

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held

18 January 2023

Stannington Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

K Carins – in the chair

S Dickinson

M Scott

H Brown

R Tolson

R Philipson

R Nixon

D Hall – Clerk

2 Members of the public from Netherton Park

Prior to the formal meeting the residents from Netherton park appraised the council of the situation at Netherton Park with reference to The Green and possible transfer to public use. The council agreed that it would be open to discussions with residents re ownership as things progressed in the future.

42. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

43. To receive any declarations of interest

Councillor Brown – Planning application 22/04480/FUL

44. To receive the minutes of the previous

Received and confirmed as a true record

45. To receive any matters arising

None

46. To consider any written reports from councillors or representatives on outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 18th January 2023

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

Stannington Station Road

The sign at the Station Road services has now been changed and residents are pleased with the outcome.

Councillor Carins has had a meeting with County Councillor Darwin concerning issues at Willow Homes and Councillor Darwin will chase this up with the Planning Department. The County Council has been informed but to date there has been no response from them.

Action: To monitor the matter and liaise with Councillor Darwin

Stannington Village

The defibrillator in the southern bus shelter is to be relocated to the exterior of the village hall, this will make it easier to be seen and located.

The Storm Arwen caused a lot of damage and disruption to everyone in the Parish. Northern Powergen have scoped the village hall in order to provide a generator in the event of another severe weather incident. This will mean the hall will be used as a warm hub were any residents, suffering a loss of power, may come, get warm and enjoy some hot food and company. The Hall is registered as a Warm Hub and will have an open day during Village Hall's Week. Plans to upgrade the hall are being considered and the Parish Council will be asked to support these changes and for advice.

The School's Christmas luncheon in the Village Hall was a lovely event for the Parish Council to be involved in and will now be repeated annually.

The Parish Councillors expressed their deep sadness on the untimely death of Shaun Scott. They sent their condolences to Claire and Lois. Claire and Shaun have always been great supporters of all things Stannington and played an integral part in the WW2 Event, the Jubilee Events and Shaun was very helpful to Councillor Carins regarding his immense knowledge of trees and issues the Parish had in the village. Over 370 people attended his funeral which shows how much regard he was held in. Claire has asked that the Parish Council to oversee the very kind donations in Shaun's memory to benefit the community. This may be a special bench or tree, the Parish Council will work with Claire and Lois as to what would make a special memory in Shaun's name.

Action: To liaise with Claire Scott and to keep the Parish Council informed.

Coronation May 6th 2023

The arrangements for the Coronation in May are well under way and an exciting day is planned for the whole Parish. It will centre around the Village hall and be a "street party" weather permitting. The Hall and a marquee will be used as back up so it won't stop the celebrations. A magician, face-painter and entertainer have been booked. The Parish Council are also sponsoring a ticketed event, on the evening of the Coronation, with a band and a dance in the Village hall. The Parish also look forward to the return of Stannington, Make, Bake, Grow and Show show in September.

Action: To keep the Parish Council updated on issues concerning the Coronation.

St Marys Park

The issue regarding the residents complaint about the planning application 22/02923/FUL | Provision of playing field, including pitch drainage, and landscaping of viewing mounds. | St Mary's Hospital Development Site St Mary's Hospital Drive Stannington Northumberland NE61 6BL is still unresolved. Sink holes have been reported by residents and featured in the local press.

Action: To support the residents and work with Bellway and NCC to ensure that the area is put back to a state that is agreeable to all.

Netherton Park

The work at Netherton Park now continues but is being compromised by the bad weather. Any issues that arise with Bellway are being dealt with through the weekly meetings that the Residents representatives have with the Site Manager and the backup of communication with the Construction Manager as and when appropriate. As has been reported before, the main operational issues arise from the activities on the Drive.

The show home is open and generating interest. The 3 completed houses on the Drive (the 4th is the show home) are being finalised/landscaped for occupation by the end of January, at which point the focus of activity will shift to the main site. The Drive will still be subject to site vehicle traffic but it is expected that the number of operational issues on the Drive will reduce significantly.

The more substantial concerns, as has been reported consistently over the last year or so, relate to:

- the main access road, speeding, safety and the fact that the Parish Council or residents have not seen or had any description regarding the final Road Safety Plan. It is understood that the Road Safety Plan is something that Bellway have to produce but the Council have to oversee and approve - which is why concerns are being addressed to the Council Highways Officer. Everyone concerned is aware of the issues regarding safety, speeding etc that these issues have been consistently raised since before the Planning Approval was granted. It is very disappointing that the Council have not responded to a series of requests for further information, or to a request to meet residents on site and review the situation or provided an explanation as to why the temporary speed bumps, promised before the school holiday period last summer, have not been put down or to where things are with the Road Safety Plan.

- the proposals for new security gates/system at Kyloe House. Residents asked the Council for more information on how the new arrangements would work, where the cameras were pointing, what they could see, where the lights would shine and when, what would happen if there was a delay/system fault in terms of traffic backing up onto the main access site and finally how the whole thing would look to residents and visitors. Residents suggested it could be moved further along the Kyloe entrance road, nearer to Kyloe House and out of direct line of site. Residents reminded the Council that this is their homes, and that these considerations were reasonable. Residents did not receive any reply to these questions, concerns and requests for information and the Council went ahead and approved the scheme.

