

# *Stannington Parish Council*

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## **Minutes of Meeting held**

**22 January 2026**

**Stannington Village Hall**

**7.00pm**

### **Attendance:**

R Tolson – in the chair  
S Dickinson  
M Scott  
R Nixon  
H Brown  
R Philipson  
S Thompson

D Hall – Clerk

### **45. To receive apologies for absence**

M Buckley, L Dawin – Northumberland County Council

### **46. Declaration of any interests**

None

### **47. Precept for 2026-27**

Members considered the proposed precept for the forthcoming year.

## **Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2026/27**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Budget 2025/26</b>	<b>Budget 2026/27</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Precept	-37000.00	-38000.00	
Interest Rec'd	0.00	0.00	
Burial Fees, etc.	-1500.00	-1000.00	
Misc	0.00	0.00	
VAT refund	-1000.00	-1000.00	
<b>Sub total income</b>	<b>-39500.00</b>	<b>-40000.00</b>	
Salaries & Wages(Office)	5200.00	5460.00	
Travel (incl members £500)	500.00	450.00	
Telephone	300.00	0.00	
Stationery	100.00	0.00	
Postages	0.00	0.00	
Books and periodicals	0.00	0.00	

Insurances	2000.00	2000.00	
Sundries /admin/events	4000.00	4000.00	
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	
Subscriptions	600.00	600.00	
Audit Fees	500.00	600.00	
Cemetery - Maintenance	4600.00	5000.00	
N Plan	0.00	0.00	
S.137 Expenditure	3000.00	4000.00	
Grounds and Open Space General	5000.00	5000.00	
Shelters seats and bins	4000.00	3000.00	
Equipment	500.00	500.00	
Furniture & Fittings	0.00	0.00	
Playing Field	2000.00	2000.00	
Store Rental & fittings	300.00	300.00	
Environmental/traffic schemes	6000.00	6000.00	
Election	2000.00	2000.00	
<b>Net</b>	<b>1100.00</b>	<b>910.00</b>	From reserves

		Increase or reduction from prior year	
Precept 2025-26	37000.00		
Band D equivalent	33.90	-0.35	-1.01%
Band D for 20265-26 tax base	1091.59		
Proposed precept 2026-27	38000.00		
Band D equivalent	33.84	-0.05	-0.16%
Band D for 2026-27 tax base	1122.9		

**Tax Base 1,122.90 2026**

Precept	A 6/9	B 7/9	C 8/9	D 9/9	E 11/9	F 13/9	G 15/9	H 18/9
	0.67	0.78	0.89	1.00	1.22	1.44	1.67	2.00
1000	0.83	0.97	1.10	1.24	1.51	1.79	2.07	2.48
20000	11.93	13.89	15.85	17.81	21.73	25.65	29.74	35.62
20500	12.23	14.24	16.25	18.26	22.27	26.29	30.49	36.51
21000	12.53	14.59	16.64	18.70	22.82	26.93	31.23	37.40
21500	12.83	14.93	17.04	19.15	23.36	27.57	31.98	38.29
22000	13.13	15.28	17.44	19.59	23.90	28.21	32.72	39.18
22500	13.43	15.63	17.83	20.04	24.45	28.85	33.46	40.07
22950	13.69	15.94	18.19	20.44	24.93	29.43	34.13	40.88
23000	13.72	15.98	18.23	20.48	24.99	29.50	34.21	40.97
24000	14.32	16.67	19.02	21.37	26.08	30.78	35.69	42.75
25000	14.92	17.37	19.81	22.26	27.16	32.06	37.18	44.53
26000	15.51	18.06	20.61	23.15	28.25	33.34	38.67	46.31
27000	16.11	18.76	21.40	24.04	29.33	34.62	40.15	48.09
28000	16.71	19.45	22.19	24.94	30.42	35.91	41.64	49.87

