

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 705pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

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

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr's Wilson, Scratcherd

**2. Election of Chairman**

Cllr Fitzpatrick proposed Cllr Trevelyan as Chairman, Cllr Sharp seconded, all in agreement

**3. Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Trevelyan proposed Cllr Fitzpatrick as Vice Chairman, Cllr Boylan seconded, all in agreement.

**4. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were agreed as a true record.

**5. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda**

There were no matters arising.

**6. Planning Matters:**

**Applications received:**

- 19/00872/FUL: Land North of Dalton Farm, proposed replacement stable building and horse walker with associated erection of new field shelter and feed store building – objection had been submitted regarding the description, which should be relating to land North of Dalton House, not the Farm; access and egress of large horse boxes on a dangerous corner with poor visibility; proposals would have a detrimental effect on a Grade Two listed building; the site of the waste disposal near the garden of Dalton House of concern due to aromas, and possible effluent seeping onto the public footpath; the application would increase noise due to the motorised system proposed. Planning applicant present and wished to ask for clarification on the objections made by the Parish Council in order to attempt to redress concerns – Cllr Trevelyan repeated the objections listed above – applicant stated it is a working farm and could have vehicles accessing daily, and vehicle movements, HGV wise, there is one movement per week and proposals would not lead to an increase in traffic; when the applicant had bought the farm, planning permission for a livery had previously been granted, which is not what the applicant was interested in; the horse waste is an issue and being addressed in the application in consultation with the Planning Officer; if it was a working farm there could be hundreds of animals with issues regarding smell/noise, and in terms of nuisance the proposals would be far less of a problem. There is already a horse walker there and the hydraulic motor is extremely quiet, and will be rubber floored; regarding issues about the Grade Two listed building – other buildings in the parish have been permitted on a green belt, the existing barn is falling down and needs replaced which will look much better and had been narrowed and lengthened, and the end section facing onto Dalton House would be less than the existing. Applicant would welcome the Parish Council to visit the site.

**Applications approved:**

- 19/00125/FUL: Stamfordham Hall, replacement of existing perimeter fencing to existing basketball court/games area
- 18/04484/FUL: St Marys House, Southside, internal alterations to kitchen and utility area

**Application appeal:**

- D18/02339/FUL: Dodley Farm, first floor side extension and alterations to existing. Removal of conservatory and erection of new garden room to rear. Driveway works.

**7. Benches**

No volunteers forthcoming to carry out work.

**8. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPO’s; tree inspection requested**

County Council official had advised due to the type of tree and potential for future growth in relation to its proximity to the wall at the entrance to the village hall, removal is recommended and in order for this, traffic lights will need to be insitu which will require the approval of the Area Highways Manager. Tree Officer to carry out tree inspection at Hawkwell in due course.

**9. Parking proposals for Stamfordham school**

County Council had forwarded proposals for yellow lining at School and area opposite and which were confirmed by the Parish Council.

**10. Financial Matters:** The following payments were approved:

248	G Blissett, Communicator	£214.02
249	MJ Knowles, grasscutting	£108.00
250	Stamf Vhall, rent of hall	£12.50
	MorpethNet, web-site	
251	services	£100.00
252	NALC, subscription	201.77
	Zurich Municipal, insurance	
253	premium	580.52

**11. County Councillor’s Report**

Fishpass works would increase the River Pont flow; County Council looking to build council houses and asking Parish Council’s for areas of need, with a total of 1,000 homes over several years to be built Countywide; notes on Climate Change Emergency with targets being met regarding carbon neutral emissions; glass recycling kerbside system to restart; feasibility study regarding food recycling scheme being looked at; road on outskirts of Morpeth had been refilled with recycled plastic bags; Northumberland top in the country for number of potholes filled last year; Cllr Trevelyan reported one pothole on road to Dalton near the bridge is problematic on an annual basis; Northumberland to Newcastle rail line to bring investment into the South East of the county; notification of widening of road to Heugh had been put it, which is currently a single track road; Planning Officer to carry out site visit regarding Dalton Farm planning application; County Cllr to seek information regarding Brewery Close planning application. Parishioner stated pothole problems occurred with heavier vehicles and drains not being maintained properly, however there is a timetable for gulley cleansing.

**12. Correspondence:** CPRE newsletter; County Council – Housing Strategy for Northumberland 2019-2021 Consultation; Northumbrian Water, river Pont restoration update.

**13.Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera; traffic concerns past Cheesburn; cycling events**

Email had been received from parishioner concerned about the speed vehicles travel through the village, in particular the road along the top past Cheesburn/barn conversions – County Cllr to ask road safety officer to carry out a site visit. Parishioner present at meeting suggested 30mph be changed to 20mph with 30mph areas moved further out the village. If changes did occur, the Parish Council would be asked to contribute financially and public

consultation would need to be carried out. Quotation had been received for interactive signage, and the initial stage would be for the road safety officer to carry out a site visit. Maintenance contract would be funded by the Parish Council at approximately £54/year.

**14. Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/19**

**14/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor**

There were no actions arising from the report of the internal auditor.

**14/02 To approve the Governance Statement**

Cllr Trevelyan proposed and seconded Fitzpatrick approval of the Governance Statement.

**14/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2018/2019**

Cllr Trevelyan proposed and Cllr Fitzpatrick seconded approval of the draft annual accounts for 2018/2019.

**14/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances**

Cllr Trevelyan proposed and Cllr Sharp seconded approval of the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances.

**14/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate**

Cllr Trevelyan proposed and Cllr Sharp seconded approval of the Exemption Certificate

**15. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent**

Cllr Boylan reported the large puddle that keeps appearing outside of Bells garage had occurred following a repair carried out when tar had been left too high therefore water cannot enter the drain, and County Council Highways had raised an order for rectification works.

**16. To confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 815pm.