

# Stannington Parish Council

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**Minutes of Meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School**

Attendance:

Councillor K Carins – in the chair  
Councillor H Brown  
Councillor S Wilson  
Councillor S Dickinson  
Councillor R Philipson  
Councillor M Scott  
D Hall – Clerk

#### **34. Apologies**

Councillor D Emery & Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

#### **35. Public session**

No members of the public present

#### **36. Declarations of interest in the agenda**

None known at this stage

#### **37. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Agreed

#### **38. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

Noted that the opening of the new community facility at St Mary's was approaching and that support had been given to the community and Bellway by the council and councillors in relation to fire safety and also constitution/set-up of a management committee.

It was also noted that the Village Hall, playing field and St Mary's Hall would be recognised by Northumberland County Council as community assets.

It was also noted that there had been multiple farm raids in the last few weeks giving rise to thefts of machinery and quad bikes and that residents should be extra vigilant.

### **39. Reports from around the parish/outside bodies**

#### **Stannington Village Hall**

Minutes circulated

Glororum

The Northumberland County Council highways have made improvements to the kerblines but they are now very sharp and hence dangerous. This will be reported to Northumberland County Council

Highways general

A lot of potholes around the parish especially on Church Road. Cllr Armstrong is pursuing this.

Weeds have not been sprayed this year and the clerk is seeking for Northumberland County Council to address this.

Station Road to Netherton Park footpath is in poor repair and this has been reported to Northumberland County Council.

On a positive note Northumberland County Council have cleared the path from Coalburn to Hepscott Park.

#### **Brenkley Lane Community Fund**

Minutes of the recent meeting were circulated and the following items were of specific note:

##### *“Stannington Defibrillators*

*KC confirmed a cost of £4,000 for the defibrillators, which will be located at the new community centre on the Bellway housing development, one in the Village and the third at the petrol station which will also be able to cover other areas off the A1.*

*RT and EA were happy to support this application. JK will inform the Fund to arrange for the final application to be emailed for final approval.*

##### *Stannington History Books*

*KC then informed the Committee about a potential application which would help towards printing costs for a Stannington History book. She asked if the Committee would be happy to support this should an application be submitted.*

*EA asked if the profit made from book sales would be given back to the Village. KC confirmed yes, each book is £25 and a percentage goes back to the Community.*

*The proposal was agreed in principle and will be approved by the Committee once the application has been submitted.”*

**Actions requested:** To report back to the council following the 19<sup>th</sup> September meeting.

#### **Northumberlandia**

There has been no meeting to date

### **Stannington Station**

There are 2 planning applications in for this area. The A1 Diner site is still under consideration and is likely go to the planning committee. There is an application for 3 infill properties.

### **Stannington Village**

Fly Tipping has been reported again and Councillor Wilson and Councillor Carins are in communication with the officer in charge of this issue at County, Paul Turnbull.

Councillor Armstrong and Councillor Carins attended a meeting with NCC Strategic Planning Officers to discuss the need for a new school. The withdrawal of the Core Strategy has given Stannington Parish Council a chance to put a robust case for the need for a replacement school. The discussion topics listed below:

- Where the school could be sited- The consensus was to look at land to the north of the village with or without a bypass road from the original school site to the new site. What would happen to the old site? – housing?
- The discussions that Stannington Parish Council had had with The Education Authority and their support for a new school were reported to the officers.
- The financial cost of a new school- The suggested cost would be around 4 million pounds. This cost could only be achieved by the development of 200 houses. This was not deemed insurmountable.
- The village boundary was discussed- Would an inset at the north end accommodate the required school and infrastructure? A representation by the parish council would be submitted to the next Core Strategy Consultation to look at an inset.
- The conclusion by the officers was to research further and liaise with the Education Authority to see if a new school could be a reality. Funds could then be set aside for the school from any new housing developments in the parish.

A resident of Beechlea has expressed concerns to Cllr Wilson about the amount of dog walkers using the playing field in Stannington Village. Not only are they requested not to do so they have not been using disposal bags. It would appear that the signs requesting no dog walking have disappeared.

#### **Action:**

To report to the council any planned works and to arrange a walkabout with Paul Turnbull to address the problem. To continue a dialogue with the Strategic planners regarding a new school.

#### **Handyman report**

- The cemetery hedges are needing trimmed and there have been complaints from the community the cemetery grass needs cutting
- A resident, who has taken up residence in no 8, in the new houses in Beachlea, has asked if he may erect a fence as people are cutting through his private garden to get to Beachlea from the main Road. The housing company have left the problem to him so he is seeking advice from us.
- Plants have been stolen from the planters at the entrance to the village so I will report this in the magazine so that people can keep an eye on them.

