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Dates for your diary 2024

- 1st Nov - Frostys Fish and Chips
- 2nd Nov - Fireworks bonfire 6pm, fireworks 6.30pm Village Green
- 9th Nov - Pop Up Café Village Hall
- 10th Nov - Remembrance Service 10:30am & Family Church 4:30pm St Mary's Stamfordham (drinks & nibbles at The Swinny at 11:30am)
- 13th Nov - WI : Christmas Craft
- 16th Nov - Comedy Night, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- 23rd Nov - Crafty Reivers 10am-4pm West Room, Village Hall
- 27th Nov - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms

- Mondays - Baby & Toddler Group 9:30-11:30am Village Hall*
 - Mondays - Stamfordham Singers 7.30pm St Mary's Church*
 - Mondays - Indoor Carpet Bowls 7pm Village Hall
 - Wednesdays - Pilates 12.30-1.30pm Village Hall
 - Wednesdays - Post Office Village Hall Car Park 3.55-4.55pm
 - Wednesdays - Karate 6.30pm Village Hall
 - Thursdays - Yoga 10-11am Village Hall
 - Thursdays - Jill Errington Theatre School 3.30-5.10pm Village Hall*
 - Third Tuesday of the month - Walking Group (contact Sally Hutt)
- * term time only

Forthcoming events


- 2024
- 7th Dec - Christmas Pop Up Cafe
- 14th Dec - Grimm Tales
- 2025
- 7th Feb - Cricket Club Dinner
- 3rd May - Fleeting Rumours



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

THE NEXT POP UP CAFÉ is on

SATURDAY 9th November 10:00 - 12:30



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe


Bacon Butties and homemade cake and a friendly welcome

Stamfordham Women's Institute

13th November at 7.00pm

Christmas Craft

Competition: Own effort



Bonfire and Fireworks



Saturday 2nd November

Bonfire 6pm

Fireworks 6.30pm

Hog roast & hot dogs

Coffee and other hot drinks

Swinburne Arms

Flashing glowing novelties



If you are travelling to the village for the event please park with consideration to village residents, please do not block gates, driveways, footpaths and don't park over dropped kerbs.

Come and have a great night, buy a hog roast sandwich, grab a coffee and get a flashy toy, all money raised goes towards future events. Please no sparklers.

We say this every year but we really do need help on the night with collecting buckets and general marshalling and helping out.

If you can help or maybe have something for the bonfire, please get in touch either via the Facebook page @StamfordhamBonfireFireworks or email stamfordhamfireworks@gmail.com



FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

Friday 1st November

3.30pm - 6.00pm (cash please)

website calendar: <https://www.frostysmobilechippy.co.uk/our-round>



Swinburne Arms

Wednesday 27th November

at 8pm



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Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19th September 2024 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Those Present: Cllr L Boylan (Chairman), Cllr T Merridew, Cllr C Reynolds, Cllr S Parker, Cllr D Hutt, Cllr R Williams, Cllr M Lloyd

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), V Jones (County Cllr), one member of the public

2024/29 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

Chairman had invited Northumbria Police to the meeting, however they were unable to attend, and also unavailable for the November meeting.

2024/30 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th July 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record.

2024/31 Planning Matters

2024/31/01 Planning Applications received

- 24/02559/FUL: Heatherslaw Farm Bungalow – single storey side to wrap around extension – no objections.
- 24/02520/FUL: Vallum View, Harlow Hill – installation of two velux windows – no objections - application also approved.

2024/31/02 Planning Application approved

- 24/01884/LBC: Heatherslaw Farm – listed building consent for repairs to pigsty damaged due to strong winds.
- 24/02327/LBC: Old Barclays Bank, 23 North Side – Listed Building Consent for internal alterations.
- 24/02184/FUL: 17 Grange Road – Proposed first floor bedroom and ensuite with an extended rear roof pitch. rear single storey extension to form a living, kitchen and dining area, double garage to north of plot.
- 24/02520/FUL: Vallum View, Harlow Hill, installation of two velux windows.

