiday accommodation. 2 wind turbines, 1 managers dwelling, 2 Farm Buildings. Improvement to visitor enclosure and new site access and additional parking.**
The Whitehouse Centre Ltd Whitehouse Farm Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AW
Ref. No: 21/03041/SCREEN | Received: Tue 27 Jul 2021 | Validated: Tue 27 Jul 2021 |

Noted that this would be the subject of a full planning application at which point the council will comment.

- **Prior Notification: Erection of single storey extension to rear with height to eaves of 2.61m, maximum height of 3.95m and total projection from rear wall of original dwelling of 6.00m**
23 Station Road Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6DX
Ref. No: 21/02940/HPA | Received: Wed 21 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 21 Jul 2021

No objection from the Parish Council

- **Replace yard surface with resin bound gravel,/printed concrete/artificial grass, sports surface to be replaced with artificial grass/rubbercrub, rain/sun shelter in yard centre, walls increased to 5.2m, lighting, CCTV cameras, access gate and road**
Northumberland County Council Netherton Park Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6DE
Ref. No: 21/02864/FUL | Received: Fri 16 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 11 Aug 2021 |

No objection from the Parish Council

- **Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved application 20/02096/FUL - in order to amend the design**
Land West Of 69 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 21/02828/VARYCO | Received: Wed 14 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 14 Jul 2021 |

No objection from the Parish Council

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices - none

46. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Fees £950.00

Bank balance of BOI £25,572.41 and Lloyds TSB £10,350 as at 31 July 2021

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1290	Northern Services	Planters	2490.96
1291	Playdale	Tractor	4686.00
1292	St Mary's Parochial Church Council	Meeting room hire	210.00
1293	Blagdon	Rent	410.00
DD	Wave	Water bill	18.00
BT	BT	Line rental	78.75
NCC	NNDR Rates	Nil charge	0.00

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

47. Ongoing update on COVID19 Pandemic

The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation and give support where necessary to individuals and groups. It is expected that there will be a rise in cases in the winter and so it is important that

48. Correspondence

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

- Northumberland County Council – invitation to meet the Leader
- Resident of Hepscott re Park Drive surfacing
- Resident of Whitehouse Centre – pet crematorium
- Eversheds - instructions for retrieval of deeds
- K Common - slate ordered for memorial
- Resident of Green Close – issues re trees

49. Any other urgent business

- Northern Service to be asked to address issues in relation to bus shelters in the parish and in particular at The Vale, Blagdon and Seven Mile house.

50. Date of Next meeting

10 November 2021 – arrangements subject to Covid 19 Regulations and Guidance.

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____