Residents note and welcome that the Netherton Park Trustees (who own the land) have not granted Kyloe House approval for an extension that was approved last summer by the Council. While this does not have a particular direct impact on existing residents, it surely would have impacted detrimentally on the new development. Residents have asked if the Parish Council could approach the NP Trustees on their behalf regarding the security system on the grounds of community detriment.

Following a meeting with Councillor Carins, Councillor Darwin will organise a liaison meeting, to include residents, NCC, Kyloe House and the Parish Council.

Action: To support the residents and work with Bellway and NCC to ensure that a liaison meeting is held asap.

47. To consider items pertaining to development control

Members considered the following planning applications and resolved that there be no objection unless otherwise stated in each application:

Non-Material amendment (amendment to SuDs planting plan to change 'translocated MG5 grassland' to Northumberland Meadow See Mix') pursuant to planning application 11/02980/FUL

Land North Of St Marys Hospital St Mary Lane St Mary Park Morpeth Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/04794/NONMAT

The installation of a 9.35m extension to existing lattice mast to accommodate 3 no. replacement antenna and ancillary equipment and 2 no. 300mm satellite link dishes. The installation of GPS node within compound at ground level. Internal upgrades at equipment cabin.

O2 Communications Mast Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/04651/MISC

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) in order to reduce the scope of the scheme by omitting the extension and one yard and be amending the layout of another yard on approved application 22/01227/FUL

Kyloe House Netherton Park Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6EF
Ref. No: 22/04586/VARYCO

Remove existing front porch and replace with new, dormers to front bedrooms on main roof, garden stores removed and construction of garage

West View Station Road End Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6DL
Ref. No: 22/04593/FUL

Conversion of existing farm building to create single dwelling.

Land On Tranwell Airfield South West Of Wellhill Tranwell Woods Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/04480/FUL **Councillor Brown Declared an interest in this application and left the meeting during the discussion.**

Removal of 3 No. antennas and the installation of 3 No. antennas and 9 No. RRUs on the existing tower. The relocation of 1 No. 600mm dish on the existing tower and the installation of 2 No. cabinets within the existing compound - reference 11530726 / 72789.

Communications Mast Netherton Park Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 22/04466/

Notification of Prior Approval for a steel portal frame building for storage of farm materials and goods.

Land South West Of A1 Kennels And Cattery Low Middle Moor House Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6EJ
Ref. No: 22/04403/AGRGDO

Erection of a steel portal framed building complete with all associated cladding and building work, this will form a side extension off the existing indoor soft play building.

Land East Of The Whitehouse Centre Ltd 20 Whitehouse Farm Centre Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AW
Ref. No: 22/04379/FUL

48. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:

Burial Fees £250
Insurance Credit £156.36

Bank balance of BOI £41,014.33 and Lloyds TSB £10,350.00 as at 20.12.122

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1335	Parochial Church Council	Room hire	25.00
1336	School	Grant	930.00
1337	Northern Services	Repairs	314.00
1338	D Hall	Salary/exp	2362.80

1339	HMRC	PAYE/NIC	1462.92
1340	Village Hall	Room hire	86.00
1341	Northern Services	Repairs	489.15
1342	KPF Littlejohn	Audit	240.00
DD	Anglian Water	Water bill	125.56
DD	BT	Line rental	75.16
DD	Anglian Water	Water bill	24.20

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

Setting the precept:

Members considered the current budget position and also the budget for 23/24.

Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2022-23							
Name	Budget 2022-3	Actual	Further	Y/End	Variance		Budget 2023/4
Precept	-35150.00	-35150.00	0.00		-35150.00	0.00	-35150.00
Interest Rec'd	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Burial Fees, etc.	-2510.00	-1525.00	-250.00		-1275.00	1235.00	-1525.00
Misc	0.00	-3653.36			-3653.36	-3653.36	0.00
VAT refund	-1000.00	0.00	-2000.00		-2000.00	-1000.00	-1000.00
Sub total income	-38660.00	-41350.00	-2250.00		-42078.36	-3418.36	-37675.00
Salaries & Wages(Office)	4800.00	3599.16	1200.84		4800.00	0.00	4800.00
Handyman	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel (incl members £500)	500.00	226.56	100.00		326.56	-173.44	500.00
Telephone	300.00	227.12	100.00		327.12	27.12	300.00
Stationery	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-100.00	100.00
Postages	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Books and periodicals	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurances	2000.00	2080.49	0.00		2080.49	80.49	2000.00
Sundries /admin/events	500.00	4102.33	0.00		4102.33	3602.33	4000.00
Professional Fees	200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-200.00	0.00
Subscriptions	550.00	697.37	0.00		697.37	147.37	550.00
Audit Fees	250.00	200.00	200.00		400.00	150.00	450.00
Cemetery - Maintenance	4000.00	53.74	4000.00		4053.74	53.74	4000.00
N Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
S.137 Expenditure Incl WW2 grants	5000.00	930.00	2000.00		2930.00	-2070.00	5000.00
Grounds and Open Space General	5000.00	4554.50	2500.00		7054.50	2054.50	5000.00
Shelters seats and bins	5000.00	2404.00	0.00		2404.00	-2596.00	5000.00
Equipment	100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-100.00	100.00
Furniture & Fittings	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Playing Field	2000.00	946.00	0.00		946.00	-1054.00	2000.00
Store Rental & fittings	500.00	303.51	0.00		303.51	-196.49	300.00
Environmental/traffic schemes	5000.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-5000.00	5000.00
Election	1500.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-1500.00	0.00
Sub total	37300.00	20324.78	10100.84		30425.62	-6874.38	39100.00
							NET 1425.00
Opening balance as of 1 April 2022	24344.79						
Add income	42078.36						
Add further expected income	2250.00						
Less Exp to date	-20324.78						
less WW1	-5618.40						
Less further Exp	-10100.84						
Expected balance 31/3/22	32629.13						
Precept 2022/23		35150.00					
Band D equivalent		34.56					
		1017.05					
Proposed precept 2023/4		36100.00			Change		
Band D equivalent		34.56			0.00%		
Band D for 2022-23 tax base		1044.6					