2024/31/03 Planning Application withdrawn

- 24/02055/FUL: The Cottage Dalton, replacement of 5 NO existing windows with cill level lowered

2024/31/04 Land at The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham, Tree Preservation Order 2024

County Council had advised the decision had been made to confirm the Tree Preservation Order.

2024/31/05 Planning Application NO 23/03549/FUL Stage 1 Complaint Response.

County Council had responded to the Stage 1 complaint relating to Planning Application NO 23/03549/FUL, Annexe at Harlow Hill. The Council had advised the greater scale of the building was considered to be acceptable in terms of design and impact on amenity. Members agreed the response was inadequate.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to escalate the complaint to stage 2 of the Council's Complaint procedure. Chairman to action.

2024/32 Financial Matters

2024/32/01 Payments to authorise

PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS
Spanglefish	Website hosting	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00
Stamfordham Village Hall	Rent of meeting room	£60.00	NIL	
C Miller	Six monthly salary Six monthly expenses	£622.00 £137.16	NIL	

RESOLVED:

1. Members approved the payments.
2. Members agreed to transfer £3,000 from the current account to savings account.

2024/32/02 Request for Grant Sport Tynedale. Members to consider application.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to award a grant of £50.00.

2024/33 County Councillor Report

County Cllr reported on the following. Interactive signage and road signs at Eachwick to be in place mid October 2024. Maintenance had been carried out to tree on corner at Fenwick. Children's Services Department had been rated as outstanding. Assistance/publicity being carried out regarding pension credit entitlements, attendance allowance and free school meals. County Cllr willing to fund bike track repair station – Cllr Parker to forward costings to County Cllr.

2024/34 Neighbourhood Plan. Members to receive update from Working/Steering Group

Further meeting held. Anything between 1 and 35 new dwellings could be built in the parish during the current Local Plan period, 2016 to 2036, however figures could be lowered due to greenbelt/open space reasons. Protected local space, green space differentiation, and a housing needs assessment were required, with funding available to carry out an assessment. Historical heritage register and community assets discussed. Pop up café to be held 12/10/24.

2024/35 Climate Change

2024/35/01 Bike track repair station. Members are asked to consider quotation(s) for possible bike repair station
Discussed above, Cllr Parker to forward costs to County Cllr. The intention would be to place the station outside of the village hall.

2024/35/02 EV charging point(s)

Chairman to follow up on possibility of EV charging point(s) in the parish.

2024/36 Parish Maintenance and related issues

2024/36/01 Members to discuss issues relating to Bay Horse

Building continued to deteriorate, with Chimney stack considered dangerous. County Cllr had advised County Council the building is a health and safety risk, and would continue to lobby Enforcement to carry out a further site inspection.

2024/36/02 Parish footpaths. Members to receive update

Footpath between Dark Lane and church required cutting. Stile had been temporarily fixed, gate would be beneficial. Resident advised landowners would appreciate it if gates could be shut after use. Stile on footpath to Ouston required repair. Cllr Lloyd to contact Tim Fish of County Council.

2024/36/03 Members to discuss problems with garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn

Problem had been resolved, matter to be removed from agenda.

2024/36/04 Members to consider costs for possible Footpath to playing field

Quote(s) still awaited.

2024/36/05 Black and white Stamfordham signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment.

Contractor to provide quote for removing signage at Jail and provide new posts. The signage would also require shot blasting by a second contractor. A further road sign at Bridge End required sand blasted and repainted, and it was agreed quote(s) would be sought. Members had received several comments that the reference to littering from the signage should be removed.

RESOLVED:

1. Cllr Reynolds to seek quote(s).

2024/36/06 Members to consider any tree matters

It was reported a large tree had been trimmed in the parish but required further works.

2024/36/07 Members to discuss parking issues within the parish

In areas in the parish, particularly where taxis were parked, emergency services would be unable to access dwellings. The roads were classed as a public highway and concerns should be reported to the police and County Council.

2024/36/08 Members to discuss quarrying activity, kiln field

Most of the stone had been removed from the site. It was confirmed that landowners can quarry an acre of land on an annual basis for their own use.

