

Stannington Parish Council

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Minutes of meeting held

26 January 2022

4.00pm

Attendance:

K Carins – in the chair
S Dickinson
M Scott – arriving late
R Nixon
H Brown
R Philipson

D Hall – Clerk

61. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Tolson, Parish Council Potts, Cllr Darwin – Northumberland County Council

62. To receive any declarations in any part of the agenda as known prior to the meeting

None declared at this point

63. Public session

There were no members of the public present

64. To receive the minutes of the previous meetings held 22.12.21

Minutes agreed as a true record.

65. To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings not covered in the agenda for the meeting

To note that the Order to establish a speed limit change at Station road was a matter of public notice for a statutory consultation period after which Northumberland County Council would consider whether to introduce the scheme.

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

Author: Cllr. Karen Carins

Date: 26th January 2022

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

Commentary:

The Christmas tree will require new lights this year. A defibrillator has been requested by Blagdon Cricket Club. A grit bin has been requested for the Cemetery Car Park and a bin is required on Church Road. Stannington First School and Stannington Ridley Scouts have asked to be involved in any events or celebrations surrounding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Requests for a deep clean in the bus shelters and repainting of the benches in the village have been received.

Actions requested: The council to consider the Blagdon Cricket Club, Stannington First School and Stannington Ridley Scouts requests. A grit bin and rubbish bin be purchased and the bus shelters and benches be cleaned/painted.

Stannington Station

Commentary:

The long outstanding reduction in speed limit signs are still expected in the next few weeks after the appropriate consultation is carried out by Northumberland County Council. The complaints around lighting pollution and planning permission regarding the illuminated advertising hoarding at the Filling Station are now in the hands Northumberland County Council Planning Enforcement Officer.

Actions requested: To continue to liaise with the residents and businesses on Station Road.

The Coronavirus Pandemic Commentary:

Volunteers have continued to assist residents in the Parish.

Actions requested:

To discuss at the next Parish Council meeting, how we can further support the residents and businesses in our Parish.

Netherton Park

Work to clear the main site has continued at pace over the last 3 weeks and the subcontractors MGL have this week started to wind down their operations and remove large equipment as the substantive clearance has been completed. The main access road has had extensive tarmac repairs last week, which has made a huge positive difference to the state of the road. HERAS fencing has been put up around the whole of the site and last week the area along the Drive where the first five houses will be built, has been fenced in to delineate the area and to create a boundary to 'The Green'.

There have been no issues or concerns of any substance to report since last time although on Friday, last week, a subcontractor to MGL in moving a large machine from site knocked over a lamppost outside the entrance to Kyloe House.

A dialogue is ongoing between Bellway and the County Council (Highways) regarding the 'road safety plan' which is still to be sent to residents and the Parish Council for consultation. The issues of road safety have been paramount in residents concerns over the last couple of years, so getting it right is important..

The construction haul road (parallel to the access road) should be started soon but until that is done and the core services installed along the Drive, no actual housing construction work can be done.

Revised documentation was recently posted on the NCC Planning website showing the indicative build plan across the site in something like 19 zones. Residents have been told categorically that the main access road will not be widened and will be 4.8m with a 1.5m pavement.

Actions requested:

The council to continue to work with residents.

Saint Marys Park

Commentary: There have been no reports from St Marys Park.

Actions requested:

The council to continue to work with residents.

WW2 Event

Commentary:

The WW2 group has arranged a Rock and Blues night on the 26th March in the Village Hall. All proceeds will go towards the June event.

POLICE REPORT

Awaiting confirmation of PC Andrea Potts attendance at the PC meeting or the submission of a report.

Actions requested:

To liaise with the Local Area Police

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Author: Cllr Malcolm Scott

Date: 24th January 2022

Purpose of report: To update the Council on issues raised

Commentary:

- a) I have recently been putting up various notices in the Village Notice Board next to the Northbound Bus Stop. The board is now badly damaged and not weatherproof due to the clear plastic type panels now being loose and out of the frame. Rainwater can now get into the board and spoil any notices displayed. The blue felt type backing is also now badly deteriorated and when wet seeps on to the notices. Can this board be replaced as a matter of urgency? The issue of replacing the board was discussed at Council some time ago.
- b) As the current notice boards located at the bus stop and hairdressing salon in the village are not seen by many is it possible that we can have another new notice board erected in the Ridley Car Park. This could be located at the side or the Hearse House or adjacent to the Ridley Arms where people visiting the pub would then be able to get to know of the various Village events and Notices.
- c) The Battle of Britain/WW2 event is to be held on June 18th, 2022. The event Committee are required to submit the Safety Advice Group form to the County Council within the next month. Could the Council please confirm in writing as soon as possible that the Event is going to be able to 'piggyback' the Parish Council's Insurance Cover for the event.

