

Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 16th March 2017

Those Present: Councillor Trevelyan Chairman, Councillor's Boylan, Wilson, O'Neil, Green, Fitzpatrick V Jones (Northumberland County Council), C Miller (Clerk), four members of Friends of Stamfordham Play Area

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th January 2016

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising.

4. Planning Matters.

- DETERMINATIONS: 17/00180/FUL: Northumbrian Water, new kiosk at Whittle Dene Treatment Works; 16/04276/FUL: 2 Grange Road, two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, porch extension and new site access and subsequently GRANTED.
- GRANTED: /03691/FUL: Harlow Hill Farmhouse, re-develop dilapidated farmhouse; 13/03360/FUL: Mr B Boase, Land at Harlow Hill, Variation of Condition 2 in order to allow different layout in Unit 1
Proposed 1800 homes for Ponteland: scheme had been given approval by County Council Planning Committee, along with other developments in that area - various local groups had made appeal to Secretary of State that this level of housing is unsustainable, with 3700 houses in total having been given approval. Relief road and school places of concern, and the scheme does not adhere to government guidelines for garden villages. County Council's lack of advertising of public notices in Hexham Courant discussed, Northumberland Association of Local Council's to pass on advice to Parish Council's on who to contact at County level regarding this.

5. Financial Matters

Chair of Friends of Stamfordham play area present.

Funds had been raised for installation of new play park and committee wish to seek approval from PC for works to be ordered, with plans distributed and details given on equipment which would encompass a play train for toddlers; see-saw; slide; picnic bench; spinning flower; safety matting; spinner bowl; basket swing; multiplay equipment aimed at older children; standing swing and balancing poles - total cost for supply of equipment £24K, with third party to carry out installation costs at total cost of £54K plus VAT. Parish Council willing to purchase equipment through their bank account, provided funds are transferred into account by friends of play park committee. Most equipment material is treated wood, and insurance of equipment to be looked into by committee. There is six week's delivery time on equipment, and installation would take 4-5 weeks.

Expenditure Authorisation: Northumberland County Council, additional grasscutting £893.12; C Miller, 6 monthly salary/expenses £497.07; HMRC, PAYE on above £100.00; Request for support towards Bus Service 74, £400; Domain name 26.39; Communicator 175 £45.96; Communicator 176 £64.96; Village Hall £12.50.

Email received from Church Warden requesting grant towards cost of new heating into church, and it was agreed to donate £1,000.

Cllr Trevelyan had contacts for persons who could carry out six benches and noticeboard repairs.

6. County Councillor's Report

Festival on the Wall – this had been advertised for quite a while, with Parish Council and County Cllr unaware of the event which had been under discussion for two years, and neighbouring Parish Council's had been consulted, however V Jones had been reassured after speaking to landowner whose land is hosting the festival and Albemarle Barracks commander who had appeared unconcerned. It was agreed to write to County Council Licensing Committee stating the PC had not been informed, and were extremely concerned about traffic with a narrow road coming from the military road, and to ask for comments from County Council Highways Department.

7. Correspondence

Northumberland County Council – notice of Resident’s Festival 1st and 2nd April 2017.

8. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Email received suggesting litter picking be carried out within the parish, however the amount of litter in Stamfordham and hawkwell is minimal, however a litter pick would be considered at the meeting in January 2018, and Chairman to contact other local organisations within the village to see if they would be prepared to be involved.
- Complaint received about hens in the village, with uncertainty who owns land they are on.

9. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th May 2017 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting commencing 7pm.

The meeting closed at 815pm