

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held
Monday 28th September
2020 – 4.00pm
Stannington Church

Attendance:

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

Public Session

None

30. To receive any apologies

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

31. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

None known

32. To receive and note the minutes of the previous meeting

Approved

33. To consider any matters arising from the minutes

- Drainage clearance and road sweeping on Church Road continue to be a concern – Northumberland County Council have pledged to keep this up
- Meeting taken place with M King of Northumberland County Council re footpath at Blagdon
- Seat for M Stewart installed – needs a plaque and stained
- Agreed to postpone Freeman Ceremony for Rev Pickford until Covid 19 is over

34. To consider reports from around the parish/outside bodies

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 28th September 2020

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

Minutes of Brenkley and Shotton OCCS Liaison Committees circulated

Stannington Village

Commentary:

NCC will begin road repairs at The Glebe on the 28th September 2020.

Playdale have requested, again, the council's thoughts on the playground layout for the new play equipment. There are football nets which have appeared on the playing field and football coaching and keep fit classes have been taking place. The Parish Council was not aware of this and will endeavour to ascertain if these classes have the relevant insurances and clearance to conduct the classes, reports of antisocial behaviour has also been reported by residents.

Councillor Carins has purchased a hamper for Maurice during his convalescence. Maurice attended a meeting with Councillor Carins and the contactors to look at a suitable position for Maurice's retirement tree and bench. A weeping cherry and a seat will be placed at the triangle between the village hall car park and Green Close. The work will commence 28th September 2020.

Councillor Carins has had a meeting with Martin King, NCC Highways Officer and Councillor Eileen Armstrong on the Blagdon footpath (opposite the ice cream parlour) to view the repairs which have taken place to the footpath. The work has been extensive and Councillor Carins sent an email thanking the NCC team for their sterling work.

The War Memorial has been desecrated which is very sad. The stonemason who made the original plaque has kindly offered to replace the plaque, free of charge. The police have been informed and the crime number is 350/260920. Reports of other antisocial behaviour has been reported and a meeting with the local police officer for our area and other bodies is to be organised.

Pedestrians are, again, having issues with cyclists riding on footpaths in the Parish and not using a bell to warn people walking on cyclists' routes. Councillor Carins repeats that the main footpath, in question, is the south slip road coming into the village, pedestrians have suffered abuse and near collisions with cyclists using the path illegally. This is not a cyclist path. The conflict between cyclists on the road next to Swan Fam (this is the designated cycle path but there are no pavements) has also witnessed some near accidents between cyclists, children, dogs and pedestrians. Cyclists are not giving warning to walkers and riding at speeds in excess of 20 mph. Residents have asked that sign posts be erected to ensure that the cyclist and pedestrian conflict is lessened.

The Pizza Paddock has been granted a street licence and will park weekly at the same spot as the fish and chip van.

Actions requested:

The council to arrange a safe meeting with Playdale. The council to look at clear cyclist signage and the War Memorial repair. The trees and hedging to be planted within the next 2 months by the new bungalows and tree surgery be performed soon as there has been a lot of fallen branches around the Parish.

The Coronavirus Pandemic

Volunteers have continued to assist residents in the Parish. The Ridley Arms and other businesses, within the Parish, are now open and operating under Coronavirus restrictions and within safety guidelines. Councillor Carins has taken receipt of 50 Age Concern packs to help residents over the winter months. Councillor Carins is liaising with Age Concern to organise phone calls and food parcels to our residents.

Actions requested:

To continue to support the residents and businesses in our Parish.

- b) A resident has expressed concerns at seeing vehicles at least three times in recent weeks driving Southward along the slip road to try to join the A1. The vehicles had driven to the mini roundabout and turned left. He managed to stop one but the other carried on.

Actions Required

Discuss with Council potential provision of suitable additional warning signage in an effort to prevent this issue.

Councillor M. Scott 28th September 2020

35. To consider items pertaining to 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
20/02975	Clifton Lane Farm	Agricultural Building	No objection
20/02678	Land west of Redesdale House, St Mary Park	Floor layout change	No objection

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices:

36. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income: Precept stage 2 of £15365.00

Bank balance of £54143.06 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 23.9.2020

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1252	HMRC	Replaces chq 1238	932.80
1253	HMRC	PAYE and NIC	932.80
1254	D Hall	Salary and exp	1513.49
1255	G Dickie	Flowers for Clifton	100.00
1256	Moorhouse Farm	Gift box	25.00
1257	Carrs	Squirrel food	43.41
1258	N Ritson	Play area repairs	3228.32
1259	North East Air Ambulance	Donation	500.00
DD	Wave	Water bill	14.21
DD	BT	Line rental	71.39

