

Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 20th September 2018

Those Present Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Boylan, Scratcherd,
County Cllr V Jones
C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Busby, Sharp and Wilson

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th July 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting held 19th July 2018 were agreed as a true record.

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

- No response had been received regarding problems encountered at Cyclone event.
- Clerk had written to resident regarding retaining fence and tape had now been put in place. However, it was agreed to recontact the resident to state the Parish Council note the tape but believe something more substantial is required.
- Council to consult all residents from No 5 Widdrington Drive onwards regarding street lighting.
- Karbon Homes had carried out grasscutting to high standard with letter of thanks sent from Cllr Boylan.

4. Planning Matters: Applications received

- 18/02763/FUL: 12 Grange Road, proposed alterations to change doctors surgery back to original use of a residential dwelling – no objections.
- 18/03225/FUL: Whittle Dene Treatment Works Harlow Hill – erection of kiosk within Water Treatment Works facility – no objections.

Applications approved:

- 18/01605/FUL: Mill Lodge, Dalton – new dwelling and garage

5. Benches

Contractor to look at bench repairs and memorial seat to be installed by family.

6. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPO's

Photographs of trees had been taken and species identified – Clerk to forward information to County Council. 400 trees to be planted at playing field and there maybe an option for Parish Council to put some of these along the broad verge at South side of Bridge End - County Council Highways to be contacted for permission.

7. To receive update on findings from ROSPA annual play area inspection report

Problem with seesaw with Komplan providing replacement, however there are ongoing issues as they will not pay for installation costs and legal advice may have to be sought. Clerk advised monthly play area checks should be carried out - Cllr Trevelyan confirmed he is actioning this.

8. Local Transport Plan 2019-2020

It was agreed to include school keep clear markings; bus stop markings; and resurfacing of pedestrian pathway over bridge on River Pont.

9. Notice of Parish Council being reported to ICO

To be taken off agenda.

10. Financial Matters: Invoices authorised:

15.8.18	22226	Stam Communicator	100.93
15.8.18	22227	Stam V Hall, meeting room rent	12.50
14.9.18	22228	Mr J Knowles, grasscutting	108.00
16.9.18	22230	Stam Communicator	69.79
20.9.18	22231	C Miller, salary/expenses	497.52
20.9.18	22232	HMRC, PAYE	104.00
20.9.18	22233	PKF Littlejohn, audit fee	240.00

Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/18

External audit report had been received to state the AGAR had not been accurately completed before submission for review. The figures in Section 2, Boxes 4 & 6 of the prior year end current year comparative column are incorrect – Box 4 should comprise all payments made in relation to the employment of staff including only employment expenses which are benefits, but not items of reimbursement for stationery and postage. Prior year end 2016/17 Section 2 Box 4 should read £1170 and Box 6 should read £26941 respectively, with amendments to be corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR. The Parish Council did not restate the 2016/2017 figure when revaluing assets in Section 2, Box 9.

11. County Councillor's Report

North of Tyne Devolution involves funding of 20million over 30 years, and will also include an education and rural challenge; Borderlands scheme reported which covers Cumbria, City of Carlisle, Dumfries and Northumberland encompassing digital/employment issues; Great Northumberland scheme had come to an end; Health & Wellbeing Strategy consultation had been carried out; Northumberland and Cornwall in a race to become the best tourist destination in Great Britain, votes can be placed on-line; Speed indicator light had flashed at County Cllr, however it is out of order.

12. Correspondence: County Council - disposing of hazardous waste; County Council – notice of Annual Town and Parish Conference 11/10/18

13.Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera

Parishioner had requested a further speed survey and police had accepted there is a problem. Parish Council would have to take over maintenance should County Cllr fund purchase of interactive signage.

14.Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

Annual bonfire night celebrations to be held on Saturday 3rd November 2018; Communicator is terminating after the next issue and Cllr Trevelyan circulated a thankyou notice to be put on the front page, which was agreed as acceptable.

15.To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th November 2018 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8pm.