**Minutes of electronic meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 17th September 2020**

**commencing 730pm**

**Those Present** Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman

Cllrs Scratcherd**,** Fitspatrick, Boylan, Bushby, Miller

C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr S Wilson
2. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th July 2020**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th July 2020 were accepted as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1. **Planning Matters:**

**Applications received**

* 20/02310/VARYCO: Land at Harlow Hill Church, Variation of Condition 2 of 19/01818/VARYCO to allow revised garage design and location – no objections
* 20/02325/VARYCO: Land North of Dalton Farm, Variation of Condition 2 to 19/00872/FUL to allow for amended roof design and materials – no objections
* 20/02552/VARYCO: Dodley Farm, Variation of condition 3 of 19/04129/FUL. Works have commenced on site. Samples unable to be provided prior to start due to Covid lockdown. Materials to match those existing being natural slate, random stone, upvc heritage windows, conservation rooflights with 4 No additional – no objections
* 20/02310/VARYCO: Land at Harlow Hill Church, Variation of Condition 2 of 19/01818/VARYCO – revisions to plots 6, 7, 8 & 9. Revised garages increase in height of southern boundary wall, addition of stone walls within the site – no objections
* 20/02690/FUL & 20/02691/LBC: Dalton House, Dalton – Removal of existing oil tank and installation of new oil tank in a different location – no objections

**Applications approved:**

* 20/01579/FUL: East Barn, Harlow Hill, oak framed garage
* 20/01577/FUL: Harlow Hill Garage House, first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension

**Application refused:**

* 20/01814/FUL: The COOP Eachwick, alterations to site layout with parking changes, secure tool store position, hardstanding and size amended, new security gates and polytunnel amended
* 20/01784/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, Part change of use of 1 No barn and retrospective planning permission for septic tank

1. **Parish Benches**

Benches to be installed by Cllr’s Wilson, Boylan and Scratcherd, with Cllr Boylan to arrange a date for this.

1. **Parish trees – tree in need of removal near to Village Hall**

County Council still to fell the tree by the Village Hall which would require a road closure.

1. **Financial Matters: Payments to authorise**

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|  | MJ Knowles, grasscutting | 172.80 x two cuts  £345.60 |
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|  | British Legion, Remembrance Day Wreath | 50.00 |
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|  | C Miller, Salary/expenses | 473.34 |
|  | HMRC, PAYE | 114.60 |
|  | Spanglefish, web-site annual hosting fee and domain name | 103.00 |

Payments were authorised.

Cllr E Trevelyan reported there would be some form of Remembrance Day Service this year.

**To consider grant request from Sport Tynedale**

Sport Tynedale are an organisation involved in supporting voluntary sport in the Tyne valley and Ponteland areas in West Northumberland. After consideration it was resolved to grant £50.00.

1. **County Councillor Report**

New guidance on Covid-19 restrictions had been debated at County Hall, and there is some concern. Although numbers in rural areas are low, the rate has gone from 27/100,000 to 42/100,000 in Northumberland in the past week, and the County Council were to adhere to the same Government rules as Newcastle and surrounding areas. There will be financial assistance relating to infection control and additional testing stations will be provided. Action would be taken for those found to be breaking regulations. The road closure for tree felling at the village hall has been held up due to fitting into other’s timetables. County Cllr is to meet with County Cllr Officer Neil Snowdon to discuss the road from Ponteland to Dalton. Yellow lining outside of the school is to be installed Friday 25th September 2020. The problem with the puddle at the bridge near to Bell’s garage was ongoing and caused by the camber being out on the road and patching of road being too high for water to enter the drain which is causing erosion. The signpost at Bridge End poses a problem as it is too low, Cllr Miller had reported this and it had been put onto a County Council schedule of works to be moved or heightened.

1. **Rubbish and litter within the parish**

Community litter pick could not be organised at the present time due to the Covid-19 pandemic, however there wasn’t thought to be too much of a problem presently with litter in Stamfordham.

1. **Parish signposts – village signs at Bridge End, West end and by the Jail**

Several signposts were on the County Council schedule for repair which Cllr Miller had reported.

**11.Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera/speeding past Rose Cottage**

County Cllr advised permission for the interactive speed camera was still with the Ancient Monument Department due to the wall, and if they refuse permission, other traffic calming measures would have to be implemented. County Cllr meeting with County Council officer to discuss safety issues near to Lane House.

**12.Cycling events**

Cyclone event had been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cllr Scratcherd reported a recent car rally event held on one side of the road and an unofficial cycling meeting on the other side of the road, with Cllr Scratcherd told she couldn’t walk her dogs as the area was too busy. The Mazda car rally had resulted in sports cars speeding in the parish. A cyclist had recently been witnessed going so fast they had had to pull out between Cllr Boylan and a tractor.

**13.Parking restrictions, Stamfordham First School**

Discussed earlier.

**14.Correspondence**

There had been no correspondence.

**15. To approve Local Transport Plan requests for 2021-2022**

Further to school keep clear markings and bus stop markings to be actioned, no requests had been made for 2020-2021. It was resolved to request resurfacing of the road between Stamfordham and Matfen, and resurfacing from Stamfordham to the military road for the Local Transport Plan 2021-2022. On the corner at Fenwick there is a tree against the wall that grows across the road, however County Council were to action this area.

**16. Web-site Accessibility Regulations and Web-Site Statement**

D Pope, administrator of the present web-site had stated how he had enjoyed the past few years administering the web-site, and Clerk had thanked him for the service. It was resolved to adopt the accessibility statement which would be uploaded and the new site would presently go live.

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

There was no other business.

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

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th November 2020 commencing 730pm.

The meeting closed at 805pm.