

Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 21st September 2017 commencing 730pm

Those Present Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Boylan, Fitzpatrick, Sharp, Wilson, Bushby, Scratcherd
C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones, two members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th July 2017

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

3. Co-Option Vacancies

Three applicants had applied to join the Parish Council, with one person stating they would be prepared to wait until a future vacancy, therefore it was agreed to co-opt Donna Bushby and Trish Scratcherd.

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

There were no matters arising.

5. Planning Matters: **Applications approved:** 17/01893/VARYCO, Mr R Linney, Ivy Cottage, Dalton, sunroom alterations; 17/02559/VARYCO; 17/02206/FUL, J Gallagher, Low House, 3 Hawkwell, construction of single storey rear extension; 17/02377/VARYCO: Mr P Davey, Land at Harlow Hill, variation of condition 2 pursuant to 16/03780/FUL; **Applications received: 16/02937/FUL:** Mr & Mrs Brown, land north of Silver Hill Farm, Dalton – variation of condition 2 pursuant to 16/02937/FUL (**and Approved**). **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; Parish Council had submitted objections with several concerns including proposed parking spaces being opposite the school entrance. Application had been delegated to an officer for determination as opposed to Planning Committee - Clerk to contact Planning Department and state utter dismay at the proposals, and the fact it would be decided by delegation, and to recommend a site visit be carried out at school opening/closing times. County Cllr to also voice grave concerns in person as soon as possible.

17/02785/FUL: Mrs Thomas, The Bothy, Dodley Farm – erection of detached timber double garage;

17/03147/FUL: Mr & Mrs N Smith, Dalton House Cottage, proposed single storey extension to front of property and extension over existing kitchen to the rear – it was agreed proposals were too large and would disrupt the linear aspect – Clerk to convey to Planning Department.

6. Financial Matters

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

26.8.17	188	RHD, play area equipment (£16087.36 received from Friends of Stamfordham Play Area and paid into PC bank account)	£16,087.36
30.8.17	189	D Stanley 181 communicator	£68.79
30.8.17	190	Stam PF&VH, rent of meeting room	£12.50
30.8.17	191	Zurich Insurance, additional premium towards play area equipment	£58.64
21.9.17	192	D Stanley 182 communicator	£79.79
21.9.17	193	C Miller, six monthly salary/expenses	£497.94
21.9.17	194	HMRC, PAYE on above	£104.00

7. County Councillor's Report

- School leisure complex at Ponteland – further plans available with many objections to initial proposals. Complex is not linked to massive housing proposals.
- Community Chest funding had re-opened for community groups to access.
- Joint meetings with NCC/PC's to be held 9/10/17.
- Several projects in capital funding had been put on hold due to lack of business plans.
- It had been confirmed an offer of a loan of 75million for the proposed garden village had been approved, along with 8.5million for Alnwick Garden, which had both been stopped by new County Hall administration.

7. **Correspondence:** County Council – joint meetings with town/parish councils – Monday 9th October (Castle Morpeth area) Tuesday 10th October (Tynedale area); two parishioners comments reference Planning Application 17/02725/OUT; Hexham Constituency Community Champion Awards – scheme to award certificates to residents who are achieving great things for their communities, such as volunteering, fundraising, sporting achievements, etc.

8. Proposed closure of Stamfordham Surgery, 12 Grange Road

White Medical Group consultation underway and available on their web-site for completion. They had not appeared to take on board people having to use public transport/lack of accessibility, however the proposals are due to a lack of finances, however it would be beneficial if some kind of dispensary service could be arranged. Comments can be sent to Cllr Boylan who could assimilate and take to next White Medical Group Patient Participation meeting.

9. Litter, post cyclone event

Litter had been dumped in several places, however apologies had been received from organiser of event.

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

Document had been circulated to Cllrs and would be discussed further at next meeting.

11. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- For a great number of years, litter bin in play park had not been emptied on a regular basis, County Cllr to report.
- Play park grass cutting will be required from next year, with person to cut in September charging £40/cut, and it would need regular cutting - Cllr Trevelyan to seek further quote.
- It had been reported British Telecom wish to remove the public telephone box, however due to lack of mobile service it should be retained.
- Grass had been cut by County Council before the village fair, with thanks given to County Cllr and D Fitzpatrick for their assistance in requesting this.
- Bonfire night to be held 4/11/17.

12. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th November 2017 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 815pm