

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting **14 September 2016** **Stannington 1st School**

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair

Councillor H Brown

Councillor S Wilson

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council

D Hall – Clerk

29. Apologies

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

30. Public session

A resident of The Glebe expressed concern about grass cutting on the Glebe and Beechlea and the confusion between Northumberland County Council and ISOS Housing. The clerk explained the difference in responsibilities between the respective organisations and in particular the parish council neither had legal responsibility financial responsibility for grass cutting in this area. The Clerk agreed to contact ISOS housing so as to arrange a meeting with residents to clarify any confusion.

Three residents of St Mary's attended to express their thanks to the parish council for their support in resolving issues with Bellway PLC in relation to a planning application to fundamentally change the landscaping and road treatments, lighting and environmental protection arrangements as proposed in the original application. The result of joint efforts of the residents, county councillor and the parish council was that Bellway had withdrawn the application.

Several residents of Station Road expressed concern relating to the actions of SSRIG which had made representations to Northumberland County Council on the Core Strategy and in particular the use of a petition to oppose proposed INSET arrangements. They also asked if members of the parish council had been party to the petition and whether the council could intervene. The Clerk explained that the council had no jurisdiction in this area and that should residents so wish they should follow the group's constitution to seek clarification on the issue.

A resident of Station Road wished to advise the council relating to his planning application to build 2 properties linked to his business. Councillors noted his comments but followed the advice of the Clerk and made no comment on the proposals but deferred to do so until the application was heard later in the meeting.

31. Minutes of the previous meeting

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

32. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that the representation made by the council in relation to the bus service extension to The Children's Hospital had been successful and that a service had been put in place.

33. Reports from around the parish/outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Brown

Date: September 2016

Purpose of report: To update the Council on matters affecting Glororum within Stannington Parish: There are still Construction wagons going up and down the Glororum route and ignoring the 'one-way' system. We are Keeping Tracy Brady informed.

I wrote again at the beginning of April to NCC reporting that many of the directional signs for the Construction Traffic had either fallen over or were missing. Bellway agreed that they would inform their contractors of the one-way system which was put in place to try to minimise the considerable damage done to the Glororum route and to make the route safer for domestic motorists. Unfortunately much of the signage is still missing. I have had no response to my emails from the Highways department.

In August a notice was put in the local press to warn of this road being closed to enable essential repairs and resurfacing. I asked the Highway Department for details – none came – the council arrived with a bucket and spade and filled in some of the worst pot holes but no repairs were carried out on the subsided sections or the damaged verges and the route was not closed. There are Utilities now dangerously close to the road as the verges have been worn away by the Wagons wheels. There have also been collisions with the edging curb at the east-end junction causing tyres to burst – this has been reported previously to the CC – this curb is proud of the road surface and sticks out.

Repairs and drainage upgrades were done under the 'fly over' bridge at Clifton in July. All the waste materials, left over soil, gravel and pipes are still sitting in heaps along the Clifton verge at the Glororum junction 8 weeks since the works were completed.

Action Required:

- NCC asked to check that the 'one way' system signage along this route and reinstate it and to introduce the new directional sign that Bellway agreed to fund last year in order to avoid the confusion at the east end junction (Clifton end).
- Ask NCC to look at the new housing signage, especially as prospective buyers are being directed up a Construction route.
- Ask NCC to respond to requests for above information.
- Ask NCC to do a site visit to inspect the 'problem' curb and either remove it or reposition it.
- Ask NCC to remove their materials left along the verge at Clifton.

It was noted that PC Andrea Teasdale had left the area and moved on to community policing for an alternative part of the region. A replacement was expected soon. The council expressed their thanks for Andrea's commitment and support over the years.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Carins

Date: September 2016

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

Brenkley Liaison meeting

Commentary;

Next Meeting 20th September 2016.

Northumberlandia

Commentary;

There has been no meeting

Stannington Station Residents Interest Group(SSRIG)

Commentary;

Councillor Carins has been contacted by several Station Road residents concerning the representation put into the Core Strategy Consultation on their behalf by SSRIG.

All the residents and businesses of Station Road, the old A1 and Moor Lane are represented by SSRIG, as agreed, at the inaugural meeting. The inaugural meeting of SSRIG was held on the 28th January in Stannington Village Hall, it was attended by residents from Stannington Station Road, Moor Lane, and business representatives from these areas, Parish Councillors and members of the Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

A question concerning membership and who qualifies was put to the meeting organisers.

