

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
**20 November 2019 –6.45pm**  
**Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School**

Attendance:

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

## **Public Session**

A resident attended the meeting and asked for clarity on a planning notice to Northumberland County Council for recognition that a site could be used as a touring caravan site on Stannington Station Road on a limited basis without the need for planning. After some research it was concluded that this was indeed possible. Both Councillors and residents felt that this was because the site had been refused planning permission and that this was a potential lever to attain planning permission for housing.

Another resident and partner attended the meeting to seek support for an application for a residence at West Duddo in connection with rare breed farming. A discussion took place and the council were generally in support of this request. The council recognised that this was aligned with the Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan and in particular to encourage start up business.

## **44. To receive any apologies**

Councillor D Emery, Councillor H Brown, Councillor S Dickinson

## **45. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda**

Clr Carins declared an interest in any applications for planning on Station Road

## **46. To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 11 September 2019**

Approved

## **47. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held 11 September 2019**

- Noted that the play area is to be repainted but once it has dried out after the wet weather
- Planters at the village entrances are to be replaced in 2020
- A meeting with the Village Hall is to be held in 2020

- A meeting is to be held with developers to discuss the development of the old A1 Diner site
- Northumberland County Council – requested to sweep leaves across the parish
- Potholes across the parish are still an issue, particularly on The Glebe and corner of Plessey View
- Planned date for Freeman Ceremony is 31 January 2020
- Shelter at 7 Mile house needs repaired

Councillors also discussed the allocation of remaining funds from the WW1 fund which is to be distributed in Spring 2020. Current Freeman will be asked to consider applications and recommend to the council for final sign off. Potential criteria are:

- **Primary**
  - Must be linked to the Parish
  - For a group or individual
- **Secondary**
  - Key piece of equipment for use by a group
  - Support for Start Up rather than business as usual
  - Environmental projects
  - Sponsor an individual for a significant event – eg represent the county or country
  - Other significant investment for the greater good of the parish or its residents

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

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr Malcolm Scott

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

**Commentary:**

- a) I can report that the grit bin has been installed on Elizabeth Square at a suitable point on the incline. Local residents have expressed gratitude to the Parish Council for this.
- b) Is there any update relating to the concern and complaint about the state of the road surface and potholes at main A1 North Junction Roundabout on the East side of the A1. The road surface to the East side is poor and requires repair prior to the winter if possible.
- c) A resident has spoken to me and verbally complained about the state of the road gutters following the leaf fall. Is there a way to get the large County Council road sweeping vehicle to come through the Village more frequently particularly at this time of year.
- d) A complaint has been received about large tree limbs hanging out into the road and traffic flow on Blagdon Lane on the Eastbound carriageway. As this is a major safety issue particularly in the hours of darkness can these trees be cut back as a matter of urgency. One tree is prior to the A1 underpass the other is near the end of the Plantation on the Banks Mining side of the road. High trucks/vehicles are at risk.
- e) Is there any further progress on a bus to Cramlington particularly as the Christmas period has started.
- f) A verbal complaint received from a Village resident regarding what is being left in the area by people in cars at the end of the Vale Road at night. Numerous condoms, waste tissues etc. have been noted as being left in the area. Due to the potential health risks the area needs a regular visit from the Council litter collection team.

**Actions requested:**

- a) No action required.
- b) Request road surface repairs to the roundabout surface at the North of the Village on the East side of the A1.
- c) Contact N.C.C. to request attendance of road sweepers on a more frequent basis during Autumn months.
- d) Request Blagdon Estates or Banks Mining to ascertain who should cut back the trees and request an urgent cut of the dangerous tree branches protruding into the roadway.
- e) Hold urgent further discussions with the Rural Bus Service to progress bus service to Manor Walks shopping Centre at Cramlington.
- f) Contact NCC plus Northumbria Police regarding this matter.

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**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr. Karen Carins  
**Date:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

**Stannington Village**

**Commentary:** The road leading from the village to Catraw has been repaired. Councillor Carins has requested a walkabout with officers from Northumberland County council to look at all the potholes and pavement issues in the village. Seats in the Church yard require re painting. There is a big problem with leaves and moss on pavements around the village. Graves in the new cemetery are in need of topping up as they are proving a hazard. The Freeman of the Parish has been arranged for the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. The Church caterers have been booked. The deeds for the cemetery car park need to be examined as the Parish council may be eligible to apply for funding in its own right. Kerb cleaning and drain cleaning is still an issue around the Parish. The work carried out by Maurice will now have to be undertaken by the contractors. A request for a village Christmas tree has come in. The Church has to fund £80 for the hire of the bugler on Remembrance Sunday and the heating and use of the Church for approx. 3 hours.