Actions requested:

- a) Provide a replacement Village Notice Board at the Bus shelter.
- b) Request permission from N.C.C. and the Ridley Arms to provide and erect a new Village Notice Board in the Ridley Arms Car Park.
- c) Provide written confirmation the Stannington Battle of Britain/Home Front/WW2 event that the insurance is now in place.

67. To consider Councillors items/projects

- Queens Platinum Jubilee – the Council to run a series of activities including a Street Party, coins/mugs for the school children, scarecrow competition, Platinum bloom competition. A small task and finish group to be arranged to spearhead this activity. It is also proposed to install a seat at the corners of the parish and possible naming of the old A1 as Platinum Drive.
- Play Area – funding expected to be secured for this and due consideration to now be given to extending the range of equipment
- Freeman of the Parish – Agreed to arrange an event in the Autumn for the previously proposed nominees
- Bus shelters, seats, bins & benches – work ongoing to clean all shelters around the parish and painting programme planned for the summer. New notice boards to be ordered for Station Road, Clifton and Stannington Village as these are broken and repairs to other notice boards.
- Battle of Britain Event – noted that the event is a Council event and that an ad hoc committee are planning and organising this
- Cemetery – Northumberland County Council have been asked to do some tree work to the lime trees in the closed church yard of St Mary's which overhang the cemetery and the Parish Council contractor undertaking repair work after the serious storms in December

68. To consider items pertaining to development control

Councillors considered the following applications lodged with the local planning authority:

Ground floor extension to front elevation.

Planning Application

2 Rivergreen Gardens St Mary Park Morpeth NE61 6FY

Ref. No: 21/04668/FUL | Received: Thu 02 Dec 2021 | Validated: Thu 02 Dec 2021 |

Addition of a dormer window to the rear of the property, demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new extension, removal of window to outhouse and addition of bifold doors

Planning Application

Stanmore 11 Station Road Stannington NE61 6DS

Ref. No: 21/03676/FUL | Received: Fri 17 Sep 2021 | Validated: Mon 06 Dec 2021 | Status: Pending Decision

Retrospective application for alteration/re profiling to land levels related to residential development.

Planning Application

Hepscott Park Stannington Northumberland

Ref. No: 22/00075/FUL | Received: Tue 11 Jan 2022 | Validated: Thu 13 Jan 2022 |

Resolved that the Council raise no objection to these planning applications

Note:

Notices of appeal – none

Notices of enquiry – none

Other notices – none

69. Finance

The following income accounts were noted and approved:

Bank balance of BOI £29,740 and Lloyds TSB £10,350 as at 30 November 2021

The following payments were approved:

Chq	Payee	Details	Amount £
1303	KA Carins	Reimburse for card	7.19
1304	Northern Services	Repair works and Christmas Tree electrical work	520.00

Resolved that: The payments and income listed be approved

PRECEPT:

Members considered the following:

Stannington Parish Council Year End Projection 2020-21									
Name	Budget 20/21	Actual	Further	Y/End	Variance		Budget 2021-22	Notes	
Precept	-32550.00	-32550.00	0.00		-32550.00	0.00	-35150.00		
Interest Rec'd	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Burial Fees, etc.	-1200.00	-1200.00	-900.00		-300.00	900.00	-1200.00		
Misc	-3500.00	0.00			0.00	3500.00	0.00		
VAT refund	-3800.00	0.00	-3000.00		-3000.00	800.00	-1000.00		
Sub total income	-41050.00	-41350.00	-3900.00		-35850.00	5200.00	-37350.00		
Salaries & Wages(Office)	4800.00	4785.35	14.65		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	254.88	100.00		354.88	-145.12	500.00		
Telephone	400.00	215.82	80.00		295.82	-104.18	300.00		
Stationery	200.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-200.00	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	1882.03	1882.03	0.00		1882.03	0.00	2000.00		
Sundries /admin/events	500.00	556.15	0.00		556.15	56.15	500.00		
Professional Fees	200.00	0.00	200.00		200.00	0.00	200.00		
Subscriptions	550.00	553.32	0.00		553.32	3.32	550.00		
Audit Fees	250.00	360.00	0.00		360.00	110.00	250.00		
Cemetery - Maintenance	3000.00	54.01	3500.00		3554.01	554.01	4000.00		
N Plan	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
S.137 Expenditure Incl WW2 grants	7000.00	3000.00	4000.00		7000.00	0.00	5000.00	extra for platinum jubilee	
Grounds and Open Space General	8415.94	5030.94	2000.00		7030.94	-1385.00	5000.00		
Shelters seats and bins	1000.00	2898.33	2000.00		4898.33	3898.33	5000.00	new shelter for seven mile house and platinum seats	
Equipment	300.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-300.00	100.00		
Furniture & Fittings	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Playing Field	7000.00	5415.00	0.00		5415.00	-1585.00	2000.00		
Store Rental & fittings	500.00	545.93	0.00		545.93	45.93	500.00		
Environmental/traffic schemes	7000.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-7000.00	5000.00	Provision for new entrance signs	
Election	2000.00	2000.00	0.00		2000.00	0.00	1500.00		
Sub total	45497.97	27551.76	11894.65		39446.41	-6051.56	37300.00		
							NET	-50.00	
Opening balance as of 1 April 2020	24344.79								
Add income	35850.00								
Ad further expected income	3900.00								
Less Exp to date	-27551.76								
Less further Exp	-11894.65								
Expected balance 31/3/22	24648.38								
Precept 2021/22		32550.00							
Band D equivalent		34.59							
Band D for 2021-22 tax base		941.10							
Proposed precept 2022/23		35150.00		Change					
Band D equivalent		34.56			-0.08%				
Band D for 2022-23 tax base		1017.05							