29000	17.30	20.14	22.99	25.83	31.51	37.19	43.13	51.65
30000	17.90	20.84	23.78	26.72	32.59	38.47	44.62	53.43
31000	18.50	21.53	24.57	27.61	33.68	39.75	46.10	55.21
32000	19.09	22.23	25.36	28.50	34.77	41.04	47.59	57.00
33000	19.69	22.92	26.16	29.39	35.85	42.32	49.08	58.78
34000	20.29	23.62	26.95	30.28	36.94	43.60	50.57	60.56
35000	20.88	24.31	27.74	31.17	38.03	44.88	52.05	62.34
36000	21.48	25.01	28.53	32.06	39.11	46.17	53.54	64.12
37000	22.08	25.70	29.33	32.95	40.20	47.45	55.03	65.90
38000	22.67	26.40	30.12	33.84	41.29	48.73	56.51	67.68
39000	23.27	27.09	30.91	34.73	42.37	50.01	58.00	69.46
40000	23.87	27.79	31.70	35.62	43.46	51.30	59.49	71.24
41000	24.46	28.48	32.50	36.51	44.55	52.58	60.98	73.03
42000	25.06	29.17	33.29	37.40	45.63	53.86	62.46	74.81
43000	25.66	29.87	34.08	38.29	46.72	55.14	63.95	76.59
44000	26.25	30.56	34.87	39.18	47.80	56.43	65.44	78.37
45000	26.85	31.26	35.67	40.07	48.89	57.71	66.92	80.15

Average Band D in Northumberland 2025 was £50.39

**Resolved that: the Precept for 2026-27 be set at £38,000 representing a Band D charge of £33.84 (compared to Northumberland average in 2025 of £50.39) which is a 0.16% drop on the prior year.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Minutes of Meeting held**

**30 January 2026**

**Stannington Village Hall**

**7.00pm**

### **Attendance:**

R Tolson – in the chair  
M Scott  
H Brown  
R Philipson  
S Thompson

D Hall – Clerk

3 members of the public

### **Public session**

#### **Stannington Village**

A resident of Stannington Village attended to express concerns about traffic in the village and that vehicles are speeding through the village along platinum way to get to Netherton Park. Concern was also expressed relating to parking along Church Road and the use of the southern slip road. The member of public suggested that the slip road be closed but also recognised that to do so would bring about the potential end to the bus services to and from Morpeth and Newcastle.

The Clerk explained that a meeting of members the parish council have met with representatives Northumberland County Council to discuss these concerns along with issues at Shotton Edge and a plan is awaited from Northumberland County Council.

One the plan is received then it would require consultation to ensure that the views of all residents are considered.

#### **Netherton Park**

Another resident attended the meeting to express concerns about traffic issues at Netherton Park.

- The original outline plan for the new development was for a 5.5m road and a 2m pavement providing access to the current properties and additional 85 properties
- In 2019 this was changed by Officers under 'delegated authority' to 4.8m and 1.5m, with no public debate or reference to any Committee.
- The report said it transpired that land was not available to meet the original plan. However, we know that the local landowner and his family were never approached to see whether they would

release some land. The landowner was also present at the meeting and expressed a willingness to provide land for a better access had he been asked in the past or now. The Officer report accepted that the new dimensions were sub-optimal and contrary to the Council guidelines but justified the decision by reference to some very outdated traffic survey data. In short, the justification was weak and based on estimated traffic volumes. While we were concerned about volumes given the contextual changes to traffic patterns in the intervening period, as, more importantly, the safety related challenges of vehicles passing and the risks to pedestrians were a serious consideration in our view.

The residents and the PC - challenged the decision on numerous occasions, providing evidence as to why we believed it was wrong based on safety, (also reminding the Council it had failed to recognise the two blind/semi-blind exits onto the access road). No one has ever received a clear response or justification, and the unanswered question remains - why was more effort not made to meet the original outline plan given that land was available?

Now we are close to the time when the haul road will be removed, and the access road and pavement will be updated by Bellway to meet the Planning requirements. This is the time to revisit the decision. As The Withers becomes increasingly occupied is that the volume of traffic has increased. Many residents, Kyloe staff and other vehicles use the haul road at the moment, but soon all traffic will be required use the access road, including farm vehicles, refuse lorries, utility vehicles, delivery vehicles, residents (112 properties), Kyloe staff and other office staff. Speeding is commonplace and is a problem and safety risk.

**Councillors agreed to seek clarity and a meeting from Northumberland County Council.**

**48. To receive apologies for absence**

S Dickinson, R Nixon, M Buckley

L Dawin – Northumberland County Council

**49. Declaration of any interests**

None

**50. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Agreed as a true record

**51. Matters arising**

None not covered by the agenda

**25. Councillor updates**

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Sue Thompson

**Date:** 29th January 2026

**Purpose of report:** Litter Bin request at bus stop

**Actions requested:** Purchase of a litter bin - **Actioned**

The new Bus Stop on the south bound slip road has increasing amounts of rubbish accumulating.

