

Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 16th January 2020

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

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Busby

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st November 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2019 were accepted as a true record.

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

Letter had been forwarded to Master of the Hunt regarding horse riders on path between Hawkwell and Bay Horse with no reply received; Item for play area had been purchased and would be installed in the near future.

4. Planning Matters:

Applications received

- 19/04774/FUL: Mill House Heugh Mill, rear and side extension of existing two storey property, conversion of existing garage – no objections.
- Resubmission: 19/04829/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of 1 No chalet and part change of use of 1 No barn – objection had been submitted as per previous planning application. Further application regarding change to the structure of the barn to brick had also been submitted to County Council. Parishioner present who stated the application is substantially the same as the previous one. Change of appearance of the barn is a cosmetic alteration but does not alter the substantive point the land is agricultural and on green belt. Application to go to planning committee 10/2/20.

Applications approved:

- 19/04129/FUL: Dodley farm, proposed first floor side extension and alterations to existing: attached stone garaging; driveway works and entrance gates
- 19/00872/FUL: Land North of Dalton Farm, replacement stable building and horse walker
- 19/03935/FUL: Hawthorn Cottage, single storey extension at front, rear extension, internal alterations

Applications withdrawn:

- 19/00509/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of a temporary dwelling house/chalet;
- 19/04178/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, proposed siting of 1 No chalet and part change of use of 1 No barn

Stannerton House Planning Application:

- County Council had advised the applicant the proposals were not acceptable and currently awaiting a response on this. As at 10/12/19, they were looking to refuse the application under delegated powers, however no confirmation of this had been received, and there was concern over the length of time the application had taken to be dealt with. Clerk to contact Senior Planning Officer to state the Parish Council had not received any amendments to the plan and voicing concern over the length of time it is taking to deal with the application.

5. Benches

Information regarding recyclable seats discussed with a structure to bolt straight onto concrete plinth preferred, with two seats required at approximate cost of £400 each for purchase, fittings and installation. It was resolved two benches would be purchased, with colour for frame to be green, lats to be brown and bottom green.

- 6. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPO’s; tree in need of removal near to Village Hall**
There was no confirmation regarding when the tree would be removed near to Village Hall which would require road closure – County Cllr to chase this up.

7. Financial Matters: Payments to authorise –

Stamf Vhall	15.00
M J Knowles	108.00
Kompan	51.60
G Blissett	34.68

Northumberland County Council, additional grasscutting £1000.07 – this appeared to be a large rise from 2019-2020 cost, with Clerk to query with County Council;

Request for funding to support bus service from Ponteland Town Council 74 2020-2021 of £400 and approval of payment for 2019-2020 at £400 – it was resolved to pay the 2019-2020 sum of £400, approve the payment of £400 for 2020-2021, but pay this at a later date.

Stamfordham Sports Pavilion Defibrillator Appeal

Appeal had been oversubscribed therefore no further funding required.

8. County Councillor’s Report

County Council had inspected road signs in the parish; There had been problems with school drains; Road markings in parish of concern; There is a new County Council fund available for uniformed groups, such as the Brownies; Member schemes had been put forward with little progress by County Council and meeting held with Cabinet Member. Regarding the yellow lining, work was scheduled for end of November/December, however school had stated there would be nowhere for the school transport bus to park, with County Council suggesting a bus stand be provided in the existing layby. County Cllr had been told the village hall committee were happy for parents to park in the hall car park, however this had not been brought up at any hall committee meeting and would not be practical as the hall is well used on a daily basis. Regarding a 20mph limit – the village would require a traffic regulation and a longer process would be required to implement, and it is suspected people would not stick to the limit. It was agreed it would be better to have an advisory 20mph at the school area only, and which should apply all of the time, and the Parish Council would support the bus stand in the layby. Road Safety Officer had attended site at Harlow Hill and due to line of sight the interactive speed camera may not be suitable. Proposals are currently with the Design Team to be drawn up by the end of the month, and who are liaising with the police on the matter. When speeding vehicles have been stopped in the area, the majority of drivers have been local persons and a press release had gone out asking drivers to take care.

Correspondence:

Grant acknowledgement, Great North Air Ambulance

9. Northumberland County Council – Consultation on library services

County Council carrying out a consultation on library services at:

<https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCCLibraryConsultation>

Parish Council’s can also submit a written response, and it was resolved to comment the mobile service is vital for the community and those person’s who use it would most likely not have access to the internet to complete the survey.

10. Parish signposts

Refurbishment works to be carried out by Cllr Wilson in due course.

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

Discussed earlier.

12. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

Stamfordham village does not have that much litter but travelling outside the village it is problematic on the side of roads. There had been an incident involving smashed glass with local youths underage drinking to which had been reported to Northumbria Police. The vicar wishes to see a monthly litter pick, however it wasn't thought there would be much support for a monthly event. A Hawkwell resident had complained about broken glass in the river, and on road at back of Bay Horse, due to the glass recycling bin not being locked. It was resolved three litter picks a year should be arranged, the first on Saturday 25th April 2020 at 10am, to meet at Stamfordham Village Hall, with County Cllr to arrange litter picking equipment. A parishioner had complained about cast iron signage in disrepair at West and by the jail, and had asked if the Parish Council would replace as the wooden backs had corroded. Road repair had been carried out outside of Bell's Garage, however patching had been too high with an enormous puddle now insitu, and road being eroded, path in a horrendous state causing a trip hazard, and before the bridge wall there are lumps of tar sticking up. With elderly residents and schoolchildren walking on a narrow path the area desperately needs attention – County Cllr to look into the matter and reported rain at the end of 2019 had caused huge problems countywide, with funds required from Central Government to carry out road repairs. Parishioner had complained about dog fouling, however there were bags in the parish for dog mess collection, and a notice would be placed in communicator warning people it is an offence to not pick up after their animals. Dog Warden had visited the parish after a dog attack had occurred and advised all dogs should be on leads on A and B roads, and which would also be included in Communicator.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th March 2020 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 850pm