

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting **9 November 2016** **Stannington 1st School**

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair
Councillor H Brown
Councillor S Wilson
Councillor P Smith,
Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council
D Hall – Clerk

Mr Leslie - Resident

Declarations of interest in matters on the agenda: None declared.

39. Apologies

Councillor B Smiles, Councillor D Strachan, Councillor R Philipson (business commitments due to harvest), Councillor S Dickinson

40. Public session

Mr Leslie asked if broadband could be made available to West Duddo as it is now available to Stannington and St Mary's. The Clerk agreed to lobby Northumberland County Council on his behalf.

41. Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved that: the minutes be agreed as a true record.

42. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

None that were not to be covered in the remaining agenda

43. Reports from around the parish/outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Carins
Date: November 2016

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

Brenkley Liaison meeting – minutes circulated.

Stannington Station

Commentary:

A complaint was received about the Parish Council Agenda not being put up in the Notice board on Station Road. The notice was put up on Monday 12th September and removed on Friday 16th September.

Action:

The agenda notice will be photographed in situ on the day it is put into the noticeboard.

Northumberlandia

Commentary

There has been no meeting

SPNP

Commentary:

As taken from the parish magazine;

The SPNP Steering Group have now completed the first draft of the SPNP. The Parish Council will consider the plan and suggest any changes, if they are required, before approving it for its first public consultation.

The consultation will then be organised and will run for 6 weeks. The Parish Council will delegate the various tasks, to Councillors and members of the steering group, to ensure that everything is in place for this exciting event.

The consultation date will be published and notices will go around the Parish and letters will be sent to Consultees advising them of this forthcoming consultation. Hard copies of the draft plan will be circulated around the Parish in key locations i.e. St Mary's Church, Stannington Village Hall, The Ridley Arms, St Mary's Inn and the plan will be available to view on the SPNP website.

Once the consultation has taken place the comments collected from Consultees and the residents of the Parish will be used to make any adjustments if they are required. When the Parish Council is satisfied with the plan, and has taken account all of comments made by the local community, it will submit the plan to Northumberland County Council (NCC). NCC will then take it through the remaining processes.

NCC will check it complies with legal requirements and arrange for an independent examination of the draft plan. The submission must include:

- a map of the area
- the draft plan
- a statement outlining how the proposal meets the 'basic conditions' (see below)
- a consultation statement which must set out who was consulted and how, the issues raised and describe how they were resolved

This information will be publicised for a minimum of six weeks and any comments submitted will be sent directly to the independent examiner. The basic conditions of the plan are that it:

- must have regard to national planning policy and guidance
- must be in general conformity with strategic policies in the Northumberland local plan and contribute to sustainable development
- must be compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements

Plans must be examined to ascertain whether they meet legal requirements before being put to local referendum and adopted by NCC. When confirmed, NCC will appoint an independent examiner in agreement of the Parish Council.

The examiner will:

- decide whether the proposal meets legal requirements and basic conditions
- produce a report detailing their findings
- Make recommendations about the draft plan including whether the plan should be put to referendum in the local area.

NCC will publish the examiner's report and they will organise a local referendum. For the plan to be adopted, it must receive majority support from the local community. If more than 50% vote in favour, the council must adopt it as new planning policy.

Stannington Parish Council submitted an application to designate the civil parish of Stannington as a neighbourhood area in September 2013 and was approved by Northumberland County Council in November 2013. It has been three years in the making and meant that a lot of people in the Parish have given their time, voluntarily, to help reach this point. You can follow the plan's journey on the website <http://www.spnp.co.uk/>.

The Steering Group have had help from NCC Planning Officers, an independent Planning Consultant, our County Councillor, Newcastle University students and their Professor and everyone in the Parish who has taken part in all the questionnaires, surveys and consultations. The Parish Council have commented on the draft plan and their comments have been submitted for advice and explanation.

The Core Strategy Further Major Modifications Consultation begins on the 11th November and runs for 6 weeks.

Action:

Councillor Carins to report back to the council with advice re comments. That the Parish Council comment on the forthcoming Core Strategy Further Major Modifications Consultation. That the Parish Council approve the SPNP First Draft for consultation.

SHOW GROUP AND PLAYGROUND

Commentary: Money has been received from Bellway for the playground, £993 for the Loudspeakers. Banks Mining have paid £5000 towards the cost of the playground and this money will be transferred to the PC shortly.

Action:

To thank the village show group for their amazing effort in helping to raise such a substantial amount towards the playground, £7993 in total.