## **REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

**Author:** Cllr Malcolm Scott

**Date:** 29/01/2026

**Purpose of report:** To update the Council on items reported.

### **Commentary:**

a) Following previous report to Council Report from local resident at last meeting two village residents have now expressed concern that the two remaining large mature Lime trees at East School Cottage have also now been partially cut down. This was conducted by Power Grid on it is understood a request from the new East School Cottage owner/s.

b) Long and comprehensive letter received from Mrs. L. Woodman a long-standing resident of Stannington Village, who has enquired whether anything more can be done to reduce traffic load and traffic speed through the village particularly on Platinum way from Northbound Slip Road from the A1. She has stated to me that the road is increasingly becoming a 'rat run' for traffic travelling to the new housing schemes at Netherton Park etc. and Station Road areas. She has requested closure of the Northbound slip road to all vehicles but Buses and Emergency Service vehicles. Mrs. Woodman has also included complaints about the state of the village verges and the dangerous parking on school days by parents/carers parking in The Glebe and directly on the Church Bend. She included photographs of the situation.

*The Parish Council Clerk is to circulate Mrs. Woodman's lengthy and detailed letter to all Councillors.*

c) Mr. & Mrs. S. & A. Lamb village residents have expressed the same complaint again to me regarding the increase in traffic and speeding vehicles through the village. He has suggested that the Northbound slip road be changed to a bus and emergency vehicle lane only with a camera to record non-compliant vehicles.

**Trees reported to Northumberland County Council. Mrs Woodman was present at the public session and details recorded above. Mr Lamb's comments noted – see above re plans for a public consultation.**

## **53. Development Control**

Councillors considered planning applications - unless otherwise stated no objection was raised

Erection of a garage with car port within garden.

West School Cottage Church Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6HF

Ref. No: 26/00162/FUL

Retrospective - Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension

1 Green Close Stannington Northumberland NE61 6PE

Ref. No: 26/00017/FUL

Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development - The proposed operations consist solely of the removal of the existing deteriorating external cladding

Stannington First School Church Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6HJ

Ref. No: 25/04565/CLPROP

Replace 23no wood poles and 20no spans of existing 3 x 0.05 sq.in copper conductor (HDBC) with 3 x 100mm All Aluminium Alloy Conductor (AAAC) and remove 6no poles & conductor  
Clifton & Glorum Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AH

Ref. No: 25/04528/ELEGDO

Certificate of Lawful Development - Proposed development for installation of two small prefabricated buildings (toilet block and office/canteen).

Ardlea Station Road End Stannington Northumberland NE61 6DR

Ref. No: 25/04459/CLPROP

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices – none

Meeting with Northumberland County Council being sought to discuss ongoing planning issues and enforcement at Whitehouse Centre.

## **54. Finance**

The following income and payment of accounts were noted and approved:

Income: Fees 425.00

Balances:

BOI - £54857.69

Lloyds £10350.00

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1454	Village Hall	Grant	204.00
1455	Stannington School	Grant	3000.00
DD	Wave	Rates	255.63
DD	BT	Line Rental	36.27
1456	Northern Services	Salt bin	440.00
1457	Mazars	Audit	252.00
1458	Northern Services	Bus shelter repairs	220.00

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

**55. Correspondence**

All correspondence noted and actioned unless indicated otherwise:

- Northumberland County Council – public rights of way
- Elan City – new speed sign for Gororum £3000 – agreed
- Northumberland County Council – report expected for next meeting on road safety
- Residents of Netherton Park – access road
- Northumberland County Council – Community Review – responded
- Mr Lamb – tree felling – no action by Northumberland County Council
- Northumberland County Council – Neighbourhood plan – further advice being sought
- Mrs woodman – as above
- Northumberland County Council – bins on A1 removed by Northumberland County Council – request replacement
- Resident of Station Road – Safety Scheme – seek further info
- Northumberland County Council – resilience forums
- Mrs Ridley – bins on A1, footpaths, planting – all in hand
- Northumberland County Council – speed camera
- Stannington 1<sup>st</sup> School – seeking a grant for activities – agreed £3000
- Northumberland County Council – investigating scheme for Church Road verge works

**56. Other urgent business**

- School asking about a 'book box' - It is the year of reading this year. – agree to fund
- Drainage / flooding issue on Church Road on 'fix my street'

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_