

Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 21st November 2019

Those Present Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman
 Cllrs Wilson, Fitzpatrick, Scratcherd, Busby, Miller
 C Miller (Clerk), three members of the public

Apologies for absence
Cllr Boylan

1. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th September 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2019 were accepted as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

3. Planning Matters:

Applications received

- 19/03935/FUL: Hawthorn Cottage, Dalton – construction of single storey extensions at front and rear of existing two storey cottage and internal alterations – it was agreed to object as the front would be out of keeping with the other cottages.
- 19/04129/FUL: Dodley Farm – proposed first floor side extension and alterations to existing; attached stone garaging; driveway works and entrance gates – no objections.
- 19/04298/FUL: Dalton House, U9128 Road, Conversion of existing buildings at Dalton House to form one new dwellinghouse – no objections.
- 19/04377/FUL: The COOP Eachwick, proposed alterations of site layout buildings and designated parking bays with new entrance gates and fencing. New polytunnel arrangements to facilitate propagation and seasonal process. Additional site office and reception point for customers and suppliers - it was resolved to object on road safety grounds.
- 19/04374/ADE: Heritage Nursery, The Coop Eachwick – advertisement consent application – installation of two flagpoles at entrance gates and one nursery sign – it was resolved to object due to flagpoles not being in keeping with a rural area.
- COOP Eachwick, proposed new dwelling – it was resolved to object due to being no justification for overdevelopment of the site.
- 19/04178/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of 1 No chalet and part change of use of 1 No barn – this second application for the site is now for a horse breeding operation with change of use to one barn with six stables and office accommodation. It was resolved to object to the proposals as the application is not for agricultural purposes, is on green belt land with no special circumstances included to permit planning permission. There are concerns about the road safety aspect, the land is marked unsuitable for vehicles and the lane is extremely narrow and susceptible to being washed away. The temporary dwelling aspect is concerning as it may become permanent, and there are a lack of amenities on the open countryside.

Applications approved

- 1902264/FUL: Land West of Pens Close, proposed new building to provide a modern general purpose shed
- 19/02119/FUL: 12 Grange Road, Change of use to residential dwelling, second floor extension over existing single storey rooms and internal alterations

Applications refused:

- 19/02335/LBC: 2 North Side, Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 9 No 12 pane, wooden sash windows to the front of the property with double glazed panels.
- 18/03407/FUL: Land West of Brewery Close, construction of five new build two storey detached dwellings with three detached garages and associated access.

Repair to bridge on the way to Dalton of concern to Cllr Trevelyan, however Cllr Wilson stated it had been repaired as existing.

4. Benches

Athol House in Ponteland is to be demolished, and there maybe benches to be disposed of, however the PC were looking at recyclable materials for new structures, with Cllr Wilson to advise on preference.

5. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPO's; tree inspection requested

County Council tree officer had inspected tree at Hawkwell and reported it did not need attention at the present time. Tree outside of Village Hall to be removed, with road closure required – Clerk to enquire when this will be actioned. Barrier around Bay Horse becoming dilapidated and it was agreed this should be repaired.

6. Financial Matters: Payments to authorise:

MJ Knowles	162.00
Stamf Vhall	15.00
British Legion	50.00

To discuss and approve, if required, the following grant requests - Great North Air Ambulance: - £125 approved; Tynedale Sport – no grant given; Citizens Advice Northumberland – no grant given;

To approve precept requirements 2020-2021: It was resolved to retain the precept 2020-2021 at current levels of £5,500.

7. Friends of Stamfordham Play Park – information relating to the remaining funds from the play park project –

Group had agreed the remaining funds of £2164.11 be passed to the Parish Council for future works for the preservation of Stamfordham play park, with money to be for the repair of any play area equipment not covered by warranty and park furniture (picnic table and bench). The money must not be used for general upkeep, eg. Grounds maintenance, refuse collection, fence painting, and should be shown separately in the accounts to this effect – Clerk to forward letter of thanks to the group for their hard work over many years. There are some missing parts on a piece of play area equipment, with equipment supplier Kompan advising parts at a cost of £51.60, and which would come out of this sum, and it was resolved the repair would be actioned.

8. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor not present.

9. Correspondence: CPRE newsletter;

The Ramblers Association

Information of a Footpath Volunteers Working Party who assist County Council by surveying Rights of Way for obstructions, waymarking finger posts, dilapidation of stiles and gates, bridge assessments and some trimming back of overgrown hedgerows and vegetation with hand tools - Clerk to forward letter of acknowledgement.

10. Request received regarding funding for spring bulbs at Dalton and footpaths in need of urgent repairs

Parishioner had requested confirmation as regards to what percentage of the annual precept was allocated to the surrounding villages, and Dalton in particular. Clerk had replied to state monies were not divided up, and there were no areas within the parish the Parish Council contributed bulbs for.

11. Signposts

Parishioner did not understand the PC's view regarding state of signposts and reported the signpost at Bridge End is in a very poor state of repair with the modern sign appended to it half sheered of and which presents a potential health and safety issue. Cllr Wilson reported he had visited the area and agreed the cast iron post did require painting and the piece of sign remaining would be removed, which he would action himself.

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

Nothing to report.

14.Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Leaves had been swept in play park last year and it was agreed this would be organised as soon as possible.
- Path between Hawkwell and Bay Horse does not allow horse riders, however the Tynedale hunt were recently witnessed in the area and it was agreed Clerk would contact them to voice concern.
- Barriers had disappeared from the Bay Horse, the site is becoming dilapidated and waste cooking oil is being stored on site – Clerk to report to Planning Enforcement County Council.
- It was reported Dalton Church is further deteriorating.

15.To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th January 2020 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

PART II

The Council is invited to consider the following resolution: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda, as those items involve the discussion of personal information/contractual negotiations.

16. To review Clerk Salary

It was resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by £50/year.

The meeting finished at 825pm