



Stamfordham



Communicator

Cyclone Festival & National Road Race Championships 2018 Refreshments in the Village Hall



Once again Stamfordham villagers rose to the occasion by raising funds during the Cyclone weekend.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone. For some villagers the Cyclone Weekend is an absolute favourite, for some it isn't – whichever you are, thank you! A huge amount of very much needed money has been raised for the village hall and for that we are very grateful!!

The main hall, where we served teas, coffees, sandwiches and home bakes, was filled with visitors throughout the weekend. We also organised the riders' feed station and provided a cooked lunch for 100 of the race officials.

Fund raising was a great success with an amazing £3,627.82 raised in total for the Village Hall.

Hard work but great fun for those who volunteered with compliments and goodwill in abundance from visitors.

Many villagers donated cakes, scones, and much more and over 30 were involved in helping in the hall cooking the lunches, assembling sandwiches, serving food, clearing tables, washing up and toilet duty!

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this such a success.

Ash Dias

+ + +
30th JUNE and 1st JULY

A very good weekend for Stamfordham, with very good weather! A very special thanks must go to Ash and band of helpers, who worked very hard providing food and drinks at the Village Hall, not forgetting all the Village cooks producing the club cakes.

The result was that over £2,000 was made for the Village Hall funds.

Well done, everybody!

Edward Trevelyan

Vice Chairman and Treasurer

Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 17th May 2018

Those Present Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Boylan, Wilson, Scratcherd, Bushby
C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr D Pitzpatrick, V Jones (Northumberland County Council)
2. **Election of Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year** Cllr Boylan proposed Cllr Trevelyan as Chairman, Cllr Scratcherd seconded, all in agreement
3. **Election of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year** Cllr Trevelyan proposed Cllr Fitzpatrick as Vice Chairman, Cllr Boylan seconded, all in agreement
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th March 2018** Accepted as a true record.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda**
 - No further information regarding public telephone box.
 - Fence at Hawkwell was not the responsibility of parishioner. Chairman had contacted, and information had since been received: hardstanding for parking is planned for the area, however comments had been received regarding broken fencing on bridge, which has very sharp pieces of rusting wire, and comments also received about the road surface at the end of Jubilee House garden and bridge, which is in need of resurfacing. Clerk to report these issues to County Council.
 - Cllr Sharp had resigned from the Parish Council.
6. **Planning Matters: Applications received** 18/01503/FUL: Mr R Windham, The Beeches, Hawkwell, oak frame single garage; 18/00725/COU: Land south west of Four Wynds, proposed change of use from multi-functional building back to residential dwelling **Applications approved:** 18/00204/FUL: Mr Talbot, Eachwick Lodge, alterations to rear of property; 18/01109/FUL: Dinning Farms Ltd, Land south west of bog plantation, Whitchester – construction of agricultural building. **Application withdrawn:** 17/01950/OUT: Mr W Brown-Swinburne, land north west of Stannerton House, North Side – outline application (some matters reserved) including access and layout, for the erection of 27 dwellings.
7. **Benches** Commemoration request had been received with suggestion of funding a new bench to which a plaque could be attached, and it was agreed this could replace the one unrepairable bench, on which the plaque would be removed and placed on an alternative bench in the parish - Cllr Boylan to speak to family. Difficulty was being encountered in fixing benches with notice to be placed in Communicator for volunteers to assist with repairs, and army to be contacted to see if they could assist.

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8. Financial Matters

Expenditure Authorisation:

17.5.18	22211	Stam V Hall, rent	£12.50
17.5.18	22212	M J Knowles, play area grasscutting	£108.00
17.5.18	22213	Stam Communicator	£74.72
17.5.18	22214	County Council, additional grasscutting	£907.42
17.5.18	22215	MorpethNet, web-site annual hosting	£100
17.5.18	22216	Zurich Municipal, insurance premium	£572.56
17.5.18	22217	HMRC, overclaim of VAT	£1,375.24

Cllr Trevelyan had contacted contractor regarding grasscutting at play area and which would be actioned every three weeks. Parishioner remarked County Council charges for additional grasscutting appeared to be high. Piece of grass opposite garage of ongoing concern as to who is responsible for this. Clerk to contact County Cllr to state it would be appreciated when triple gangmowers are used, to request others come along to finish the job off at the same time, and to re-raise the issue of NCC cutting greens and verges within the rest of the village, apart from the area which they believe is Karbon Homes responsibility.

