

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting held

17 January 2024

Stannington Village Hall

7.00pm

Attendance:

R Tolson in the chair

M Scott

H Brown

R Philipson

R Nixon

S Dickinson

D Hall – Clerk

39. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

40. To receive any declarations of interest

None noted

41. Public session

No members of the public present

41. To receive the minutes of the previous meeting

Received agreed as a true record.

42. To receive any matters arising

Noted that the planning application for a dog hotel was withdrawn

43. General update from the Clerk

- Work undertaken on seats across the parish and also the church car park
- Grit bin has been purchased and stocked
- THC asked to clear leaves in the village
- Railway compound established on Station Toad for temporary works

44. Members written reports

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 16th January 2024

Purpose of report: To update the Council on any additional items.

Commentary:

- a) A local resident mentioned to me a potentially unsafe/sunken kerbstone at the fire hydrant at the right side going into The Glebe. Also a hole at the hydrant. - **actioned**
- b) Following the request for a larger waste bin at the cemetery tap in September 2023 has any progress been made with this issue. - **ordered**

Actions

- a) To check the kerb and tarmac situation around/at the fire hydrant
- b) To provide a larger waste bin at the cemetery entrance entrance gate

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author : Helen Brown

Date: 17th January 2024

Purpose of report : To update the Council on Glororum route + any other Parish Issues.

Commentary:

Glororum:

All of the issues on the Glororum route including road surface and signage plus signage at Clifton have been uploaded to 'Fix My Street on June 8th by NCC but nothing further to report as nothing further has been done. Update – some of the corroded sign poles have been marked with a spray in the last week.

Stannington Parish – Holiday Inn area: Does this area fall into the Stannington Parish? I have never used these services here but on a recent return trip from a relative near the coast we called in to get something to eat. The whole site around the Travel Lodge / Greggs / Burger King is in an appalling state with degraded road surface and litter everywhere – a danger to health and wildlife I would think as it was so bad – can we do anything about this?

Church car park – the drainage issue of road water seeping through the verge and onto the carpark is obviously no better. The grit bin is full but no 'scoop' otherwise I would have spread the grit this morning.

Church cemetery wall – 2 of the top coping stones have become dislodged on the corner – presumably pushed off as the wall itself is intact.

Footpath around the church: the footpath is impassable in places due to debris from the trees – leaves / twigs / branches.

Actions requested :

Ask NCC when / if the issues on the Glororum route and at Clifton are going to be repaired

Is Holiday Inn area within Stannington Parish and if so what action can be taken
Church carpark / path – can maintenance team help with these issues

45. To consider items pertaining to development control

Councillors considered the following applications lodged with the local planning authority and unless stated otherwise no comment or objection was made:

Removal of condition 10(scheme for the restoration and/ or provision of playing fields and associated facilities, and their availability to the community) on approved application CM/20060893 in order to amend and regularise the proposals in relation to the playing pitch and pavilion.

St Marys Hospital ST Marys Hospital Drive Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AP
Ref. No: 23/04729/VARYCO

Provision of playing field, Multi Use Games Area, Play Area and Airing Court including pitch drainage and landscaping Open for comment icon

Pavilion Stannington Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6AP
Ref. No: 23/04728/FUL

Full planning permission for service station and rest area consisting of: cafe (278m²), farm shop (201m²), 18no. 2 bed holiday lodges, 2no. 1 bed holiday lodges, 63no. car parking spaces including 8no. DDA, 2no. mobile home parking, 8no. motorcycle spaces, 14no. bicycle parking, EV charging points, PV array, forest and toddler playground and associated landscape improvements Open for comment icon

Land North West Of Filling Station Station Road End Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 23/04664/FUL

Stannington Parish Council supports the principle of development on this site given that it has been derelict for a number of years and also because there has been a number of previous proposals and planning applications that have not materialised. However.....the council would NOT support an application which did not include a roundabout at the west and east end of Station Road. This is because Station Road is now a very busy thoroughfare as a result of significant developments at Hepscott Park and Stobhill in Morpeth - traffic takes this route to the A1 and also return journeys daily. As a result traffic volumes and speeds have increased dramatically. The provision of a roundabout at the west end of Station Road in particular is essential given that this is also at the point when the A1 slip road joins the old A1 and at a busy service station. The council is also concerned at the inclusion of a farm shop and cafe when there is already a successful farm shop and cafe business on Station Road and it would be a travesty if this level of competition was to adversely impact on such long standing businesses like this.