2024/36/09 Local Transport Plan requests 2025-2026. Members to consider areas for inclusion

Areas for inclusion in LTP 2025-2026 considered.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to include the following:

1. Resurfacing at Eachwick.
2. Traffic calming Paddock Lane.

2024/37 Generator Point at Village Hall. Members to receive update.

Chairman and Cllr Williams to progress possibility of generator point at Village Hall.

2024/38 Town and Parish Council Conference, County Hall, 3/10/24. Members to receive invite.

RESOLVED:

Chairman and Cllr Reynolds or Merridew to attend.

RESOLVED:

Clerk to advise County Council of attendance, once confirmed.

2024/39 Northumberland County Council. Members to consider consultation Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Clerk had circulated plan and precis of document.

RESOLVED:

Individual members to consider and comment on the document as required.

2024/40 Village Hall website

The Parish Council should be noted on the village hall website.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed a link to the Parish Council website would be placed on the village hall website.

2024/41 Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day to be held 10th November 2024.

RESOLVED:

1. Chairman to organise Remembrance Day wreath, with a donation of £50.00 agreed.
2. Cllr Reynolds to lay wreath.

2024/42 Village seats

The red bench project, a scheme for notices to be placed on seats, such as details of the Samaritans considered.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to purchase signage for the four village seats.

2024/43 Urgent business/items for next agenda

Mobile post office service to commence once a week on 9/10/24, between 1555 and 1655 hours, to be located in the village hall car park. Dog fouling problems worsening in the parish, notice to be placed in Communicator. Thanks given to Cllr Lloyd for maintenance works at play area, repair to gate catch to be actioned, drainage holes to be put on train. Purchase of I.T. equipment for Neighbourhood Plan to be added to next agenda. Resident referred to Bonfire night 2023. The land the event had been held on had not been restored and was very near to livestock. Resident suggested the event be held at the playing field, however livestock could possibly be moved if prior notice is given to landowner. Less noisy fireworks could be used, or event held at the pavilion. It would likely be too late for changes to be made to the 2024 event, however the organisers would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

2024/44 To confirm the date of the next meeting
The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21st November 2024 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

Claire Miller, Clerk/RFO

The meeting closed at 9pm.



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PONT NEWS & VIEWS

Follow the link below to find out what is going on in Ponteland

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Saturday 16th November

Doors open at 6.30pm

Tickets £12.50

Bar & food available

Headline act for the night is a previous Britain's got Talent contestant Cal Halbert. Cal lives in the north east and hosts a regular comedy night in Newcastle, he has also had a successful run at this year's Edinburgh Fringe.

Support act is Kelly Rickard, originally from Wales but now lives in the North East. Kelly has also had a successful run at this years Edinburgh Fringe.

The host for the night is back by popular demand North East radio legend, actor and great comic, Steffen Peddie.

All profit from the event goes in to the fund for future events

Tickets are available from <https://buytickets.at/stamfordhambonfireworks/1223802>

Or check out the link on the Fireworks facebook page

A future date for the diary, Saturday 3rd May 2025, a night of Fleetwood Mac music with the fabulous Fleeting Rumours



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Monday 25th November 2024 via email to stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com

I am sorry to say I cannot accept anything after this date, if you send something it will go into the following month's edition. Emergency notification emails only will be sent from the Communicator email account.

Thank you, Anne Williams

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Saturday 28th September 2024

Thank you so much for all the donations received for the above.

A total of £187.00 was raised.

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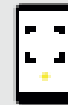
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Veronica Jones

who is the County Councillor for Stamfordham, Matfen and the other surrounding villages, attends the Pop-Up Café to hear any concerns or issues about County Council matters from residents, and would be delighted to meet you.

If you need to contact Veronica you can email her:

Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk



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at Stamfordham Village Hall

Bring your mat and a drink

Blanket optional for Savasana

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email sally.hutt64@gmail.com

or ring 01661 886442

Wednesdays

from 15:55-16:55

in the village hall car park



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Orders taken up to the end of the previous month, i.e. for December should be placed by 30th November.