Please see the following Church Magazine reports;

**The Presentation of the red cloak to Lady Ridley 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

On Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> October, Lady Ridley was presented with the red cloak bearing the name of Lord Ridley's Great Grandfather, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew White, 2<sup>nd</sup> Viscount Ridley. The first Viscountess Ridley initiated the giving of the red cloaks to all the Stannington School girls in 1885. Lady Rosemary, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Viscountess Ridley carried on with the tradition throughout the First World War. Queen Victoria's tailor, Price Price Jones, made the red cloaks for Lady Ridley.

Lord Ridley was presented with an original magazine cover of his Great Grandmother. The older girls of Stannington First school wore the remaining red cloaks and the boys wore their scarves.

Stannington Parish Council conducted the presentation and Reverend Catherine engaged the children with questions about the origins of the red cloaks. The schoolchildren then delighted us with their beautiful singing.

Ian Byatt, of Moorhouse Farm Shop, donated three cakes to accompany our cup of tea and our esteemed Freeman of the Parish attended the presentation too.

We were all very impressed by the children who are a credit to Headmistress Alex Palmer and her dedicated staff.

Lady Ridley has kindly suggested that the red cloak be kept in the church so that it may be used by the children at future events.

### **The Battle of Britain Film Night**

On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> November the iconic film “the Battle of Britain” was played in St Marys Church. The church was filled with 1940’s memorabilia and reminders of what life must have been like for all those who endured the Second World War.

The whole experience was very poignant, particularly as it was just prior to the Remembrance weekend. Thanks, must go to all the re-enactors, friends and villagers who attended, with a special thank you to The Blyth Battery, The WW2 Operations Room, Paul Ternent from Northumberland Archives and Reverend Catherine.

Filmgoers were treated to a glass of wine, 2 ounces of sweet rations and a tin mug of vegetable soup with a piece of Geordie designer bread, a stotty! The soup was provided by Moorhouse Farm Café and was thoroughly enjoyed with some folk even succumbing to second thirds!

The special effects were thought provoking, it must have been terrifying to hear the siren every night not knowing if you were going to make it through a bombing raid. Thanks to 7Presentations who provided the sound and special effects and who we will be working with next year. The Church looked magnificent and was greatly admired by all who attended.

Comments from the audience included,

“ It was great to be part of a wonderful evening on Friday in St Mary's. The turnout was excellent and it was nice to see so many in period costume which certainly enhanced the atmosphere on the night. We look forward to working closely with you over the coming months to develop content for the big day in September 2020.”

“Great night. Loved all the detail especially the shop!!”

“We really enjoyed the evening in your lovely church. Thank you for your warm hospitality and delicious soup! Moorhouse Farm Shop is definitely on our list for a visit next time we are in the area.” The feedback has been amazing and we are thrilled that so many people are interested in our beautiful village and in supporting our community event next year.

The night was organised to kick start next year’s event. We are fortunate that we have the opportunity of using other venues in the Parish for our future events, but, on this occasion, we felt that the Church was perfect for this film of Commemoration.

We donated over £100 worth of raffle prizes to St Marys Church so that they could benefit in lieu of the usual Church hire. The Church Treasurer reliably informs me that the Church raised £170 from the raffle, we are very pleased to see our events support local people, our organisations and our businesses.

We look forward to our next event, in February 2020, which will be a quiz night focussing on the war years. Keep a lookout for all the details. See you all soon!

We will remember them. 🌸

**Actions Requested:** The Parish Council will look into these matters and report back to the residents. Councillor Carins will contact NCC regarding the walkabout as this issue is no further forward. Councillor Carins will visit Mr Wox on Station Road to enquire about the planting of a Christmas tree either at the North or South bus shelters. The Parish Council will fund the Bugler and Church Hire for the Remembrance Sunday Services.

**Saint Marys**

**Commentary:** The date for the bus shelter is on the 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm at St Marys park. There will be a plaque dedicated to Logan, the young man who worked hard to get the bus shelter and it's re location. Refreshment will follow at the St Marys Inn.

