

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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**Minutes of meeting held**  
**14 November 2018 – 6.45pm**  
**Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School**

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair  
Councillor M Scott  
Councillor R Tolson  
Councillor R Philipson  
D Hall – Clerk  
Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor  
Martin King Northumberland County Council

5 Residents of the parish

**52. Public session**

Mrs Nicholson of Hespcott Park attended the meeting and explained in great detail her wish to erect a property on waste land at the end of The Drive. There was no encroachment and impact on the surrounding countryside. The development would tidy up a derelict site and complete the street scene. The council noted Mrs Nicholson's comments.

Mrs Irvin attended the meeting to express concern about a planning application for 2 windmills at North Whitehouse. It was noted that there was no planning application at present and that should there be one the parish council would be consulted. It appeared from some documents provided that the proposed windmills were small.

Mr Fail attended the meeting to explain his wish to convert a redundant stable building at Middle Duddo so that he could live onsite and farm his rare breed animals which he has done for a number of years. Mr Fail would be seeking an agricultural tie. The council noted Mr Fail's comments.

**53. To receive any apologies**

Councillor D Emery  
Councillor H Brown  
Councillor S Wilson  
Councillor S Dickinson

All apologies were approved.

**54. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda**

None known at this stage

**55. To receive and agree the minutes of the previous meeting held 12 September 2018**

Agreed

**56. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 September 2018**

Noted that Bellway had agreed in principle to allow a shelter to be erected at St Mary Park although a formal exchange of letters is required, in addition it is being investigated whether Bellway could provide the base either FOC or at a cost.

**57. To consider reports from around the parish/outside bodies**

**Handyman**

- Recycling center needs cleaning
- New seat required in the cemetery
- Moles in the cemetery – arranged treatment
- Earth mound in the cemetery – Blagdon Estate arranging clearance
- Car park – tree needs pruned – actioned
- Shelters – 2 shelters need painted in the village – weather permitting
- New strimmer required – approved
- Some tree guards need moved

**Village Hall**

Clr Scott advised that he had resigned from the village hall committee under difficult circumstances and after a difficult meeting. Councillors agreed that the clerk write seeking clarification of nominees, constitution etc.

**WW1 100 Years**

The Remembrance weekend is an event that this Parish will never forget.  
Report of Cllr Carins:

I have been humbled by the generosity and support we have received from the people and businesses of Stannington and beyond and from the wonderful sponsors who made the £10,000, Heritage Lottery Grant, we received, grow to nearly £20,000 in funding. Words cannot convey the pride I feel for my community as I am sure you all feel the same.

Thanks to Councillor Sandra Dickinson and her wonderful Flower Ladies and Stannington WI. To Deborah Court our story teller and to Lizzie Carins our illustrator and designer. Thank you to Liz Ferguson for her work at Kyoel House and the beautiful banners in Church depicting the WW1. The lighting of the church proved to be an amazing success too, it looked stunning.

Thanks To Councillor Richard Tolsen and Mark Legard for all their research and incredible hard work. Without their vision and attention to detail we would not have witnessed and been able to experience this Weekend of Remembrance. We will Remember them, thanks to Blyth Battery, Northumberland

Archives and all the wonderful museums that have allowed us access to their immense archives and helped in so many other ways.

Thank you to our incredible School children who have made the whole event so special, their march was beautiful and made a fitting tribute. They looked splendid in their red cloaks and scarves. They were filmed for over an hour by Tyne Tees on Thursday, 8th November, and they are credit to all of us. I must admit I shed a tear when they sang like angels. Well done. Thanks to Alex Palmer, our Headmistress, and the teachers and staff at Stannington First School, who all worked so hard, to embrace this special Remembrance event.

We are extremely grateful to Reverend Catherine Pickford whose blessings and guidance throughout the whole weekend were thoughtful and poignant.

Thanks to David Clarke for his guidance in dressing up, he was in his element!  
Thanks go to Councillor Malcolm Scott and Christine Scott who organised the fundraising evenings and the Edwardian themed evening. Christine kept the troops fed with her wonderful sandwiches during the trench dig!

Thank you to everyone involved in the Peace Tea, Betty's tea room has nothing on these ladies!  
Thank you to Issy Legard, wife of Mark, and her team for a lovely spread at the Flower Festival and book signing opening event and for her very realistic banners that were seen in the village and the village hall and for agreeing to everything that was asked of her!

There are many unsung heroes who helped make everything possible.

