

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of Meeting **25th March 2020 – 7.00pm**

Attendance:

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

Note: The meeting was held using teleconference facilities as the whole of the UK had been placed in ‘lockdown’ following a global declaration of a Pandemic arising from the spread of Corona Virus COVID – 19. Already many thousands of people had died across world and now many have died in the UK. 1.5m people are shielding and the death toll is expected to be in excess of 20,000 nationally. All businesses are closed and the majority of people are working from home. New laws have been passed to manage the lockdown and also to support the UK economically.

Public Session

None

78. To receive any apologies

Councillor Armstrong – Northumberland County Council Councillor
Councillor Councillor R Philipson

79. To receive any declarations of interest in the agenda

None

80. To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meetings held 8.1.20, 22.1.20 and 20.2.20

Approved

81. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings held 8.1.20, 22.1.20 and 20.2.20

No Matters arising not already covered on the agenda.

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

The following reports were taken as read and actions to be undertaken as recommended in so far as was reasonably practicable given the lockdown arrangements across Northumberland and the UK.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Sandra Dickinson

Date: 21/03/2020

Purpose of report: Stannington Parish Council Meeting 25/03/2020

Commentary:

1. A resident of the Dovecote Farm has informed us that vehicles regularly speed through from A1 to St Mary's Park, as you are aware there are blind entrances, corners and farm entrances along the route.
2. At Clifton outside 17 Great North Road a resident has complained of a large pot hole that is causing excess noise when vehicles cross, it is on the site of where utilities have crossed the road.

Actions requested:

1. Paint Slow on roadway and or signage.
2. Repair to utilities pothole.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 25th March 2020

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

Minutes of Brenkley & Shotton Liaison Committees circulated.

Commentary: see below

Stannington Village

Commentary:

There is trip hazard opposite the south bound bus stop in front of Elizabeth Square. A resident has taken some of the public highway and made a wooden edged border filled with gravel. There have been no plans submitted for this and I am informed that is a trip hazard and the wooden edging will rot fairly quickly.

A report about the state of various trees around the village, following a walkabout with Northern Tree Surgeons will be circulated with this report

The Coronavirus Pandemic: Councillor Carins produced a leaflet and it has been circulated throughout the Parish by the Parish Council and St Marys Church. The leaflet will give support details to all our residents.

HELLO! IF YOU ARE SELF- ISOLATING, WE CAN HELP.

**WE ARE VOLUNTEERS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, STANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL AND
THE PARISH**

**WE CAN PICK UP SHOPPING, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, POST MAIL, WALK THE
DOG OR JUST BE A FRIENDLY VOICE ON THE TELEPHONE**

**Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to keep yourself and others
around you safe. Avoid physical contact, keep your distance and wash your hands
regularly. Items can be left or picked up on the door step.**

The following phone numbers are:

Karen 01670 789760

Malcolm 01670 789485

Brian 01670 789247

Richard 01670 789212

Catherine(the Vicar) 01670 785606

Jeannie 01670 789045

There is also a list of volunteers from all over the Parish who have offered help.

There are piles of dead leaves on the footpath at the West end of the cemetery near the waste bins.

The drain half way up Church Road, just past the Vicarage is totally blocked. This is the one that causes all the flooding. However, it is now not draining away, this the water has been lying on the tarmac footpath. The footpath is compromised and a few potholes have appeared in the path, they are deep and as this is a well-used path it needs speedy attention. The first problem will be to clear the drain to stop the water flooding the path in the first place. This is a new problem as the path has never been flooded before, only the road.

Actions requested:

A letter be sent from the PC informing the resident with the trip hazard of this issue and also a decision on what we can do to rectify the problem.

Deal with drain issue

Saint Marys and Stannington Station Road

Commentary:

St Marys Park and Station Road residents are working with Stannington Parish Council with regards to the Coronavirus.

WW1 FUND

Commentary:

The remaining funds of **£6,618.40** will be transferred in April to the Parish Council. The plinth for the plaques will come out of this fund.