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

37. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- C Bessant, Netherton Park Residents – seeking council support to object to planning application 19/01241 VaryCO **this was unanimously agreed and the Clerk authorised to submit a comment to Northumberland County Council**
- Northumberland County Council – Carriageway repairs on The Glebe
- Mr D Armstrong of Hepscott Park, concerns re accidents on Station Road – write to Northumberland County Council
- Northumberland County Council – Patching on Station Road
- Northumberland County Council – request for DL at Remembrance Service – declined
- Freeman E Ridley – various grounds works all being processed
- Northumberland County Council – proposed 30mph limit on Station Road
- S Lamb – dangerous vehicles heading south on the sliproad in the wrong direction to the A1 – send to Northumberland County Council
- T Fish Northumberland County Council – wrong footpath inspector sent buy Northumberland County Council – Clerk to reorganise
- Stannington Parish Battle of Britain Group, application for grant from WW1 Fund – noted that this would be resubmitted on the application form and considered by the Freeman panel and then recommendations made to the Parish Council. Further applications anticipated from the WI and Mother Union. (Declarations from DH, KC,, MS, RT in the first application and SD/SW in the subsequent two)

An application for a grant was received from the North East Air Ambulance – Councillors thought this was a very worthy cause especially in these troubling times and agreed a grant of £500.

38. Cooption of a Councillor

Two candidates had put themselves forward, Mrs Heneghan and a Mr Nixon, both of Station Road Stannington. The Clerk to arrange informal meeting over zoom with both candidates prior to cooption of one.

39. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

- Possible Flower Festival in 2021 – The Clerk and Cllr Dickinson to formulate a proposal
- Signs for cyclists are required on the old A1 from Swan Farm to The Vale
- Mirror Required on C Road west of Stannington – Cllr Tolson to supply details
- Age Concern Packs available – see Cllr Carins
- Cllr Carins updated members on the possible impact of national planning changes and how this could impact on the Neighbourhood Plan
- Speed surveys at Glorum – Northumberland County Council have done a survey but a number of vehicles were within normal parameters – noted that the PC has 5 speed signs on order and 2 are to be deployed at Glorum
- Continued parking issues outside the school need enforcement by Northumberland County Council
- Plaque for C Dungait to be reinstated following vehicle damage
- Meeting to be held with Northumberland County Council re schools

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- Agreed that hampers for the Clerk and former Handyman be discontinued
- Christmas Tree – on order
- Cllr Carins looking at possible Community Fruit Trees on the Old A1 to the Vale
- THC grounds work scheduled
 - Sweeping Church Road
 - Planters – once available
 - Planting the fountain
 - Strimming Millenium Avenue
 - Removal of old road signs
 - Cemetery grave top up
 - Cemetery hedge

The Clerk updated councillors on the repairs to the play area. A full repaint had been done, repairs to gates and fencing. When this was done the foundation poles were found to be rotten and so new steel plates were needed urgently. The Clerk, in agreement with the chair had arranged for this work to be done quickly by N Ritson. Councillors supported this action.

40. Date of next meeting

Provisionally 11th November for the normal meeting (subject to Covid 19) and a further meeting potentially in October to conclude the cooption of a Councillor.

Signed

Chairman

Date

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Minutes of meeting held

13 October 2020

18.30 by Zoom

41. Public Session

None

42. To receive any apologies

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor

43. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

KC, MS, RT – Grant to the WW” Battle of Britain Group (note DH and RP no longer members of the group)

44. Cooption of a Councillor

As noted in the prior meeting two individuals had expressed an interest in cooption to the council. Mrs Heneghan and also Mr Nixon, both of Station Road Stannington. Members were particularly pleased to have representation from Station Road. This cooption had been delayed because of Covid19.

Normal procedure for cooption is for the councillors to nominate residents and for selection to take place. On this occasion the council wanted to have a fair and equitable process and so had met informally with both candidates by way of an informal interview with 7 identical questions regarding the parish, planning, parish issues, opportunities and challenges and council procedures as well as the opportunity for candidates to express their interest in the role.

It was clear that both candidates were in fact excellent and that they would both be an asset to the council and the parish. There was however only one vacancy until May 2021.

Resolved that: Mr Nixon be coopted to the Council and that Mrs Heneghan be sincerely thanked for her interest.

45. Grant applications

The council noted that the cheque for £6618.40 was received from the WW2 group, this being the remainder of the surplus from the WW1 Centenary event and that such funds to be used for community grants and funding the plaque for the WW1 39 soldiers as previously agreed.

The council had previously agreed to make a donation to the group for £4081.60 and supporting documents including receipt and invoices were circulated to all Councillors.

Resolved that: the payment of £4081.60 be now made to the WW” Battle of Britain Group.

43. Any other Business

- A discussion took place regarding possible arrangements for the annual Remembrance Service with the potential that this may not take place because of Covid 19 and Northumberland County Council refusal to grant road closures. The Council agreed to keep this under review.
- Noted that the Fountain Remembrance Plaque had been damaged and that Bart Endean had offered to replace this free of Charge. The Chair has reported this and other anti-social activity to the police and is to meet the registered social landlord to discuss.

Signed

Chairman

Date