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My apologies for the delay in getting this out to everyone but I felt it sensible to wait until we had clear guidance on the forthcoming 'lockdown'. Hopefully, this is the final version of the November edition. I hope I haven't omitted anything but if I have, my apologies.

Wednesday 4th November – LAST KARATE SESSION
 Friday 6th November – Frosts Fish and Chips 4.30 – 7.00pm

All activities at Stamfordham Village Hall have been cancelled until further notice **except:**

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The Swinburne Arms

Would like to thank everyone for supporting us through this pandemic.

A massive thank you to everyone who was involved in the Leek Show. To Bob and Michael who organised everything, to everyone who brought fresh produce on the day of the show, the Leek Show members who not only made an effort to grow the best leeks but also for all your fundraising efforts, and to everyone who turned up to the auction to raise as much money as possible for the Great North Air Ambulance. Without all your help and support it just wouldn't be possible. We are thrilled to announce we will be donating £300 to the Air Ambulance.

If you would like to be involved, please pop into the pub or ring/email to put your name down for next year's show. There are also many side shows for different vegetables which can be entered before 12 midday on the day of the show (Mid-September). Follow our Facebook page 'Swinburne Arms - Stamfordham' for what's on and updates.

Please remember to follow government guidelines to keep us all safe.

Thank you.

Kody Green

Virtual Exercise Class

Mondays and Fridays at 10am

Why not spend some of those lockdown hours doing something beneficial?

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He has also said that you don't have to be super fit to join this class, just willing to work at improving your fitness.

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Due to the current situation we cannot meet on the first Wednesday of the month at St Mary's Church Hall until it's safe to do so.

However, thanks to Zoom we are able to give our monthly talks which will commence at 1400 on the first Wednesday of each month. These talks are available for members and non-members alike as long as they have access to the internet.

Apologies to those members who do not have internet access but we can only hope that the situation changes before too long.

For more general information on U3A please visit u3asites.org.uk/Ponteland or contact (01661) 824953 for membership information.

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Remember, as you open all your Christmas cards, save those stamps please!



Very many thanks, Anne Williams

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Coronavirus

I would like to let everyone know that I am still able to offer a reduced Gardening service & carry out certain DIY jobs during these very difficult times.

I take my own & everyone else's safety extremely seriously and would only consider carrying out work if I can meet stringent conditions set out by myself and the UK Government.

Last updated on 29th March 2020 this is the statement on Gov.Uk website (I will be checking daily for any updates)

"Work carried out in people's homes, for example by tradespeople carrying out repairs and maintenance, can continue, provided that the tradesperson is well and has no symptoms. Again, it will be important to ensure that Public Health England guidelines, including maintaining a 2 metre distance from any household occupants, are followed to ensure everyone's safety"

Therefore if you would like to discuss possible work please contact me and we can talk about your needs. Also if you are planning jobs for the future please let me know and I will provisionally take the details ready for when things get back to normal....let's hope that is not too far away!

I would like to wish everyone well in our community and further afield.

Thank you and stay safe.

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BONFIRE NIGHT

"Just a reminder that unfortunately our annual bonfire and fireworks will not be going ahead due to the coronavirus and current restrictions in place.

We are planning on being back next year with a quality event you are used to. This of course relies on us being able to hold fund raising events.

Please keep checking later in the year and next year to see what fundraising we are doing.

If you are able to, please continue to support the local family businesses that help us each year, without them we couldn't run the event.

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Stay Safe and we'll hopefully see you all next year"

Stuart Wilson



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Marilyn Chamberlin

We are sad to report the death earlier this month of Lynne Chamberlin.

Some members of the community will remember Lynne and her late husband, Peter (d. 2019), who for about 8 years owned and ran the village Post Office and shop, then situated on North Side.

We send sincere condolences to John, Michael, their families and friends.

In case you're interested....

Government Consultation

The problem of vehicles parking on pavements has been an issue for many years.

The Department for Transport is seeking views on how to address the topic of parking on pavements and is running an open consultation until 22nd. November.

Those who are interested in taking part can do so as follows:

Full discussion document (for background information):

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking/pavement-parking-options-for-change

The online survey itself: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2X12G/

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Big Thank You from Scots Gap Surgery

With Covid-19 still in circulation and the current potential threat of rising infection rates, this year, having a flu vaccine has never been more important.