9. Review of Asset Register Play area equipment had been added to Asset Register at a value of £24339, and remaining assets restated at their original price within the insurance policy - Asset Register total £46272.01.

10. Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/18

10.1 To review the effectiveness of the system of internal control and consider the findings It was agreed the current system of internal control was sufficient for the present needs of Stamfordham Parish Council.

10.2 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor The internal auditor had noted VAT overclaim which clerk had confirmed would be repaid.

10.3 To approve the Governance Statement Cllr Boylan proposed and Cllr Scratcherd seconded approval of the governance statement, all in agreement.

10.4 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2017/2018 Cllr Boylan proposed and Cllr Trevelyan seconded approval of the draft annual accounts for 2017/2018.

10.5 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances Cllr Boylan proposed and Cllr Scratcherd seconded approval of the accounting statement and explanation of variances.

11. County Councillor's Report County Cllr not present.

12. Correspondence: Northumberland County Council: Love Northumberland Awards 2018; recycling; weed control; road hierarchy

13. Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera

Further to report of interactive speed sign near to village hall being out of order, the equipment and responsibilities have fallen to Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative, who look after the fixed camera sites. Unfortunately there are no resources to rotate, remove, replace or repair the existing equipment. Discussion with the police has been ongoing for a year or more to release money to deal with the issue, however there is no prospect of a quick resolution. However it is advised to reassess if there is still a speeding problem and if these signs are the correct solution, to look into the possibility of PC repairing the equipment, or replacing it with PC and/or County Cllr funds. The cost of one piece of equipment would be £2950 plus VAT and £500 for the four year warranty, with the PC not being in a position to afford this. Resident had also made comment about speeding vehicles at Bridge end, 30mph signage could be moved, however it was not thought this would assist the problem. 20mph restriction at school had been planned, however there was irresponsible parking in this area at certain times.

14. To receive/discuss information relating to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Action Plan to be implemented/Councillors made aware the law is changing, with Clerk to progress implementation of consent forms, policies and notices. A data audit had been carried out to determine the type of personal information held, and a retention and disposal policy would be adopted. It was believed a Parish Council would not now need to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

15. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Complaint had been received about car parking article placed in Communicator as a number plate had been published. Parking at an angle on North side a problem due to the number of cars per household. Meshing under grass had been looked into, but too expensive for the Parish Council to fund.
- Complaint from a parishioner had been received about a streetlight outside of The Oval and who had contacted County Council. Widdrington Drive also of concern, with an area for a planned light which would have meant digging the whole road and pavement up, however County Council had ultimately decided not to action this. It was agreed Parish Council have concerns additional streetlights are being installed without any consultation, Clerk to contact County Council.
- Potholes filled at Limestone Lane, however the whole road is in need of resurfacing.
- Cycling events problematic with cyclists changing wheels and dress without any consideration for residents. South Side used as a slip road when Cyclone event held, however mayhem occurs which could result in a collision. There is a 12 acre field available for parking and person's are aware of this. Problems also with litter, and support cars not abiding by the speed limit. Cllr Wilson to contact organiser of cyclone event regarding the parking issue.
- It was appreciated why permission had been granted for tree works at 2 Grange Road, however it was not understood why the applicant had said the tree belonged to them, with NCC advising it was not NCC owned and belonged to a farmer at Capheaton. NCC had not contacted the PC, having admitted who they knew the owner was, and granted it is partly his as partly on his boundary. NCC had confirmed PC's are not consulted on tree cutting in preservation

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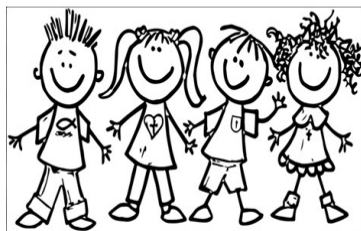
- n without written authorisation from the landowner. It could be part of Capheaton Estate, with applicant stating
- areas, and it was felt this situation could set a precedent. Clerk to seek further advice as to possibility of placing TPO's on all trees within the village.