Tax Base	1,017.05		2022						
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	
1000.00	0.83	0.97	1.10	1.24	1.51	1.79	2.07	2.48	
20000.00	13.18	15.34	17.50	19.66	23.99	28.32	32.84	39.33	
20500.00	13.50	15.72	17.94	20.16	24.59	29.03	33.66	40.31	
21000.00	13.83	16.11	18.38	20.65	25.19	29.73	34.48	41.30	
21500.00	14.16	16.49	18.81	21.14	25.79	30.44	35.30	42.28	
22000.00	14.49	16.87	19.25	21.63	26.39	31.15	36.12	43.26	
22500.00	14.82	17.26	19.69	22.12	26.99	31.86	36.95	44.25	
22950.00	15.12	17.60	20.08	22.57	27.53	32.49	37.68	45.13	
23000.00	15.15	17.64	20.13	22.61	27.59	32.56	37.77	45.23	
24000.00	15.81	18.41	21.00	23.60	28.79	33.98	39.41	47.20	
25000.00	16.47	19.17	21.88	24.58	29.99	35.40	41.05	49.16	
26000.00	17.13	19.94	22.75	25.56	31.19	36.81	42.69	51.13	
27000.00	17.79	20.71	23.63	26.55	32.39	38.23	44.33	53.09	
28000.00	18.45	21.47	24.50	27.53	33.59	39.64	45.98	55.06	
29000.00	19.10	22.24	25.38	28.51	34.79	41.06	47.62	57.03	
30000.00	19.76	23.01	26.25	29.50	35.99	42.48	49.26	58.99	
31000.00	20.42	23.77	27.13	30.48	37.19	43.89	50.90	60.96	
32000.00	21.08	24.54	28.00	31.46	38.39	45.31	52.54	62.93	
33000.00	21.74	25.31	28.88	32.45	39.59	46.72	54.19	64.89	
34000.00	22.40	26.08	29.75	33.43	40.78	48.14	55.83	66.86	
35000.00	23.06	26.84	30.63	34.41	41.98	49.56	57.47	68.83	
35150.00	23.16	26.96	30.76	34.56	42.16	49.77	57.72	69.12	
36000	23.72	27.61	31.50	35.40	43.18	50.97	59.11	70.79	
37000	24.37	28.38	32.38	36.38	44.38	52.39	60.75	72.76	
38000	25.03	29.14	33.25	37.36	45.58	53.80	62.40	74.73	
39000	25.69	29.91	34.13	38.35	46.78	55.22	64.04	76.69	
40000	26.35	30.68	35.00	39.33	47.98	56.63	65.68	78.66	
41000	27.01	31.44	35.88	40.31	49.18	58.05	67.32	80.63	
42000	27.67	32.21	36.75	41.30	50.38	59.47	68.96	82.59	
43000	28.33	32.98	37.63	42.28	51.58	60.88	70.61	84.56	
44000	28.99	33.74	38.50	43.26	52.78	62.30	72.25	86.52	
45000	29.64	34.51	39.38	44.25	53.98	63.71	73.89	88.49	

Resolved that the precept for the coming year be £35150

70. Ongoing update on COVID19 Pandemic

The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation and give support where necessary to individuals and groups. There is a new variant of the virus that is sweeping the country and is more virulent than the last. Volunteers continue to do an amazing job at supporting elderly and vulnerable residents.

71. Correspondence

All correspondence noted unless indicated otherwise:

1. Northumberland County Council – Storm Arwen clean-up of the worst storm in over 70 years
2. Northumberland County Council – enforcement for signage at Fuel Station
3. MO Guy Opperman – Storm Arwen

72. Other business

- Major issue with litter across the parish – Northumberland County Council
- Village Show surplus funds of £1942.61
- Agreed to fund Defib for Blagdon Cricket Club

73. Date of Next meeting

To remain flexible and in line with Covid 19 Guidance and ongoing challenges facing the Council and its members/staff.

Signed: _____ Chairman

Dated: _____