

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held

25 March 2026

St Mary's Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

R Tolson – in the chair
H Brown
S Thompson
S Dickinson
R Nixon
M Buckley
L Darwin – Northumberland County Council

D Hall – Clerk

Public session

No members of the public present

57. To receive apologies for absence

M Scott, R Philipson

58. Declaration of any interests

None

59. Minutes of the previous meeting

Agreed as a true record

60. Matters arising

Councillors discussed the unsatisfactory situation regarding Netherton Park and in particular the refusal of Northumberland County Council to take any action in terms of either widening the proposed access road or retaining the current dual system. Cllr Darwin agreed to raise this at Full council.

Councillors also discussed the unsatisfactory response from Neil Snowdon of Northumberland County Council in terms of the lack of any meaningful action relating to speeding on Church Road and the ongoing dangerous junction at Shotton Edge. Cllr Darwin agreed to raise this at Full council.

Parishioners had expressed concern relating to traffic using Stannington Village as a short cut to Netherton Park. It was agreed that this be referred to the Highways Agency to see if this could be addressed using alternative signage on the A1.

61. Development Control

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

Installation of 1 x 9m medium pole - Reference: OGEAA4582000
Land South West Of Shotton Edge House Seaton Burn Northumberland
Ref. No: 26/01006/MISC ·

Hedgerow Removal Notice: Removal of three sections of hedgerow totalling 35m
Land West Of Plessey South Moor Farm Fisher Lane Cramlington Northumberland
Ref. No: 26/00973/HEGRMN ·

Non Material Amendment (Removal of the approved front dormer window and replacement with a rooflight within the same roof slope.) on approved application 25/02108/FUL (Amended)
East School Cottage Church Road Stannington Northumberland NE61 6HF
Ref. No: 26/00873/NONMAT

The council maintains its objection to the above application as previously stated.

First floor extension to rear of existing dwelling
23 Station Road Stannington NE61 6DX
Ref. No: 26/00777/FUL ·

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) on approved application 25/00055/FUL in order to reflect the amended design
Land South West Of North Moor 36 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 26/00722/VARYCO

Proposed two storey side extension over garage, including garage conversion
6 Cheltenham Grove Stannington Northumberland NE61 6GA
Ref. No: 26/00729/FUL

Certificate of Lawful Development - Existing use for class E(g)(i) to use an office solely for digital admin work, with no public access, vehicles, and no physical changes to the site
G12 The Rivergreen Centre St Mary Lane St Mary Park Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6BL
Ref. No: 26/00699/CLEXIS

Tree Preservation Order Application: T11 Sycamore - Remove deadwood, T17 Sycamore - Pollard, T18 Sycamore- Reduce to habitat pole/monolith, G1 A Scots Pine - Remove deadwood, G1 B Larch- Fell
Horticultural Skills Unit Park Drive Hepscott Park Northumberland NE61 6NF
Ref. No: 26/00628/FELTPO

Proposed single storey side extension
The Lodge 34 Station Road Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6DT
Ref. No: 26/00552/FUL

Notification of Prior Approval for a general purpose agricultural building and associated farm track
 Low Horton Grange Farm Green Lane Seaton Burn Northumberland NE13 6BZ
 Ref. No: 26/00533/AGRGDO

Variation of Condition 3 (Verification Report) on approved application 25/00842/VARYCO in order to ensure compliance with the submitted drainage verification and monitoring evidence Land South Of Hepscott Park Smithy Lane Hepscott Park Northumberland
 Ref. No: 26/00405/VARYCO

Note:
 Notices of appeal – none
 Notices of enquiry – none
 Other notices – Whitehouse Centre Enforcement - noted

62. Finance

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

Income: £350 fees and £802.59 VAT

Balances:

BOI - £51,795.49
 Lloyds £10350.00

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1459	Conway Fencing	Fence works	6312.00
1460	THC	Grounds works	7768.40
1461	Northern Services	Maintenance	160.00
1462	Conways Fencing	Fence Works	8262.80
1463	Elan City	Speed sign	3000.00
1464	D Hall	Salary/Exp/PAYE	1526.84
N/A	Northumberland County Council	Rates for Store - NIL	0.00
1465	J Douglass	Audit	300.00
1466	Stannington School	Donation for library	750.00
1467	St Marys Village Hall	Donation for Defib pads	68.20
DD	Wave	Water bill	25.93
DD	BT	Line rental	36.27

Cancel chq 1426 U/P

Resolved that: The payments listed be approved

63. Correspondence

All correspondence noted and actioned unless indicated otherwise:

N Snowdon Northumberland County Council - Update as requested.

1. Blagdon Lane junction - we will be undertaking a feasibility study during 2026/27 to assess potential improvements for the junction.
2. Church Lane - According to our Speed Compliance Tool average speeds are recorded to be 28.5mph so vehicles are travelling well in advance of the 20mph speed limit. SLOW markings can be provided, but something more physical may be of benefit, these may not be popular though.
3. Slip Road - we aren't aware of any further incidents, we'll request that street lighting assess the lighting, to ensure no entry signs are illuminated correctly.

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64. Other urgent business

- Cllr Dickinson reported issues with a public right of way to the East of Netherton Park
- 2 recycled seats to be ordered
- Commemorative tree to be sourced for the late M Woods
- Cllr Darwin Surgery 28 March
- Issues with playing field fence – being addressed
- K Carins – Defibrillator usage
- C Bessant – Netherton Park – discussed above
- Northumberland County Council – consultation on Road Traffic Calming on Station Road – await outcome of residents views
- Northumberland County Council – refusal to reinstate bins on A1
- First School – library – agreed above
- Mr Emery – thanks for works on footpath to the south of Stannington
- Northumberland County Council – ongoing information re Neighbourhood plan.

Date of next meeting 12 May 2026

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____