Proposed single storey side extension and porch Open for comment icon

32 Villas St Marys Hospital Stannington Northumberland NE61 6AT
Ref. No: 23/04605/FUL

Entrance porch and study extension. Open for comment icon

Pinewood 2 Rivergreen Gardens St Mary Park Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6FY
Ref. No: 23/04286/FUL

Discharge of condition 4 (Construction Method Statement) pursuant to planning permission 23/01469/FUL

Land North Of 37 To 43 Station Road Station Road Stannington Northumberland
Ref. No: 23/04200/DISCON

Note:
Notices of appeal

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (As Amended) APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78

Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access, for construction of up to 30 no. bungalows for over 55s (Use Class C3)

Land West Of Furrow Grove Station Road Stannington Northumberland

Mr Alan Fleming

Notices of enquiry – none
Other notices – none

46. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income:
 Fees £ -

Bank balance of BOI £43,879.86 and Lloyds TSB £10,350.00

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1391	Glasdon UK	Seat	926.59
1392	Stannington village Hall	Rental	104.00
1393	Northern Services	Repairs & maintenance	410.47

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

47. Setting the precept for 2024-25

Members considered the year end forecast and hence the budget and precept for 2024-25

Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2023-24							
Name	Budget 2023-4	Actual	Further	Y/End	Variance	Budget 2024/5	Notes
Precept	-36100.00	-36100.00	0.00		-36100.00	0.00	-36100.00
Interest Rec'd	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Burial Fees, etc.	-1775.00	-900.00	-250.00		-650.00	1125.00	-900.00
Misc	0.00	-450.00	0.00		-450.00	-450.00	0.00
VAT refund	-1000.00	0.00	-500.00		-500.00	500.00	-500.00
Sub total income	-37925.00	-37450.00	-750.00		-37700.00	225.00	-37500.00
Salaries & Wages(Office)	4800.00	1828.11	2971.89		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	99.12	150.00		249.12	-250.88	500.00
Telephone	300.00	251.99	50.00		301.99	1.99	300.00
Stationery	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00	0.00	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	4000.00	1415.45	1000.00		2415.45	-1584.55	4000.00
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions	550.00	477.14	0.00		477.14	-72.86	550.00
Audit Fees	450.00	210.00	200.00		410.00	-40.00	450.00
Cemetery - Maintenance	4000.00	1348.71	3000.00		4348.71	348.71	4000.00
N Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
S.137 Expenditure incl WW2 grants	5000.00	8516.00	0.00		8516.00	3516.00	3400.00
Grounds and Open Space General	5000.00	2821.01	2000.00		4821.01	-178.99	5000.00
Shelters seats and bins	5000.00	3436.40	1500.00		4936.40	-63.60	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	1151.00	500.00		1651.00	-349.00	2000.00
Store Rental & fittings	300.00	758.70	0.00		758.70	458.70	300.00
Environmental/traffic schemes	5000.00	0.00	3000.00		3000.00	-2000.00	5000.00
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	39100.00	24394.12	14471.89		38866.01	-233.99	37500.00
						NET	0.00
Opening balance as of 1 April 2023	24344.79						
Add income	37450.00						
Ad further expected income	750.00						
Less Exp to date	-24394.12						
Less further Exp	-14471.89						
Expected balance 31/3/22	23678.78						
Precept 2023/24		36100.00					
Band D equivalent		34.56					
		1044.6					
Proposed precept 2024/25		36100.00		Change			
Band D equivalent		34.24			-0.92%		
Band D for 2024/5 tax base		1054.3					