**Actions requested:** The Parish Council has updated residents.

**WW1 FUND**

**Commentary:**

The financial spreadsheet and update will be presented at the meeting.

						DATE	SALES WW1			
BANK BALANCE	£ -	TRANSFER H/G	£ 6,302.83	BACCS		5.4.19	£ 40.96	CASH HELD		
		TRANSFER H/G	£ 1,000.00	BACCS		6.4.19	£ 126.00	CHILDRENS BOOK		
						6.4.19	£ 7,302.83	HISTORY GROUP TRANSFER		
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>£ 7,302.83</b>			7.4.19	£ 14.00	TEA TOWELS		
5.4.19	£ 40.96					11.4.19	£ 40.00	HISTORY BOOKS		
BACCS	£ 126.00					12.4.19	£ 247.96	SCHOOL SALES AND CHEQUES HELD		
BACCS	£ 260.00	<b>EXPENSES WW1</b>				23.4.19	£ 7.00	TEA TOWEL		
BACCS	£ 27.96	000001 D COURT	£ 81.40	Final payment C.B.		30.4.19	£ 4.55	CHILDRENS BOOK - LIGHTNING SOURCE		
BACCS	£ 14.00	000002 Church	£ 400.00	GRANT		8.5.19	£ 35.00	R. TOLSON VARIOUS		
BACCS	£ 4.55	000003 School	£ 200.00	GRANT		26.7.19	£ 7.00	TEA TOWEL		
BACCS	£ 7.00	000005 Scouts	£ 200.00	GRANT		<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 7,825.30</b>	<b>TOTAL FROM WW1 EVENT</b>		
BACCS	£ 35.00	000007 Frame	£ 27.50	Lady Ridley picture		<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>£ 1,108.90</b>	<b>WW1 EXPENSES</b>		
BACCS	£ 7.00	000006 Brownies	£ 200.00	GRANT		<b>FINAL TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 6,716.40</b>	<b>WW1 EVENT FINAL SUM*****</b>		
Sweet sales (BGC)	£ 62.30	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1,108.90</b>							
Donation SSRA(BGC)	£ 100.00					DATE	SALES WW2			
BGC	£ 871.55					17.9.19	£ 162.30	SWEET SHOP SALES & DONATION		
BACCS	£ 20.00					23.10.19	£ 40.00	HISTORY BOOKS		
BACCS	£ 20.00					7.11.19	£ 80.00	HISTORY BOOKS		
<b>sub total</b>	<b>£ 1,596.32</b>					<b>sub total</b>	<b>£ 282.30</b>			
						film night	£ 829.05			
						BofB pins	£ 2.00			
		<b>EXPENSES WW2</b>				<b>sub total</b>	<b>£ 1,113.35</b>			
		000004 Cadman Bro	£ 1,540.80	25%deposit/planes						
		25%deposit/planes	£ 97.50	Damaris Jean						
		000009 K Carins	£ 73.03	sweets,jars,paper,ink						
		<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1,711.33</b>							
		Film Night 8.11.19	£ 759.20							
		<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 2,470.53</b>			<b>FILM NIGHT income</b>				
						8.11.19	£ 214.55	WINE SALES FILM NIGHT		
						8.11.19	£ 40.00	FLOAT		
						8.11.19	£ 230.00	TICKET SALES PRE PURCHASED FILM NIGHT		
						8.11.19	£ 345.00	TICKET SALES ON FILM NIGHT	£5 donation ****	
						<b>£</b>	<b>829.55</b>	<b>film night total</b>		
		<b>FILM NIGHT expenditure</b>								
3x btls beer & choc.	£ 7.25	Float 8.11.19	£ 40.00	film night		FILM NIGHT income	£ 829.55			
3x btls beer & choc.	£ 7.25	7presentations	£ 300.00	film night ch 10		FILM NIGHT expense	£ 759.20			
Spitfire model	£ 14.99	wine 8.11.19	£ 256.50	film night ch 12		<b>£ 70.35 profit</b>				
Btl Prosecco	£ 6.00	soup 8.11.19	£ 40.00	film night						
Dads Army Mug	£ 5.85	stotties 8.11.19	£ 16.25	film night ch 13						
Sapphire Gin	£ 16.00	raffle prizes 8.11.15	£ 106.67	film night ch 11						
Hurricane print	£ 9.99	film night total	£ 759.42							
Dads Army wash bag	£ 3.89									
Famous Grouse	£ 15.00									
Signed Dame Vera pic	£ 20.45									
	<b>£ 106.67</b>									

**To note that £6716.40 is available for grant distribution from the WW1 Fund.**

**Stannington Station Road**

**Commentary :** A resident has asked for an update on plans for the old A1 Diner site. There have been no plans submitted at present. There have been no other reports from Station Road. All PC minutes and agendas are sent to a resident who will liaise with the council and oversee the PC noticeboard.