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WW1 ACCOUNTS				INCOME WW1			
BANK BALANCE	£	-		DATE			
		TRANSFER H/G	£ 6,302.83	BACCS	5.4.19	CASH HELD	£ 40.96
		TRANSFER H/G	£ 1,000.00	BACCS	6.4.19	CHILDRENS BOOK	£ 126.00
			£ 7,302.83		6.4.19	HISTORY	£ 7,302.83
					7.4.19	TEA TOWELS	£ 14.00
					11.4.19	HISTORY BOOKS	£ 40.00
					12.4.19	SCHOOL SALES AND CHEQUES HELD	£ 247.96
		EXPENSES WW1			23.4.19	TEA TOWEL	£ 7.00
		000001 D COURT	£ 81.40	Final payment C.B.	30.4.19	CHILDRENS BOOK - LIGHTNING SOURCE	£ 4.55
		000002 Church	£ 400.00	GRANT	8.5.19	R. TOLSON VARIOUS	£ 35.00
		000003 School	£ 200.00	GRANT	26.7.19	TEA TOWEL	£ 7.00
		000005 Scouts	£ 200.00	GRANT		TOTAL FROM WW1 EVENT	£ 7,825.30
		000007 Frame	£ 27.50	Lady Ridley picture		WW1 EXPENSES	£ 1,206.90
		000006 Brownies	£ 200.00	GRANT		FINAL TOTAL	£ 6,618.40
		Art Group	£ 98.00	Fund owed			
			£ 1,206.90				
		Plinth for discs		tbd			
PAID IN for WW1							
5.4.19	£	40.96					
BACCS	£	126.00					
BACCS	£	260.00					
BACCS	£	27.96					
BACCS	£	14.00					
BACCS	£	4.55					
BACCS	£	7.00					
BACCS	£	35.00					
BACCS	£	7.00					
	£	522.47					

WW2 FUND

Commentary:

VE Day has been postponed and may take place on VJ Day in August and the Char Mausum fundraiser has been cancelled. The Battle of Britain event, in September, is on hold.

The clerk is looking at the Parish Council insurance and the advice that we have been given by all the event insurers, which is to tag onto the PC insurance for what cover we need for the day to keep costs down. All the capital items we own are covered by the group members own insurance who are currently storing them. All deposits paid will carry forward. We have received a letter from Lady Barbour who is considering a donation and a letter from Dame Vera Lynn sending her warm wishes in the hope that our event goes ahead. Three more funding applications have been submitted, The Community Foundation, Greggs and SirJames Knott Trust.

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr. Helen Brown

Date: 23rd March 2020

Purpose of report: To update the Council on matters affecting Stannington Parish, specifically around Glororum.

Signage:

The '30' speed signage has been replace at the east end of Glororum, thank you The '30' flashing speed sign is no longer working. There was a discussion on putting up one of the new speed signs which flash the speed a motorist is travelling at? I think one has already been purchased for the 'west' end of the route

Action:

Clarification on new flashing speed signs.

Speed:

It has been noted and reported to myself that the domestic traffic using the Glororum route is not keeping to the 30 speed limit and is 'flying' through at dangerous speeds. There was an accident where a car ended up on its roof due to driving too quickly around a blind bend. There was an accident last week when a vehicle did not give way to oncoming traffic resulting in a collision.

Action:

To report danger to NCC and request speed/traffic counting devices and possibly a mobile speed camera.

Rubbish:

The rubbish thrown from cars off the A1 on the Clifton slip roads and on the Glororum route is getting much worse and poses a direct hazard to wildlife and farm stock. I have not seen it as bad for many years. I have reported this before but unfortunately the situation has become much worse - possibly caused by the high winds. We have also had some fly tipping. This trail goes through Glororum, Clifton and on into Morpeth.

Action:

To report to NCC in the hope that a team can be deployed to clear it up. I am making this request again as no team has been to collect any rubbish.

Local signage:

Some of the directional signage and place signage in the parish is in a poor state of repair - rusted through, hanging off posts, and posts leaning at odd angles due to them being hit.

Action:

Report to NCC that maybe a signage survey needs to be carried out. As you requested David I have done this report but feel it is just for information purposes at the moment as I'm sure that NCC is busy with much more important issues due to COVID-19

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 22nd March 2020

Purpose of report: To update the Council on issues raised

Commentary:

- a) A complaint has been made about the new potentially dangerous trip hazard and possible loose stones issue where a timber edged pebble 'bed' has been constructed on the Council verge adjacent to the main public footpath through the village to the rear of No 2 Elizabeth Square. Stannington Village (Mr. & Mrs. Burnham). This does pose a potentially serious trip hazard particularly at night and the loose pebbles if they get removed by any person could pose a serious hazard to traffic through the village and grass cutting machinery. Should this not have been constructed on what I am told by neighbours is Council Land.

Actions requested:

To contact the residents of the house to see about putting back verge as it was previously before the wall building works were carried out. Also, to check if repairs to the verge on the other side of the path are required.

- b) I have received an email from a resident regarding the possibility of honouring the servicemen and women who served and trained at RAF Tranwell during WW2. Over 6000 air gunners were trained at the base during the last war. Many lost their lives in combat and during training accidents nearby. It has been suggested that a memorial be provided next to the one that is going to be located opposite the current water fountain in the village. It would not be suitable to have it located at Tranwell itself as few would get the chance to see it. Perhaps any plaque provided could have a picture of the main aircraft used at Tranwell airfield which proved to be a pretty disastrous aeroplane.

Here is the email I have received:

On chatting to you regarding your talk on the history of Tranwell Airfield it really hit home as to how many men with connection to the airfield sadly gave their lives either in combat or as the result of accidents. It came to mind to ask if during your research you came across the existence of a memorial, of one form or another, to these brave airmen. I know some are buried in Morpeth and that their graves are well looked after but that does not really constitute a memorial. If one does not exist, and if appropriate, is it at all possible for the matter to be explored.