"It was outlined that membership shall be open to all residents of Station Road irrespective of tenure. It was clarified the new group will include everyone, irrespective of their views and everyone will have a say, no one will be shut down" (excerpt taken from inaugural meeting minutes) A discussion on the inclusion Moor Lane residents was discussed and these residents and businesses were included in the following SSRIG meeting held in the Ridley Arms (22nd March 2016). "All residents will be included and informed by post or Email" (excerpt taken from inaugural meeting minutes)

It was made clear that views of residents living in Stannington Village, other areas of Stannington Parish and outside the Parish would not be allowed to have an opinion on Station Road. A question concerning the SSRIG response to the last Core Strategy Consultation, prior to the inaugural meeting, concerning signatories from outside of the Parish and from Stannington Village was explained. It was due to the limited time given to respond to the Core Strategy, gathering enough signatories, people that drove along Station Road, therefore were assumed to have an interest in the area, so were allowed an opinion but this would not happen again. The SSRIG constitution gives a clear outline as to whom SSRIG represents.

The objectives as stated in the SSRIG constitution quote:

"To safeguard and promote the interest of the residents on Station Road, Stannington on matters concerning housing and the environment. To help improve living conditions, community facilities and services for residents living in the groups area. In order to do this we are committed to representing the views of residents in our area of operation. The group will uphold equal opportunities and work

towards good relations amongst all members of the community, specifically prohibiting any conduct which discriminates or harasses on grounds of race, religion, disability, political belief, sex or sexual orientation".

A further representation was made to the Core Strategy with an accompanying petition of 107 signatories. Some residents of Station Road were not consulted and therefore felt excluded. The excluded residents had not had sight or been consulted on the content of the SSRIG representation. It was first seen on the 29th July, two days after the close of the consultation, when it was uploaded on to the NCC website.

The residents who were not consulted requested a copy of the 107 signatories and the area where the signatories reside.

They contacted Northumberland County Council to advise them of their concerns and to seek advice on what they feel is a misrepresentation. Councillor Carins was asked to enquire as to the methods used to define the proposed inset to Stannington Station as submitted to the Core Strategy by SSRIG. The residents requested the evidence, methodology and accompanying explanation that has led to this revised inset proposal by SSRIG.

From the petition of 107 signatures there were 54 signatures from Station Rd, Moor Lane and the old A1. The remaining 53 signatures are from outside the SSRIG operating area which is inconsistent with their constitution. About 33 households/businesses out of 89 households appear to have been consulted in the operating area. The operating area has approximately 180 people residing there. The SSRIG representation appears to represent around a third of the membership of SSRIG with only that third having been consulted on the content of the Core Strategy representation.

The residents that had been consulted on the SSRIG representation and signed the representation did so in the belief that everyone had been consulted so they too are unhappy.

The next Core Strategy Consultation will be in November and be published on the NCC website at the end of October.

Actions requested;

For the Parish Council to advise the residents, give guidance when the next consultation is published and ensure that all representations are balanced and fair.

SPNP

Commentary;

The SPNP is now nearing the last stages of the plan. Jenny Ludman, the planning consultant is in a position to formulate the policies which will make up the Neighbourhood Plan. As the group and the Parish Council have worked so hard to gather and evaluate the evidence collected from residents and businesses in the Parish, it has become apparent that we are working on a par with the Core Strategy. Three policies will be considered as all other issues and concerns are being addressed through the emerging Core Strategy therefore these issues are covered and do not need replicating. The plan of action regarding the referendum will be reported for the next Parish Council meeting in November.

Councillor Carins has been invited to speak to Newcastle University First year Planning Students. There will be a series of people from professions, community, politics, development and client areas related to planning and development speaking and discussing along the lines of

- How they relate to planning
- What they need from it
- What they actually get from it
- The skills they think planners need

- Who else is important to them and what they need and get from them?
- And
- What frustrates them about planning and planning practice?

Action;

To continue to monitor and support the steering group.

Play Area

Commentary;

The delay to the play area has been due to holidays and equipment not being ready on time. Everything is now organised and ready to be put in place.

Actions requested:

To record feedback from residents when the playground is complete.

Red Squirrel Group

Commentary;

No meeting to date

Stannington Parish Centenary Festival of Remembrance

Commentary;

The organisers of the event will be represented at the Village Show and items from WWI plus writings and a mock-up of the red cape will be displayed.

Actions requested

That the Parish Council supports this event and continues to support the history book.

Town and Parish Conference 13th October

Commentary

Councillor Wilson and Councillor Carins will attend this conference.

Actions requested:

Report back to the Parish Council

Handyman update

Commentary;

Mr Stewart has started work again following the sad death of his wife.

He has asked me to thank the Parish Council for the beautiful flowers, courtesy of Sandra, and the card sent on behalf of the Councillors. He expressed his gratefulness to David Hall for making sure the church exterior was tidied prior to his wife's funeral. He was pleased to see a great turnout at his wife's service and the presence of so many Councillors.