**Actions requested:** To continue to liaise with residents on Station Road.

**49. Honorary Freeman Update**

Lord Ridley to attend and church booked for 31 January.

**50. 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>Applicant</b>	<b>Address/application no</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Decision</b>
V Flemming	19/04521 – West of Furrow Grove	Caravan site exempt	Would object but exemption is legal
Mr Fail	19/04521 – West Duddo	Dwelling	<p>The Parish Council Strongly Supports this application. It is in line with the Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan and Particularly policy 5 in relation to rural business start-ups. The applicant has farmed the site for a number of years and is willing to enter an agricultural tie agreement if this application is approved.</p> <p>Extensive consultation has taken place with local businesses as well as residents. There is clear support for a positive framework towards the local economy in the area. Main concerns cited by businesses in the consultation were in relation to restrictions on growth due to the Green Belt designation, and lack of broadband provision. Policies are therefore proposed to support rural businesses in the Plan area, and to ensure that all new development incorporates adequate broadband infrastructure. To maintain a sustainable local economy, it is essential that small businesses, particularly in rural areas, have the opportunity to get going and to expand when they are successful. With the exceptions of Stannington Village, the Plan area is within the Green Belt. This designation will inevitably restrict built development other than where very special circumstances can be demonstrated to justify support. This policy makes it clear that this Plan gives significant weight to the importance of allowing rural businesses to start up and expand in the Plan area.</p>
K MacDonal	19/04481 – Netherton Park	Fence	No objection

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K Slater	19/04282 – White House Centre	Vehicle bay	No objection
G Wox	19/04057 – 69 Stn Road	Agricultural building	No objection

Note: Cllr Armstrong of Northumberland County Council took no part in any of the planning discussions and Cllr Carins took no part in any discussions re applications on Station Road.

Notices of appeal – none  
Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices:

### **51. To consider matters relating to finance**

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

**Income:**

**Fees/Income**

**Bank balance of £36811.33 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 23.10.2019**

**The following payments were approved:**

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1222	Northern Services	Bus hsheter construction, notice board, painting shelter at Well Hill incl new roof.	3767.54
1223	KPF Littlejohn	Audit	240.00
1224	Wave	Water bill	154.64
1225	BT	Line Rental – CANCELLED	62.97

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

### **52. Correspondence**

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Northumberland County Council – affordable housing
- M Russel – request for meeting – A1 Diner
- KPF Littlejohn – audit concluded with no issues only restatement of VAT
- Resident – Grave repair – completed
- Northumberland County Council – Catraw road repairs
- Resident – concern over inspectors and appeal at Stn Road – PC cannot fund high court action
- Resident – parking in village hall car park – sent to N Police
- Resident – request for allotment – refer to Morpeth
- Northumberland County Council – Precept
- Resident – parking on The Glebe – no cation can be taken unless yellow lines agreed following consultation
- Resident – requires info on Stn Road – Chair replied

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

- Councillors discussed the potential for a Christmas Tree in Stannington Village and agreed to site one next to the southbound shelter. The Clerk was asked to procure the tree at least 15ft high and to arrange the installation of a permanent ground fixing and electricity point.
- The Chair noted the opening of the shelter at St Mary's – LOGAN's SHELTER on 28 November at 6.30pm and all were invited. Refreshments provided from the TWAG fund.
- Applications for funds for the WW2 event have been made by the steering group to the Banks Fund and Community Chest
- Red Cloaks Event took place on 18 October and went very well, Lord Ridley was delighted
- A new seat and tree to be planted for M Stewart – location TBA
- Hampers to be provided to MS and DH
- Ask Northumberland County Council about meeting to discuss changing layout at Shotton Edge
- Village needs weed removal in 2020

**54. Date of next meeting**

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

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Date**