Town and Parish Council Conference

Commentary: Councillor Wilson and Councillor Carins attended this event on the 13th October at County Hall. Geoff Paul-Director, Planning and Economy and Councillor Kathy Graham-Chair Town & Parish Council Working Group opened the conference.

Session 1- The Role of Partner Organisations

Jaqui Kell-Director of Business Strategy- Arch and Lorraine Dewison –Chief Executive, Active Northumberland gave presentations on their relationship with NCC and their role in delivering and developing services and projects across the county.

Session 2- The Medium Term Financial Plan for the County Council

Andy Stewart-Business Support Manager, Corporate Resources and Paul Jones- Director of Local Services & Housing Delivery gave presentations outlining the present and future financial position of the County Council and the potential impact this may have on the Authority's ability to deliver future services. Paul Jones outlined how Town and Parish Councils can work more closely with the County Council to help safeguard those services which are most important to their local communities.

Session 3- Dealing with Freedom of Information Requests

Donna Jackson/Nathan Fuller- Data Protection & Information Governance Officer

Nathan Fuller unfortunately did not have enough time to cover this session which would have covered support to Town and Parish Councils on handling FOI requests and vexatious complaints.

This FOI session would have been of more benefit to the delegates than the previous 2 sessions, which appeared to be setting the case for the removal of County Hall to Ashington. The benefits, issues and workings of the move would have been more beneficial to the delegates rather than the justification for the move.

Marketplace

Many of the council services had stands in the restaurant but there were fewer than of previous years. They focused on core such as highways, street lighting, NEAT and planning. However as there were less stands, so more queues it was not possible to speak to them all.

Delegates from 56 councils attended.

Newcastle University presentation

Commentary:

Councillor Carins presented a 45 minute lecture on "What is Planning" to 100 first year geography and planning students at Newcastle University. The presentation was well accepted and questions followed. The invitation was from Professor Colin Haylock. Professor Haylock has been intensely involved in the work of the Royal Town Planning Institute since 1990 - led the development of its' Urban Design Network and was the Institute's National President in 2012. He is a Visiting Professor at The Bartlett School of Planning at UCL and Visiting Professor of Practice in Architecture, Planning and Landscape at Newcastle University.

He is also one of 16 Members of the London Mayor's Design Advisory Group, a Member of the Planning Committee for the Old Oak Park Royal Mayoral Development Corporation and a member of numerous other planning, design review and awards assessment panels. His association with Stannington Parish is directly working with Newcastle University final year planning students and Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. His expertise and advice has helped guide the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Stannington Parish Council to invite Professor Haylock to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation as a non-statutory consultee.

Stannington Village

Commentary

A resident has reported that the County Council will deal with the overgrown footpath at Blagdon which the Parish Council has previously raised as an issue with NCC .There is a tarmac footpath all the way from Morpeth to Milkhope Centre at Blagdon and this is the only piece of it that is impassable.

The resident has also asked that the Fountain be tidied in readiness for the Remembrance service and a new piece of turf be added to accommodate the wooden crosses. The reported leak near the fountain is also being dealt with. Unfortunately Lord Ridley and Lady Ridley will not be attending the service as they have a prior engagement. The Scout group have also been asked to attend.

Action

The fountain is made ready for the Remembrance Sunday Service. Councillor Carins has requested a road sweep as close to the 13th November as possible.

Maurice's Report

Commentary

Maurice has asked David Dalton to look at the mole problem in the church as Cyril Steel is unable to deal with this problem anymore due to health issues. The miniature roundabout lights are still out. There have been reports of residents exercising their animals on the football pitch.

Action:

To deal with the mini-roundabout lighting. Look at notices for the football pitch to deter dog walkers from using the area.

Hepscott Park

Commentary:

Councillor Carins attended a site meeting on the 31st October. Present were Councillor Armstrong, Planning Officer Tony Carter, a representative of Bellway and Chairman of the Planning Committee Councillor Kelly with Planning Committee members. The layout of the proposed development was discussed. Questions were around what constitutes an executive development as some of the councillors were of the opinion that the plots and sizes of the houses were small. There is no definition for executive housing but the area was not deemed suitable for affordable housing so there would be £500,000+ contribution from Bellway made to accommodate affordable housing in a better location closer to a town centre. There is some contamination on the site namely asbestos and areas around the old hospital. A cleaning operation is underway. Councillor Carins and Councillor Armstrong were given an opportunity to voice their concerns and those of Stannington Parish Council. The issue of Stannington Station Road and the increase in traffic from outside the area adding to the proposed Hepscott Park development was muted, roundabouts and traffic calming methods were also raised. Bellway said that they have taken into account all planning applications currently in the system and analysis shows that the traffic calming measures that they are obliged to undertake are met. The worry that Station Road may become the unofficial southern bypass was apparent. The traffic problems on the road were not the few proposed developments on the road but from road users from other areas. Bus stops are to be relocated to nearer the entrance of Hepscott Park with shelters and pavements will be added.