Actions requested:

To discuss with Parish Councillors and look into the provision of such a memorial in the village. I am happy to investigate this and look at the provision and suitably agreed wording on a plaque.

84. 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
20/00908/REM	Land East Of 21 Station Road Station Road Stannington NE61 6DX	Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for erection of 3 no. dwellinghouses (C3 use) plus new access road pursuant to planning permission 19/01031/OUT	No objection
20/00777	5 The Glebe Stannington NE61 6HW	Demolition of porch and construction of ground floor extension to hallway and dining room, rear garage extension to accommodate new kitchen area, construction of a new pitched roof from the front covering the extended areas to the front and rear, replacement of all windows with anthracite grey UPVC, hanging tiles at front and rear to be replaced with sand/cement render, installation of stainless steel flue and addition of new UPVC side door to existing garage Open for comment icon	No objection
20/00666/DISCON	(Land North Of 16 Park Drive) Now Rowan Cottage 14A Park Drive Hepscott Park Northumberland	Discharge of Conditions 1 (reserved matters), 2 (3 years), 3 (2 year expiry), 4 (boundary treatment), 5 (car parking), 6 (access and splays), 7 (construction method statement), 8 (refuse), 9 (ecological measures) and 10 (approved plans) on approved planning application	No objection

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20/00576/CLPROP	1 Park Drive Hepscott Park Morpeth Northumberland NE61 6QA	Certificate of Lawful Development - Proposed Use for a single storey rear extension	No objection
20/00132/FUL	23 Station Road Stannington NE61 6DX	Proposed single storey extension to front of existing dwelling to form new entrance and larger living accommodation	No objection

Note: Cllr Armstrong of Northumberland County Council took no part in any of the planning discussions and Cllr Carins took no part in any discussions re applications on Station Road.

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices:

85. To consider matters relating to finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Income: Fees £800 plus vat recovery of £2512.76

Bank balance of £34168.94 BOI and £10350.00 Lloyds – 28.2.2020

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1230	W Gilbert	Organist	100.00
1231	M Carins	Refershments reimbursed	125.82
1232	D Hall	Salary & Exp	1640.17
1233	D Hall	Framing reimbursed	75.00
1234	PCC	Venue hire	100.00
1235	PCC	Catering	150.00
1236	Communicorp	Scrolls	254.16
1237	THC landscapes	Grounds maintenance, cemetery, play area, roundabouts, planters etc.	4632.00
N/A	Northumberland County Council	Ratess	0.00
DD	Wave	Water Bill	15.51
1238	HMRC	PAYER & NI	932.80
DD	BT	Line rental	79.29

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

86. Possible co-option of a Councillor

Two applications were received fro the cooption to the office of Councillor. After considerable discussion members decided to defer the cooption so as to allow a full process to take place with the

opportunity for both candidates to present their case to the council. A date to be fixed after the lockdown.

87. Emergency action resulting from the COVID 19 Pandemic

Noted that a considerable amount of work has already been undertaken. Three councillors and three representatives of the church have been working to support residents in the parish who are shielding, those over 70, those on the governments 1.5m vulnerable list and those self isolating as a result of COVID 19. Phone support, seeking shopping, signposting and other support is available.

Northumberland Council are doing a great job in signposting businesses to support and financial support. Also supporting the vulnerable and elderly.

Banks Mining will make a grant to the PC for community support.

Councillors recognised the significant impact on the parish, its economy and especially the health and wellbeing of residents. Councillors discussed how to support residents.

Resolved that: the council grant £1000 to the village shop for distribution to groups and residents in dire need and that this be overseen by Cllrs Dickinson, Carins and Freeman J Manners.

The council further resolved that: should a resident die of COVID 19, given the severe economic hardship in the country, then burial fees be waived where the stated cause of death is COVID 19. Noted that no more than 8 people may attend a funeral and social distancing should take place.

It was noted that many services across the county and parish may cease as a result of the Pandemic, however maintenance of the cemetery would be prioritised. The play area is closed.

The post office is continuing to operate twice weekly for the benefit of the community and is operating a socially distanced service.

Cllr S Wilson left the meeting 7.56pm

88. Correspondence

Noted unless otherwise stated:

- A Wilson – thanks for freeman nomination
- Northumberland County Council – Public Space Protection Orders
- Northumberland County Council – Street naming, land east of Nursery Gardens to be named Orchard View
- Pensions Regulator – advance notice of registration
- Northumberland County Council – dog bin request for Hepscott Park – provide multi bin
- L Woodman – request for wildlife signs
- J Manners – Thank you letter
- KPF Littlejohn – National delays in service provision

89. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman

None

90. Date of next meeting

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None planned, pending the removal of lockdown arrangements.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

Chairman

Date