Tax Base	1,054.30			2024					
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	12.71	14.80	16.88	18.97	23.14	27.32	31.68	37.94	
20500	13.03	15.17	17.31	19.44	23.72	28.00	32.47	38.89	
21000	13.35	15.54	17.73	19.92	24.30	28.68	33.26	39.84	
21500	13.66	15.91	18.15	20.39	24.88	29.37	34.06	40.79	
22000	13.98	16.28	18.57	20.87	25.46	30.05	34.85	41.73	
22500	14.30	16.65	18.99	21.34	26.04	30.73	35.64	42.68	
22950	14.58	16.98	19.37	21.77	26.56	31.35	36.35	43.54	
23000	14.62	17.02	19.42	21.82	26.61	31.41	36.43	43.63	
24000	15.25	17.76	20.26	22.76	27.77	32.78	38.02	45.53	
25000	15.89	18.50	21.10	23.71	28.93	34.15	39.60	47.42	
26000	16.52	19.24	21.95	24.66	30.09	35.51	41.18	49.32	
27000	17.16	19.98	22.79	25.61	31.24	36.88	42.77	51.22	
28000	17.79	20.72	23.64	26.56	32.40	38.24	44.35	53.12	
29000	18.43	21.45	24.48	27.51	33.56	39.61	45.94	55.01	
30000	19.06	22.19	25.32	28.45	34.71	40.98	47.52	56.91	
31000	19.70	22.93	26.17	29.40	35.87	42.34	49.10	58.81	
32000	20.34	23.67	27.01	30.35	37.03	43.71	50.69	60.70	
33000	20.97	24.41	27.86	31.30	38.19	45.07	52.27	62.60	
34000	21.61	25.15	28.70	32.25	39.34	46.44	53.86	64.50	
35000	22.24	25.89	29.55	33.20	40.50	47.80	55.44	66.39	
36000	22.88	26.63	30.39	34.15	41.66	49.17	57.02	68.29	
36100	22.94	26.71	30.47	34.24	41.77	49.31	57.18	68.48	
37000	23.51	27.37	31.23	35.09	42.82	50.54	58.61	70.19	
38000	24.15	28.11	32.08	36.04	43.97	51.90	60.19	72.09	
39000	24.78	28.85	32.92	36.99	45.13	53.27	61.78	73.98	
40000	25.42	29.59	33.77	37.94	46.29	54.63	63.36	75.88	
41000	26.06	30.33	34.61	38.89	47.44	56.00	64.94	77.78	
42000	26.69	31.07	35.45	39.84	48.60	57.37	66.53	79.67	
43000	27.33	31.81	36.30	40.79	49.76	58.73	68.11	81.57	
44000	27.96	32.55	37.14	41.73	50.92	60.10	69.70	83.47	
45000	28.60	33.29	37.99	42.68	52.07	61.46	71.28	85.36	

It was noted that the average Parish Council Precept per band D property in Northumberland was £48.22 and that Stannington was £34.56 and that this had not been raised for over 10 years.

Resolved that the precept for 2024-25 be £36,100 representing a band D charge of £34.24 and a reduction of 0.92%.

48. Arrangements of the awarding of Honorary Freedom of the Parish

It was agreed that this meeting be held on 2 April 2024 and that the Clerk check on the availability and suitability of the date for all parties.

49. Casual Vacancy

A casual vacancy had arisen as a result of the resignation of K Carins. The council expressed their sadness at this resignation but acknowledged that Mrs Carins family commitments were important at this time. It was noted that Mrs Carins was to receive the Honorary Freedom of the Parish for all her hard work.

50. Correspondence

All correspondence noted and actioned where appropriate unless indicated otherwise:

- R Leonard – Speeding on station road and illuminated signs – Clerk investigating and seeking repairs

- L Moore – Bus service update
- N Easton, Northumberland County Council – unwilling to meet at this present time until further analysis of transport survey is done
- E Ridley – Overhanging hedge on Church Road and leaves around the church
- L Darwin – Netherton Park update
- D Hayes, Highways Agency – future meeting to discuss no entry signs
- Stannington village Hall – Training Course
- Saint Mary’s PCC – thanks for sponsorship of lunch
- K Carins- Hepscott Park Drains – Cllr Philipson addressing this
- K Carins – Correspondence from Blagdon Estate – Agreed to undertake an options appraisal for the Hearse House in 2024
- E Kerr – Update on issues on The Drive Stannington
- A Harker – Icy conditions on church car park
- D Emery – overhanging bushes on old A1 to The Vale

51. Other business

- Flooding is occurring under the bridge at Clifton/A1 – Clerk to report

52. Date of next ordinary meeting

20 March 2024

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____