Precept	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	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	12.83	14.93	17.04	19.15	23.36	27.57	31.97	38.29
20500	13.15	15.31	17.47	19.62	23.94	28.26	32.77	39.25
21000	13.47	15.68	17.89	20.10	24.53	28.95	33.57	40.21
21500	13.79	16.05	18.32	20.58	25.11	29.64	34.37	41.16
22000	14.11	16.43	18.74	21.06	25.69	30.33	35.17	42.12
22500	14.43	16.80	19.17	21.54	26.28	31.02	35.97	43.08
22950	14.72	17.14	19.55	21.97	26.80	31.64	36.69	43.94
23000	14.75	17.17	19.60	22.02	26.86	31.71	36.77	44.04
24000	15.39	17.92	20.45	22.98	28.03	33.08	38.37	45.95
25000	16.03	18.67	21.30	23.93	29.20	34.46	39.97	47.87
26000	16.68	19.41	22.15	24.89	30.37	35.84	41.57	49.78
27000	17.32	20.16	23.00	25.85	31.53	37.22	43.16	51.69
28000	17.96	20.91	23.86	26.80	32.70	38.60	44.76	53.61
29000	18.60	21.65	24.71	27.76	33.87	39.98	46.36	55.52
30000	19.24	22.40	25.56	28.72	35.04	41.36	47.96	57.44
31000	19.88	23.15	26.41	29.68	36.21	42.73	49.56	59.35
32000	20.52	23.89	27.26	30.63	37.37	44.11	51.16	61.27
33000	21.17	24.64	28.12	31.59	38.54	45.49	52.76	63.18
34000	21.81	25.39	28.97	32.55	39.71	46.87	54.36	65.10
35000	22.45	26.13	29.82	33.51	40.88	48.25	55.95	67.01
36000	23.09	26.88	30.67	34.46	42.04	49.63	57.55	68.93
36100	23.15	26.96	30.76	34.56	42.16	49.76	57.71	69.12
37000	23.73	27.63	31.52	35.42	43.21	51.01	59.15	70.84
38000	24.37	28.37	32.38	36.38	44.38	52.38	60.75	72.76
39000	25.01	29.12	33.23	37.33	45.55	53.76	62.35	74.67
40000	25.66	29.87	34.08	38.29	46.72	55.14	63.95	76.58
41000	26.30	30.61	34.93	39.25	47.88	56.52	65.55	78.50
42000	26.94	31.36	35.78	40.21	49.05	57.90	67.15	80.41
43000	27.58	32.11	36.64	41.16	50.22	59.28	68.74	82.33
44000	28.22	32.85	37.49	42.12	51.39	60.65	70.34	84.24
45000	28.86	33.60	38.34	43.08	52.56	62.03	71.94	86.16

The average parish council Band D for 2022/23 across Northumberland was £90.87 whereas Stannington Was £34.56

It was therefore resolved that:

The Precept be set at £36,100 which represents a Band D charge of £34.56 making this the 15th year in which there was a 10% increase in the band D charge.

49. Coronation of King Charles

- Council to fund trees for all residents to continue the canopy
- Flagpole for the school
- Look at possible entrance signs

50. Correspondence

- Seaton Vale Neighbourhood Watch
- Northumberland County Council – drains on Church Road
- Parochial Church Council – Car park lighting
- SAA – audit arrangements

- Northumberland County Council – Precept
- Northumberland County Council – Netherton Park

51. Other business

- Thank you letter to Mr Wox for the Christmas Tree
- Tree for S Wilson – Councillor Dickinson to arrange
- Seat for S Scott
- New flagpole at Stannington First School
- Discussion with Blagdon Estate re possible lease of land
- Path at rear of church needs attention
- Agreed to ask residents to arrange a village show as volunteers
- Discussion re support for the Village Hall new floor (K Carins, S Dickinson, M Scott & R Tolson declared an interest) – agreed in principle to fund this to a value of £4000.

511. Date of Next meeting

15 March 2023

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____