As a small practice with restricted space in our buildings, this 2020 flu season has presented additional challenges. We have had to think outside the box to find a way to deliver this year's immunisation efficiently, timely and safely to our patients.

The solution has been to provide pop up flu clinics delivered locally using village halls as a venue. The clinics have been appointment only and the village halls have been a perfect venue, with easy access, one way systems and ample floor space clearly marked for social distancing, as well as hand sanitisers in use and staff wearing PPR, all essential measures for preventing COVID transmission.

Without the generosity of the village hall committees we would have been unable to bring the service to our patients in local communities and for many people the venue being within walking distance has been an additional bonus.

So from all the staff at Scots Gap Surgery, a huge thank you to the committees of – Cambo, Elsdon, Kirkwhelpington, Middleton and Stamfordham – for opening their doors and offering us a safe space to provide our pop up flu clinics.

Another special thank you goes to Kirkharle courtyard. Usually this picturesque place to meet friends and enjoy a coffee and scones this year has offered its venue to us to offer our patients a drive through appointment. Definitely our first and perhaps our most adventurous pop up clinic.

This year understandably demand for flu vaccines has been more than any previous years. As with most other GP Practices and Pharmacies we are waiting to see if additional supplies will be available. We would like to thank our patients for their understanding that we are doing all we can for those who could not yet booked in for their flu vaccination.

So perhaps there might be a need for a pop up Scots Gap Surgery come back tour!



Minutes of electronic meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 17th September 2020 commencing 730pm

Those Present Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman
 Cllrs Scratcherd, Fitzpatrick, Boylan, Bushby, Miller
 C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr S Wilson

2. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th July 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th July 2020 were accepted as a true record.

3. **Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. **Planning Matters:**

Applications received

- 20/02310/VARYCO: Land at Harlow Hill Church, Variation of Condition 2 of 19/01818/VARYCO to allow revised garage design and location – no objections
- 20/02325/VARYCO: Land North of Dalton Farm, Variation of Condition 2 to 19/00872/FUL to allow for amended roof design and materials – no objections
- 20/02552/VARYCO: Dodley Farm, Variation of condition 3 of 19/04129/FUL. Works have commenced on site. Samples unable to be provided prior to start due to Covid lockdown. Materials to match those existing being natural slate, random stone, upvc heritage windows, conservation rooflights with 4 No additional – no objections
- 20/02310/VARYCO: Land at Harlow Hill Church, Variation of Condition 2 of 19/01818/VARYCO – revisions to plots 6, 7, 8 & 9. Revised garages increase in height of southern boundary wall, addition of stone walls within the site – no objections
- 20/02690/FUL & 20/02691/LBC: Dalton House, Dalton – Removal of existing oil tank and installation of new oil tank in a different location – no objections

Applications approved:

- 20/01579/FUL: East Barn, Harlow Hill, oak framed garage
- 20/01577/FUL: Harlow Hill Garage House, first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension

Application refused:

- 20/01814/FUL: The COOP Eachwick, alterations to site layout with parking changes, secure tool store position, hardstanding and size amended, new security gates and polytunnel amended
- 20/01784/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, Part change of use of 1 No barn and retrospective planning permission for septic tank

5. **Parish Benches**

Benches to be installed by Cllr's Wilson, Boylan and Scratcherd, with Cllr Boylan to arrange a date for this.

6. **Parish trees – tree in need of removal near to Village Hall**

County Council still to fell the tree by the Village Hall which would require a road closure.

7. **Financial Matters: Payments to authorise**

	MJ Knowles, grasscutting	172.80
	British Legion, Remembrance Day Wreath	50.00
		473.34

	C Miller, Salary/expenses	
	HMRC, PAYE	114.60
	Spanglefish, web-site annual hosting fee and domain name	103.00

Payments were authorised.

Cllr E Trevelyan reported there would be some form of Remembrance Day Service this year.

To consider grant request from Sport Tynedale

Sport Tynedale are an organisation involved in supporting voluntary sport in the Tyne valley and Ponteland areas in West Northumberland. After consideration it was resolved to grant £50.00.