Ian Byatt

Paul, Gill and Emily Wood

Jonathan Tolson, Mike, George and Jimmy Carins, Dave Hepton

Alastair Yeaman, Matthew Legard, Robert Nixon, Ray Dickie

Steve & Ann Lamb, David Dickinson, Roger Dickinson, Councillor Robson Philipson

Rosie Philipson, Cath & Brian Smiles, Peter & Christine Goodfellow

Doreen Worswick, Doreen Robson, Christine Duffy, Danny Gilbert

Clare and all the staff at the Ridley Arms

Paul Tennant, Michael Cockram, Michael Turner, Michael & Lynne

Richard Ferguson, David Hall, Sir Adam Ridley, County Councillor Eileen Armstrong

Thank you to our wonderful villagers who have decorated the village, Eunice and Martin Ridley to name but a few and Maurice, our very own handy man, still sweeping leaves till late on the Thursday afternoon. Can I say that Tommy Pringle and Maurice played their part wonderfully over the whole event, thank you to both of you for just being you, perfect gentlemen!

The thankyou's could go on and on because so many people have supported this tremendous event. If your name doesn't appear in this blog let me know as I will make sure you are mentioned in dispatches!

We also give a huge thank you to Lord and Lady Ridley who supported everything that took place over the 4-day event. Their generosity and enthusiasm were very much appreciated.  
The motley crew that had a cunning plan and organised the whole event are;

Mark Legard

Councillor Richard Tolson

Councillor Malcolm Scott

Helen Murphy

Reverend Catherine Pickford

David Clarke

Councillor Sandra Dickinson

Councillor Sue Wilson  
And Yours Truly

A community working together!

**58. 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:

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Decision</b>
18/03367	Mr Fail	West Duddon	Conversion of former stable block for residential	Stannington Parish Council supports this application as it will provide accommodation for a farmer who has successfully reared rare breed and alpacas over the last 7 years. It brings back into use a former stable building. We would support this on the basis that it had an agricultural tie included in the permission.
18/03424	Mrs Nicholson	16 Park Drive Hepscoth	Dwelling	Stannington Parish Council Supports this application, it is infill, as are many of the self-build properties on that site of the main rive through Hepscoth Park. The dwelling would complete the self-build in the area and is not in green belt. Indeed Hepscoth park has seen significant development in the area on land sold to Bellway by NCC and even development on the former playing field has been allowed.
18/03618	Mr Arkley	Royston House, St Mary Park	Orangery	No objection
18/03672	Mr Huntley	2 Beamish Way	Porch	No objection
18/03593	Mrs J Caufield	75 Station Road	5 dwellings	Stannington Parish council objects because to allow this development in the

				greenbelt would in effect create a whole new street off Station Road.
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Note: Cllr Armstrong of Northumberland County Council took no part in any of the planning discussions.

Notices of appeal - none  
 Notices of enquiry – none

**59. To consider matters relating to finance**

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

**Income:**

**Interest**

September £2.08  
 October £3.05

Precept £12500

Village show £3600, Fees £335

**Bank balance of £36447.58 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 5 October 2018**

**The following payments were approved:**

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1171	Harrisons	Flag poles	463.24
1172	Factory Frames	Frame pictures	150.00
1173	K Carens (Bookers)	Refreshements	133.75
1174	7Presentations	Floodlighting/lummiere	2000.00
1175	7Presentations	Floodlighting/lummiere	200.00
1176	Wave	Water bill	185.16
1177	Carrs Billington	Squirell food	43.73
1178	K Clark	repairs	200.00
1179	G Dickie	Planting	100.00
1180	Communicorp	Scrolls	419.76
1181	Solagen	Repairs	282.00
1182	KPF Littlejohn	Audit	240.00
1183	Blagdon	Fencing	800.00
1184	Community Action N'land	Donation	100.00
1185	PC World	Printer & answerphone	254.98
1186	Northumberland Soc	Donation	25.00
1187	K Carins	Reimburse consumable costs WW1	47.71

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

**Annual Audit**

Report now received from PKF Littlejohn – no matters requiring attention and unqualified opinion.  
 Notice of conclusion of audit posted.

**60. Correspondence**

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- HMRC – VAT reclaim changes
- Northumberland County Council – street naming at Station Road
- Royal mail – scam mail
- Northumberland County Council – precepts
- Mr Flounders – roads at St Mary's etc
- Elan City – quote for 2 speed signs (£3589.10 + VAT) – Approved
- Eileen Armstrong Northumberland County Council – thanks for WW1 event

**61. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman**

- Leaves were not cleared for the remembrance parade despite Northumberland County Council agreeing this work – write and complain
- Grit bin needed for Elizabeth Square
- Verge on the way to Catraw would benefit from a path – Northumberland County Council request
- Buglars circulating in the village – need for care

**62. Date of next meeting**

16 January 2019 – 6.45pm Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Date**