To confirm the date of the next meeting as 19th July 2018 commencing 7.30pm in Stamfordham Village Hall. The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

STAMFORDHAM HOLIDAY CLUB

31st JULY TO 3rd AUGUST 2018
STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL

STOP PRESS!



CRAFTY REIVERS

This month we will meet in
Stamfordham Village Hall
Saturday 28th July at 10am - 3pm

All crafters welcome. Bring a packed lunch and your chosen craft. This is a supportive self help group.
Cost £3 to members and £6 for visitors to cover room hire and refreshments.

MOAN OF THE MONTH

Recently, a local resident was out walking her dog – on a lead – and it was ‘gone for’ by another dog, which was not so restricted, also out for exercise with its owner. This happened on two occasions and the ‘victim’s’ owner was understandably distressed.

This is not in any way an anti-dog item, but, rather, a polite request that owners always have strict control of their dogs, whether on a lead or by command, while in a public place.

Ed. adds: Quite coincidentally, I came across an online petition asking Theresa May to pass legislation to enforce keeping dogs on leads in public places. Irrespective of the sentiments of that petition, I would advise anybody who happens across the petition site in question www.change.org to *steer well clear*. It is an American site whose privacy policy is very limited, and if you sign even one petition, you get heavily bombarded by follow-up emails. You have been warned!

STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD & VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on **Wednesday 25th JULY 2018** at 7pm in **STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN THE PARISH OF STAMFORDHAM AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD and is over the age of 18 can come to the meeting to find out how the committee has been running the charity during the last year.

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**STAMFORDHAM
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Wednesday, 8th August.
OUTDOOR MEETING
Time & Place TBA
For details, please contact
Anthea on ☎ 886669 or Jane on ☎ 886214

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Stamfordham WI was formed in 1918. We are still going strong and looking forward to our big birthday. If anyone has any memorabilia relating to our WI, we should like to hear from you. Please contact Lorna Telfer, Stamfordham WI, on ☎ 886275

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Stamfordham Women's Institute will celebrate its Centenary this year. To help with our celebration, we will have a stall at the Stamfordham Village Fayre on 27th August. Donations such as home made cakes, jams etc., will be most gratefully received. Please contact Donna (886409), Trish (886309), Gillian (886022) or any WI member if you wish to donate.

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SWI calendar of events for may be seen at
www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk/wi.htm

Congratulations to...

...Stamfordham Cricket Team on getting to the top of Div. II of the West Tyne league (at the time of writing).
Promotion next season?

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS WILL BE AVAILABLE. There has been an amazing effort to get the new sports pavilion at the playing field and there are more facilities planned for the Village Hall. THE COMMITTEE NEEDS PEOPLE WITH ENTHUSIASM TO GET THINGS DONE – new clubs to use the hall – **an updated website** * – new windows for the Village Hall - events to raise the necessary cash for refurbishing the toilets and the All Weather Pitch, which may include a new tennis court facility – BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM TO THE AGM and USE YOUR VOTE to have a say about the Village Hall Committee elections or put YOURSELF forward to be considered as a trustee of the charity.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the previous AGM, Wednesday 26th July 2017.
3. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere.
4. Annual Report and Accounts.
 - a. Chairman's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Reports – Account Details.
 - c. Acceptance of Report and Accounts.
5. Election of Four Committee Members.
6. Any Other Business

If you would like to know more, please contact Sue Noble, Secretary, on ☎ 01661 886223 or

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* Stamfordham Village Hall Website

The SVH domain name was registered in 2001 and the site built purely as an amateur experiment, using the most basic of web-building languages. It is very easy to write into and make changes, but, as can be seen (at www.stamfordhamvillagehall.co.uk), does not provide the sophistication of modern, packaged building programmes. I find I am unable easily to keep up with updating and have not the time or, frankly, the energy to learn a new, modern system.