He is still unable to drive he cannot oversee Clifton. A resident at The Limes has told Maurice that that area is not his responsibility. Maurice has requested that the Parish Council look at the hours he is working as they may need to be reduced.

There has been sightings of a quad bike riding around the playing field between 6pm and 7pm in the evenings. The children are carrying other children and are not wearing helmets. The risk to both riders and other children using the playing field cannot be ignored.

A complaint has come from residents concerning the humps at Town Farm Lane. They feel they are aggressive and are unnecessary.

Actions requested

That any actions arising from this report are completed.

Hepscott Park

Commentary;

Application No 16/02336/FUL

Councillor Carins has requested to be present at the proposed site meeting for the Bellway application. The application will be determined after the site visit. This application will impact on Station Road so it is important that the all infrastructure and access issues are investigated at the outset. Morpeth Town Council and Hepscott Council have concerns and are in support of Stannington Parish Council.

Issues for Consideration

The main issues for consideration:-

Principle of the development

Impact on the Greenbelt

Impact on neighbouring residential amenity

Impact on access/highways

Actions requested

To ensure the proposed development does not cause issues for Stannington resident and if there are issues to mitigate against them.

St Marys

Commentary;

Councillor Carins attended two meetings held at St Marys on Thursday 8th September. The first meeting was held in the old show house on the St Marys Bellway development. Resident representatives attended and Bellway executives. The residents had issues concerning planning consents that had a number of material changes which impacted on their enjoyment and living condition on the site. The issues were ecological in nature, highway material changes, public recreational areas and amenity. Bellway have assured the residents that all the issues would be addressed and wish to arrange liaison meetings to keep residents informed of ongoing works and to listen to any concerns that residents may have. The second meeting was held in St Marys Inn and was to inform other residents of the outcome of the first meeting. Residents felt reassured that their concerns were now being addressed and asked the Parish and County Councillors, present, to help them establish a Residents Association and to help them liaise with Northumberland County Council. Resident representatives will be attending the Parish Council meeting on the 14th September. Councillor Carins has advised on the setting up of a residents association and furnished the residents with a constitution template.

34. Finance

The following income accounts were approved:

Income

Fees £1100

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1061	G Dickie	Plants for Clifton	100.00
1062	D Hall	Salary/exp	1061.41
1063	Playdale	Equipment	2342.97
1064	Solagen	Speed signs movement (annual)	1572.00
1065	K Carins	Poppy Wreaths	80.00
1066	J Ludman	Planning fees	1185.00
DD	BT	Line rental	59.24

Account transfers: £10,000 from Lloyds TSB account to Bank of Ireland

Income: Interest July £1.30, Aug £1.56, Funeral Fees £1100, Make Bae & Grow donation £2000.

Audit outcomes:

Internal audit – No major issues to report. Minor typographical issues:

Min ref 38, payment to J Ludman to read £1580, payment to National Leaflet Co to read £496.72.

Min ref 60 to include DD payment to BT of £57.20

External audit – unqualified audit outcome with one minor comment on balance figures. Rounding error of £1 as a result of Excel.

No further action to be taken.

35. Development Control

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
16/02946	45 Station Road	Erection of 2 dwellings	The parish council recognises that infill development of this type will occur across the parish and on Station Road. The council is concerned that any development on Station Road falls specifically within the emerging core strategy and possible INSET boundary and not out with this in the greenbelt. Station Road is a settlement which has developed over a number of years and density is relatively low and the council wishes any development to be of low density. Many of the properties on Station Road are set back or do not

			follow a building line. This development is positioned well back from the highway and this is supported and encouraged as it removes the linear and urban nature of any development.
16/02847	St May's Stannington	Change to landscaping, lighting and road surfaces	Withdrawn
16/02838	St May's Stannington	Discharge of conditions	No objection
16/02787	Well hill Farm	Sun room extension	No objection
16/02690	Hepscott PRU	Extension	No objection
16/02721	Stannington School	Classroom	No objection

Notices of appeal
Notices of enquiry

36. Correspondence

- Bellway PLC – letter re decision to remove planning application and intention to set up a residents association
- Northumberland County Council – Household recovery sites
- Northumberland County Council – control of dogs on the NE Coast
- Community Action Northumberland – Update letter
- Post Office – New mobile service from 21 July on Thursdays 9-11am outside the village hall
- NHS North East – stakeholder update
- HJ Banks – Corporate Responsibility Report
- St Mary's PCC – flooding of the Church Cellar – The Clerk to support with advice
- Trident Soccer – proposal for football coaching from January 2017 for 8 weeks at a cost of £400. Agreed to proceed.

37. Any Other Business

None to report.

38. Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held 9 November 2016.

Signed

Chairman

Date