

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting
11th September 2019 –6.45pm
Stannington 1st School

Attendance:

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

Public Session

A resident attend the meeting to enquire about the late posting of recent minutes and an explanation was given. An explanation was given relating to the links to other organisations on the website and that the council was not and could not be responsible for the content of these sites.

33. To receive any apologies

Councillor D Emery, Councillor R Philipson

34. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

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

35. To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held 10 July 2019

Approved

36. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held 10th July 2019

- Traffic scheme outside the school needs policing – refer to Northumberland County Council
- Cllr Brown explained that the school have a 'walk to school' scheme to reduce parking issues and promote healthy living
- Catraw Road – the surface is much worse – complain again to Northumberland County Council
- The Clerk reported that the Highways Agency have accepted liability for the hedge on the A1 next to the Swale and work is programmed
- Play area – request from the family of the former Farm Manager at Blagdon to install a tractor – Clerk to look at extending the site and lease and seek quotes and report back in the spring
- Littering – The Clerk read out a response from Northumberland County Council

37. To consider reports from around the parish/outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 11TH S2019

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

Brenkley Liaison Committee

Commentary: see minutes as circulated

Actions requested: To attend meetings and report to the council

Shotton Liaison Committee

Actions requested: To attend meetings and report to the council. Banks have asked if any Parish Councillors wish to attend a visit at Shotton.

Stannington Village

Commentary: The path behind the Glebe has now been cleared and a resident has thanked the council for their swift action. The Glebe has had new water pipes installed and the state of the road, there, has warranted an inspection from Highways. The road leading from the village to Catraw is being considered for repair following a report from Councillor Armstrong. Councillor Carins has requested a walkabout with officers from Northumberland County council to look at all the potholes and pavement issues in the village. The state of the kerbsides around the village has also been brought up by a resident. These will be looked at during the walkabout.

Following the untimely death of Andrew Crewdson, the council will be asked if a play tractor could be added to the play area with fencing to commemorate Andrew. Councillor Carins is investigating this and has approached Playdale for a quote. Councillor Robson has collected quotes for the resurfacing of the cemetery car park, Councillor Carins will present these at the council meeting.

Actions Requested: The Parish Council will look into these matters and report back to the residents.

Saint Marys

Commentary: Residents are waiting for a date for the bus shelter.

Actions requested: The Parish Council will update residents and arrange an opening ceremony

WW1 FUND

Commentary:

Lord and Lady Ridley will attend a presentation of the red cloak on Friday 18th October at 12.45 pm at St Marys Church. The schoolchildren will attend. A financial spreadsheet will be presented at the meeting. The planes, the band, a shop mock up, the operations room team and applications to Banks Mining and the Community Chest have been applied for. Application copies will be available at the PC meeting.

Actions requested:

Councillors attend the presentation.

Stannington Station Road**Commentary :**

There have been no 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. The £100 that was remaining from the residents' group has been donated to the WW1 Fund to benefit the Parish as agreed by the remaining officers.

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

Other reports:

A number of cars are parked in the car parks of the Ridley Arms and Village Hall for the purposes of running a car sales business – The Clerk to work with Cllr Scott to secure their removal.

38. To consider possible candidates for Honorary Freeman

The Council considered a number of candidates and it was agreed that the Clerk contact those nominated to seek their agreement before arranging a service in the spring.

39. 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:

Applicant	Address	Detail	Decision
Mr Mason	1 Woodland Grove St Mary Park	Extension and porch	No objection
Mr Fritch	The /Nook – Moor Farm Station Road	TPO work	No objection
L Nicholson	16 Park Drive Hepscott	Reserved Matters	No objection
Mr Baker	33 Station Road	4 Dwellings	No objection
D Hogarty	Whitehouse Centre	Mini Wind turbines	No objection
Mr Johnson	East of Nursery Gardens	Garden room	No objection
Mr Sage	6 Rothley Gardens	Convert open space to garden	No objection
Mr Hindhaugh	33 Station Road	4 Dwellings – reserved matters	Note that this is reserved matters so the principle of objection is only re materials etc. previously objected to.

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:

40. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Fees/Income

Precept £13940.00

Bank balance of £31358.90 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 22 Aug 2019

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1212	D Hall	Salary/Exp for 6 months	1626.18
1213	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	932.80
1214	Carrs	Equipment	63.60
1215	Wave	Water Bill	42.23
1216	Northern Services	Install speed signs x 2	352.20
1217	Carrs	Squirrel Food	43.73
1218	Make Bake and Grow Show	Grant for insurance	252.60
1219	Northern Services	Paint 2 x shelters inside and out	980.00
1220	Gusthart	Replace cheque 1209 destroyed in post (remains returned to PC)	9.45
1221	M Leggard	Poppy Wreaths	85.00

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Noted also that the internal audit was complete with no issues to report and that all necessary documents sent to the Auditor.

A request was made that the new Stannington Parish Special Events Group be granted £4080 towards the Battle of Britain Event in 2020 and this was agreed in principle.

The Clerk advised that the cost of 5 new speed signs would be £8783.00 plus VAT if purchased from Evolis who did the first two and which have been a great success. The Council agreed to purchase these and to locate them as follows:

- 2 at Station Road
- 2 at Stannington Village
- 1 at Glororum

Bank Mandates and accounts - BOI

Agreed to revise the mandates to all current councillors including online account and debit card.

41. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Enquiry re Handyman role
- Northumberland County Council – inspection of poor road state in The Glebe
- Road to Catraw flooding – Northumberland County Council investigating
- Church Road overrun on verges – Northumberland County Council seeking a meeting

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- Catraw Road – Northumberland County Council to patch – forward to Cllr Sanderson for support
- North exit from Village – Northumberland County Council suggest LTP
- Northumberland County Council – looking at PC request for school transport
- Highways Agency – agreed to cutr hedge on A1
- Valuation Office – info request

42. Any other business at the descretion of the Chairman

- Weedspraying - request from Northumberland County Council
- New planters at Clifton needed – temp repair then replace in 2020
- Chair and /Clerk to meet M Stewart re work patterns
- Chair and Clerk to meet the new chair of the Village Hall
- Dog feaces left on trees – report to Northumberland County Council
- Grit bin Elisabeth Square – on order
- Bus service to Cramlington – Clerk to discuss with PC Travel
- Cllr Carins updated on the proposed Red Cloak event on 18 Oct 2019
- Event to be held to officially open the new shelter at St Marys

The Chair proposed that a committee of the Freemen of the Parish should determine the grants from the WW1 fund to local causes and that the PC have the final say – This was agreed. The Clerk to draft some terms of reference.

43. Date of next meeting

20th November 2019 – 6.45pm Stannington 1st School

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Date