This article, therefore, is to ask if there is anybody out there who would be interested in taking on the task of building a new, modern site for the Hall and keeping it up to date as required. Ideally, we would be looking for somebody to take this on as a service to the community, rather than as a for-profit project. (A local teenager anxious to get into IT/software production, perhaps? It'd look good on a CV!)

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Sue Noble (as above), or me (Editor's info. box at the end). *Dave*, Editor.

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History Dept. *by Phil de Spesse*

Last month we showed a photo of a 1939 Bedford coach on the Teesside Transporter Bridge and asked if anybody knew what connection the coach had with this village.

One suggestion was that it was something to do with a bus company (Wemys – which your Ed. had never heard of, though Mrs. Ed. had) which used to come to the village. However, the following is some history as provided by the North East Bus Preservation Trust to Mr. Ian Findlay of Usworth, who forwarded it:

JR 9337 was a 1939 Bedford WTB with Duplex C26F body, supplied new to C. R. Robson of Smelting Syke, near Hexham. **It was withdrawn from service, probably in the late 1960s and saw further service as a mobile shop for Clarke Bros in Stamfordham.** Eventually, it passed into the hands of the late Ted Heslop, who moved it to the back of his yard in Acomb, in the hope that it would not get damaged and someone would take it on as a preservation project. I photographed it there in July 1977, and shortly after this Ted offered it to the newly formed NEBPS, but like so many other projects at that time, there was no storage available and no volunteers to carry out any work on. I imagine Ted eventually cut it up for scrap.

...and here it is:



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STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE FAYRE SCARECROW COMPETITION
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1. There aren't really any rules as to how you have to build your scarecrow. All we ask is that you include a good amount of straw – it wouldn't be a scarecrow otherwise! **The theme this year is World War 1 (1914-1918).**
2. Whatever you do, please keep it polite and appropriate!
3. Your scarecrow should be named, with that name being clearly displayed for identification purposes.
4. Displayed with your scarecrow should be the Date and Time of the Fayre (Stamfordham Village Fayre, 27th August 2017 1-4pm) If not displayed scarecrow will be disqualified.
5. Scarecrows should be registered and in place by 16th August no sooner please and taken down at the end of the day of the Fayre.
6. To enter there is a £5 charge please contact Chrlotte Hancock - charlotte3hancock@btinternet.com to register. The £5 charge can be placed through The Vicarage front door.
7. Charlotte needs to be informed where your Scarecrow will be situated eg where lots of people are going to see it, in your garden, end of street, at a nearby road junction.


JUDGING

1. Only scarecrows registered in time will be considered by the judges.
2. Judges will be selected by the committee. Judging will 24th August 2018
3. This year, scarecrows will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Funality
 - b. Originality
 - c. Artistic/creative skills

A maximum of 10 marks will be available in each category. Prize winners will be determined by reference to the marks awarded to each scarecrow

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The scarecrow committees' and judges' interpretation of these rules (and any decisions made by them) are absolutely final – and can't be challenged!
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Editorial

An Early Warning...

Some villagers may remember that when I started *Stamfordham Communicator* sixteen years ago next month, I did it as a replacement for the advertising space afforded by the window of Steve and Lynne Edwards's village shop when it closed down. I think it has worked quite well, though bus stops, telegraph poles and coal-hole doors are still popular!

I find, however, that it sometimes goes down unexpected roads which I am not comfortable with (sometimes my own fault!) and is taking up more of my life in certain ways than I would wish. With great regret and some reluctance, therefore. I will be ceasing production at some time within two months.

In giving this notice, I am hoping that somebody will be able to take it over and keep it going, if there is a demand for it. If anybody, alone or a group would like to know more, please get in touch as below and I can give any information required.

Eulogy next month..... 😊



Making Poppies In The Swinburne Arms Stamfordham

**3rd Tuesday of the Month From 7.30 PM
Starting Tuesday 17th July 2018**

**Sally Hutt (crochet) and Sue Parker (knitting) will be available
to help anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet Poppies.
We will have patterns and some spare equipment.**

(Contact Sally Hutt on 886442 or sally.hutt64@gmail.com)

Items for **SC** 193 to Editor by Sun. 12th Aug, please.

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