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'Stamfordham Cricket Club – Season 2024 League Review'

The 2024 cricket season came to conclusion in late September, with Stamfordham Cricket Club (SCC) enjoying a fruitful but at times frustrating season. Having joined the Northumberland and Tyneside Cricket League over the past winter, SCC played a total of 23 league games in Division 5 South, winning 13 of them, and left them mid-table in the league standings. Several notable on-field performances were recorded. Alex Meadows (126), Alex Gray (115 not out) led the way with their batting contributions, Brahma Chowdray (6 wickets for 2 runs), Tarun Revathi (5 wickets for 24 runs) returned the top bowling performances and Andrew McGrath snaffled 14 wicket-keeping catches. On top of the league performance, during the early summer months, SCC had a fantastic midweek cup run, losing to eventual winners of the Dr Barlow Cup in the semi-final. An effort to be proud of given the challenging and competitive nature of the midweek tournament.

Having joined SCC from New Zealand for the summer, George Devine and Owen Rees, made a significant impact on our team's performance (and the Swinburne Arms takings). George especially stood out with his on-field performance as he finished as the top wicket-taker in the league, with 36 wickets, showcasing his flight, guile and skills to out-wit and think the batters. Not to be outdone, Owen finished third in the league batting statistics with 545 runs to his name. In addition to their on-field successes, George and Owen integrated well into the community having resided in the village for the past few months. They supported the junior coaching at the club on Friday nights and provided numerous sessions to the primary school children over the summer term. These endeavours were well-received by the children and parents of the Stamfordham community, and it is something SCC will be replicating next season.

The club had the honour of being invited to host four county representative matches this past summer. The recognition of the facilities and playing surface by Northumberland Cricket Board is a feather in our cap and something we are extremely proud of. In addition, SCC have hosted some fantastic social functions over the summer months, with the monthly quiz night, being held on the first Sunday of the month, becoming a regular fixture in the calendar. Our club dinner will be held on Friday 7th February, and we would like to invite members of the Stamfordham community to attend this evening to celebrate the successes of the club over the past year. Further details will be provided in the communicator in due course. Overall, SCC have had a successful season both on and off the field. The hard work and dedication of the players, members and committee demonstrate the positive trajectory the club is on. If anyone would like to join the club, or know more information, please email

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23rd November (NB not 30th) 08.30-10.00am

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SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024
'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'



A date for your diary:

Saturday 7th December 10-12.30 Stamfordham Village Hall

Christmas Pop Up Café

Featuring a Christmas sing along with the Stamfordham Singers And
Ho Ho Ho

Father Christmas is calling in on his way to Lap Land ETA 12.00



The next afternoon church (on the second Sunday of the month) primarily for families:

10th November

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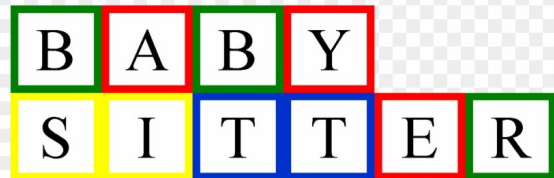
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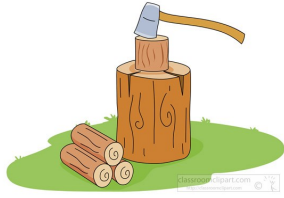
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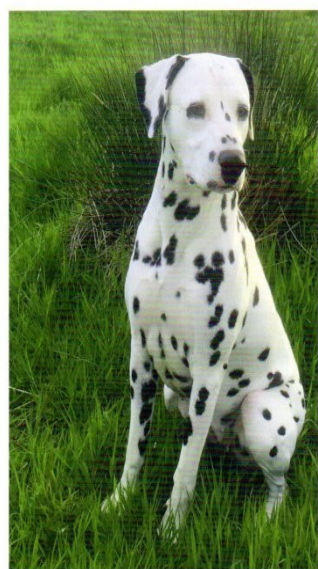
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Ponteland u3a

Meetings and talks at St Mary's Parish Centre are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday 6th November:

An Accordion Adventure

by Victoria Molnar-Brown

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