8. County Councillor Report

New guidance on Covid-19 restrictions had been debated at County Hall, and there is some concern. Although numbers in rural areas are low, the rate has gone from 27/100,000 to 42/100,000 in Northumberland in the past week, and the County Council were to adhere to the same Government rules as Newcastle and surrounding areas. There will be financial assistance relating to infection control and additional testing stations will be provided. Action would be taken for those found to be breaking regulations. The road closure for tree felling at the village hall has been held up due to fitting into other's timetables. County Cllr is to meet with County Cllr Officer Neil Snowdon to discuss the road from Ponteland to Dalton. Yellow lining outside of the school is to be installed Friday 25th September 2020. The problem with the puddle at the bridge near to Bell's garage was ongoing and caused by the camber being out on the road and patching of road being too high for water to enter the drain which is causing erosion. The signpost at Bridge End poses a problem as it is too low, Cllr Miller had reported this and it had been put onto a County Council schedule of works to be moved or heightened.

9. Rubbish and litter within the parish

Community litter pick could not be organised at the present time due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however there wasn't thought to be too much of a problem presently with litter in Stamfordham.

10. Parish signposts – village signs at Bridge End, West end and by the Jail

Several signposts were on the County Council schedule for repair which Cllr Miller had reported.

11. Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera/speeding past Rose Cottage

County Cllr advised permission for the interactive speed camera was still with the Ancient Monument Department due to the wall, and if they refuse permission, other traffic calming measures would have to be implemented. County Cllr meeting with County Council officer to discuss safety issues near to Lane House.

12. Cycling events

Cyclone event had been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cllr Scratcherd reported a recent car rally event held on one side of the road and an unofficial cycling meeting on the other side of the road, with Cllr Scratcherd told she couldn't walk her dogs as the area was too busy. The Mazda car rally had resulted in sports cars speeding in the parish. A cyclist had recently been witnessed going so fast they had had to pull out between Cllr Boylan and a tractor.

13. Parking restrictions, Stamfordham First School

Discussed earlier.

14. Correspondence

There had been no correspondence.

15. To approve Local Transport Plan requests for 2021-2022

Further to school keep clear markings and bus stop markings to be actioned, no requests had been made for 2020-2021. It was resolved to request resurfacing of the road between Stamfordham and Matfen, and resurfacing from Stamfordham to the military road for the Local Transport Plan 2021-2022. On the corner at Fenwick there is a tree against the wall that grows across the road, however County Council were to action this area.

16. Web-site Accessibility Regulations and Web-Site Statement

D Pope, administrator of the present web-site had stated how he had enjoyed the past few years administering the web-site, and Clerk had thanked him for the service. It was resolved to adopt the accessibility statement which would be uploaded and the new site would presently go live.

17. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

There was no other business.

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting

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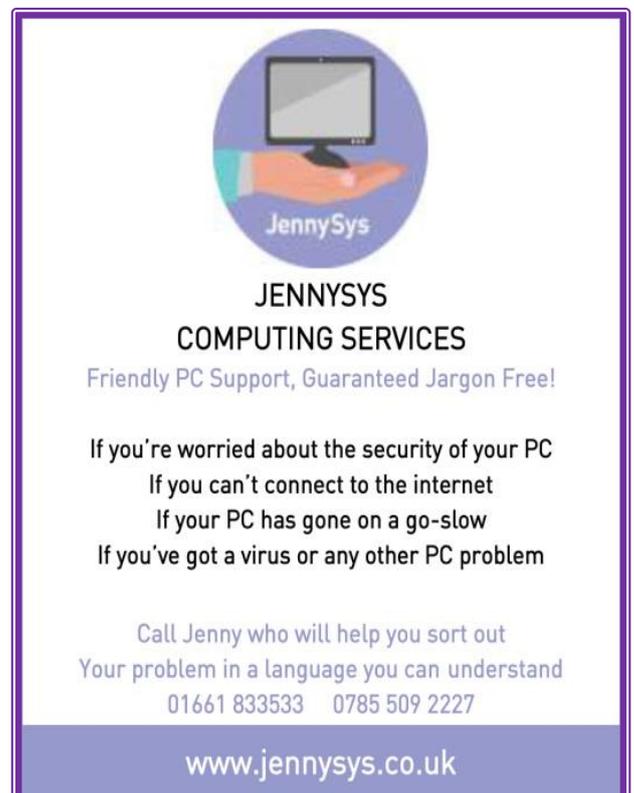
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