#### **Action;**

To monitor all the issues and rectify where appropriate.

## Hepscott Park

There have been no reports from residents.

## St Marys

Councillor Wilson attended the viewing of the new hall at St Marys. Councillor Carins spoke to 2 residents regarding the committee for the new hall. Two existing original residents are on the committee. However, the hall will not be open until January as there have been some issues still to address.

Cllr Wilson has reported a number of incidents of fly tipping both through the NCC portal and as a follow up to Paul Turnbull Environmental Enforcement Officer (West and Central). These have all been actioned.

## 40. 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:

Application	Address	Detail	Decision
17/03021	Land south of 56 Station Road	3 new dwellings in line with the carriageway	No objection
17/02555	The Parlour at Blagdon	Retrospective permission for storage container	No objection
17/01466	Clifton Lodge	Extension to link house to garage	No objection

Notices of appeal  
Notices of enquiry

## 41. Stannington Parish Neighbourhood plan (SPNP)

Jenny Ludman, planning consultant, is finalising the draft version of the Consultation Statement. This will include all the different stages that have been completed to bring the SPNP to this stage. An SPNP meeting will be held at the beginning of October to go through the Consultation Document and revised submission version of Stannington Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The parish council will receive copies of all the documents before submission to NCC.

Councillor Armstrong and Councillor Carins had attended a 3-hour meeting/workshop with Jennifer Manuel, a PHD student, from Newcastle University. This was a very informative and interesting meeting and we learnt that issues that we had encountered during our work on the SPNP mirrored other NP groups.

Northumberland County Council are on board with considering a new site for Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School as a strategic matter.

## **42. Finance**

The following income accounts were approved:

### **Income:**

Precept £11475

Interest:

May £3.02

June £3.45

July £3.03

August £2.90

The following payments were approved:

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1115	THC	Lanscaping (replaces cheque 1089)	4260.00
1116	THC	Fitting of play equipment	1512.00
1117	D Hall	Salary/Expenses	1317.91
1118	HMRC	PAYE	801.09
1119	K Clark	Repairs	630.00
1120	M Stewart	Salary	160.00
1121	Carrs	Squirell Food	80.00
1123	R Tolson	WW1 book printing	128.00
1122	K Carins	Reimburse for poppy wreath	80.00
1124	Village show	Insurance costs	252.60
DD	BT	Line rental	62.81

### **Conclusion of external audit:**

The clerk reported on the outcome of the external audit by BDO LLP. The audit was complete and there were no items to note. A fully unqualified opinion had been issued.

### **Resolved that:**

**The payments and income listed be approved and the matters relating to audit be noted.**

## **43. Correspondence**

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- Application from Mr Lindsay of Wickham for purchase of grave space on local connection basis – agreed
- Northumberland County Council – Local transport plan - request footpaths from 'the hearse house' to Green Close and also repairs from Station Road to Netherton Park
- D Fennel – request for dog signs – sent to Northumberland County Council
- Northumberland County Council – Local Plan withdrawl
- Harrisons – Flag poles costings
- Northumberland County Council – Joint meetings with PCs in October
- Pensions Regulator – Council has complied with its statutory duty

#### **44. Any Other Business**

##### **Co-option of a Councillor**

Members discussed the need for co-option of a councillor and noted that there had been one expression of interest. Members wished to ensure that electors from across the parish had the opportunity to be considered and agreed that the vacancy should be advertised and that a co-option should take place at the next meeting.

##### **Resolved that:**

**The vacancy be advertised and that a co-option should take place at the next meeting.**

##### **Other items:**

- The clerk was asked to investigate the costs of providing a basketball area on the playing field
- Northumberland County Council be asked to refresh dog fouling signs at St Mary's and across the parish in general
- No Parking signs have been erected at St Mary's Church
- Councillors considered a request to fund the insurance for the Make Bake and Grow show and this was agreed at a cost of £252.60
- Cllr Scott asked Northumberland County Council to consider discussions with operators to see if a bus from Stannington Village to Cramlington could be brought into use
- Road from West Duddo to Saltwick is narrowing – report to Northumberland County Council
- Grass at Shotton Edge junction needs attention.

#### **45. Date of next meeting**

Noted that this would now be the 29<sup>th</sup> November due to commitments of councillors and the clerk.

**Signed**

**Chairman**

**Date**