16/02336/FUL | Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 89 dwellings (Use Class C3), access, landscaping and associated engineering works | Hepscott Park Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6NF this application will be heard at the planning committee in December.

Action:

To attend the Planning Committee Meeting in December

Glororum

Clr Brown expressed concern about the road from Tranwell TO St Mary's and Well Hill corner. Road sweeping carried out is not effective.

Action: raise with Northumberland County Council

Shotton Liaison

Clr Smith attended the recent meeting. He had received the minutes but much of them were missing. There had been discussion on new plans for the Shotton Triangle. HJ Banks are concerned about the new power station at Cramlington for biomass and possible confusion about dust sources.

The Church had received a grant for a boiler and Clr smith questioned if planning permission had been sought/needed.

Hepscott Park

The chair reminded members that the planning application for this site is expected to be at planning in December.

44. Finance

The following income accounts were approved:

Income

Small Schemes Northumberland County Council £2000, Interest Sept £2.02, Oct £2.23, Precept £10775

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1067	Playdale	Play equipment	7028.90
1068	D Strachan	Expenses	46.75
1069	J Ludman	Planning consultant	1580.00
1070	Northumberland County Council	Room hire	90.00
1071	VR Estate	Store rental	340.00
1072	Ridley 1965 trust	Field rental	50.00
1073	J Szymczuk	Website	346.67
1074	NWL	Water bill	12.90
1075	Cancelled chq		nil
1076	St Marys pcc		10.00
1077	BDO	Audit fee	240.00
1078	Carrs	Food for squirrels	75.46
1079	S Dickinson	Flowers	30.00

45. Development Control

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
16/03461	BT Box Stannington	Removal	No objection
16/00397	Port of Bluth	Preapp for modifications to the river Blyth	No objection
16/00407	Blagdon Estate	Old workshop north of Rose Villa – conversion to offices	No objection

16/03727	25 Station Road	Dormer Windows	No objection
16/00428	2 West Duddo	Sheep shelters	No objection
16/03267	Station Road	3 Dwellings at Town Farm	Whilst the council does not object to infill developments of this type which are typically of low density the council does have significant objection to a proliferation of new entrances onto Station Road especially near the level crossing. The council also feels that the design could be modified to incorporate lower level properties rather than those of the imposing style that is proposed.

Notices of appeal
Notices of enquiry

46. Neighbourhood plan

Members noted that the plan was nearing completion and that it is as robust as possible given that there are currently no INSET areas and policy cannot be applied in the greenbelt. Members asked for comments in the plan relating to environmental noise and pollution prevention and it was agreed that the plan should move to consultation.

47. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated

- Great North Air Ambulance – award grant of £100
- Vera Baird PCC – Domestic Violence Champions
- Age UK
- S Lamb – telephone box
- Northumberland County Council – app for Northumberland County Council
- Ed Davies – SSRIG resignations
- H Blewitt – fireworks grant
- NNC – dog bins at St Mary's – send to Bellway
- Scouts – agree request to maintain planters in the cemetery
- S Irving – concerns about minutes
- Northumberland County Council – Bellasis bridge
- ISOS Housing – right of way
- Isos Housing – grass cutting – Cllr Smith dealing with this
- Highways England – A1 dualing
- NALC News
- G Wiseman – road humps and lighting – send to Northumberland County Council

A letter was received from Northumberland County Council relating to a complaint against a member of the council. The complaint had been referred to the monitoring officer and after a very long investigation he concluded that: the councillor did not fail to comply with the authority's code of conduct.

48. Any Other Business

- Fly tipping on A1, Old A1 past Swan Farn – report to Northumberland County Council
- Parking issues at Green Close – police matter
- Northumberland County Council asked to look at road bend next to junction of Green Lane and Bells Hill
- Boundary Review – SPC to object

49. Date of next meeting

January 10th 2017

Signed

Chairman

Date