

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

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

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Bushby

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st September 2017

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

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

- Grass opposite garage had been cut by Housing Association.
- Public telephone box in an absolute disgrace, it was agreed Clerk would contact British Telecom and request the structure be cleaned.

4. Planning Matters: Applications approved: 17/02785/FUL: Mrs Thomas, The Bothy, Dodley Farm – erection of detached timber double garage. Applications received: Permitted Development: Mr & Mrs N Smith, Dalton House Cottage, Dalton – proposed single storey extension to the front of the property and extension over existing kitchen to the rear; 17/04040/FUL: Dr K Duffield, North Lough Farm Cottage – construction of two storey rear extension to provide additional bedrooms and study. Internal alterations to single storey building including a new roof – supported.

17/02725/OUT: Mr W Crichton, land behind Grange Road – outline permission for demolition of 8 No existing garages, reprovision of 9 No on street parking spaces, erection of 1 No single storey dwelling house with single garage – plan to be heard at Planning Committee 11/12/17 at County Hall.

No further information regarding planning proposals for land North West of Stannerton House North Side, and Cheesburn Estate.

5. Financial Matters – The following invoices had been paid/authorised

16.10.17	195	D Stanley 183	£49.96
30.10.17	196	Stamf VH, rent	£12.50
12.11.17	197	Royal British Legion, donation	£40.00
16.11.17	199	D Stanley 184	£59.79
17.11.17	200	BDO LLP, audit fee	£120.00

- Request for grants had been received from the following – Great North Air Ambulance - £125 agreed - Community Action Northumberland – no grant given/Core Music Hexham – no grant given/NTC Theatre Company – no grant given/Sport Tynedale – no grant given
- To discuss/agree precept requirements 2018-2019: budget had been circulated to all and it was agreed to retain the precept at the current level of £5,500. Bench repairs required, Clerk suggested recyclable seats could be purchased to alleviate maintenance cost. The commemorative bench that falls over should really be removed.
- Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/17 – there were no matters arising from the external audit

6. County Councillor's Report

- Review of Active Northumberland and Arch Development to result in a final report.
- Full review of County Council finances had been undertaken which had resulted in budget being held up.
- Local Transport Plan decision to be made by new Local Area Council's.
- Consultation with staff to be undertaken regarding refurbishment of County Hall.
- Core Strategy to go to one consultation stage early in the New Year.

7. Correspondence

- Northumberland County Council – Bus timetables – scheme whereby Parish Council's replace bus timetables – Clerk to confirm Chair would carry this out.
- Northumberland County Council – consultation on Northumberland Area Special Education Needs School Place Planning Strategy.
- CPRE - newsletter
- NALC – interactive speed signage – County Council scheme to bulk buy interactive speed signage, if there were enough Parish Council's interested in financing within their parish, however maintenance costs are high with such equipment – it was agreed the PC would not be prepared to finance this.

8. Proposed closure of Stamfordham Surgery, 12 Grange Road

No further information.

9. Review of Parish Council Standing Orders (including Grievance Policy)

Documents had been circulated to all and were considered sufficient for the present needs of Stamfordham Parish Council.

10. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Friends of Stamfordham Play area had reported nuisance with person's throwing eggs etc, and notice is to be put in Communicator regarding this.
- Litter bin being emptied in play park.
- Parish litter pick suggested, which would be carried out March/April and all organisations in the parish should be involved, however it was agreed there was currently not a problem with litter in the village.
- Cricket pavilion walls had been erected.
- Ponteland school consultation available on-line.
- Chair had attended Annual Town and Parish Council Conference at County Hall, however the Leader of the Council had not been present.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8pm