

Minutes of electronic meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 16th July 2020 commencing 730pm

Those Present Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Wilson, Fitzpatrick, Scratcherd, Boylan, Bushby, Wilson, Miller
C Miller (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2020

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

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

Tynedale Hunt had not replied to the correspondence relating to problems with horse riders on the path between Hawkwell and the Bay Horse.

4. Planning Matters:

Applications received

- 20/00143/FUL: Ivy Cottage, Dalton, proposed construction of two storey rear extension and sun room to front of dwelling – no objections.
- 20/00779/FUL: Westburn House, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension – no objections **AND APPROVED.**
- 20/01579/FUL: East Barn, Harlow Hill, proposed 3 bay oak framed garage – no objections.
- 20/01665/FUL & 20/1666/LBC: St Mary House, new air source heat pump and screen to North of single storey kitchen/utility & Listed Building Consent – no objections.
- 20/01577/FUL: Harlow Hill Garage House – single storey extension to first floor level and extension of single storey extension on ground floor level – no objections.
- 20/01784/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, Part Change of use of 1 No barn and retrospective planning permission for septic tank – it was resolved to re-submit the previous objection.
- 20/1909/FUL and 20/01909/BLC: 2 North Side, replacement windows and door. Rear first floor extension to provide stairwell up to existing attic rooms. New conservation rooflights (retrospective) – no objections.

Applications approved:

- 19/04774/FUL: Mill House, Heugh Mill, proposed rear and side extension of existing two storey property, conversion and extension of existing garage.
- 19/04374/ADE: Heritage Nursery The Coop Eachwick, Advertisement Consent Application – installation of two flagpoles at entrance gates and one nursery sign.
- 19/04299/LBC: Dalton House, listed building consent for internal alterations to existing outbuilding.
- 20/00249/FUL: Highfield House, 9 Brewery Close, replacing of back door with window, addition of 2 No ground floor side windows, addition of 2 No rooflights, addition of solar panels on front roof slope and replace oil tank with shed. Addition of air source heat pump and solar panels (retrospective).

Application withdrawn:

- 19/04298/FUL: Dalton House, Conversion of existing buildings to form one new dwellinghouse.

Application refused:

- 19/04377/FUL: The COOP Eachwick, proposed alterations to site layout, 1 No additional polytunnel, timber gates and laying of hardstanding within site (retrospective) (as amended 8/1/20).

Notice of Appeal to Planning Inspectorate

- 19/04829/FUL: Land North of Heugh Mill Farm, Resubmission: Proposed siting of 1 No chalet and part change of use of 1 No barn.

Proposal to remove phone box 01661 886553, North Side

BT were currently undertaking a programme of proposed public payphone removals and it was resolved to object to the removal due to there being very bad mobile telephone reception in the parish.

5. Parish Benches

Benches still to be installed with the help of Cllr's Wilson and Boylan.

6. Village green trees – to report on progress with registering TPO's; tree in need of removal near to Village Hall

As the trees are within the conservation area and therefore require planning permission, County Council had advised there was no value in registering them with TPO's.

7. Financial Matters: Payments to authorise – NALC – annual subscription - £209.29; Zurich Municipal – annual insurance premium - £588.73; Annual ROSPA play area inspection report - £107.40; Northumberland County Council – rent for play area - £120; Request for grant – Ponteland Town Council – bus service 2020-2021 - £400; M J Knowles – grasscutting - £115.20.

8. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor not present.

9. Rubbish and litter within the parish

The scheduled litter pick had had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and an event would be organised in 2021.

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

Several signposts had already been reported in need of repair, and Clerk would re-report. There is a signpost on the T junction at head height which may cause health and safety issues.

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

There was no update regarding installation of the interactive speed camera. Concerns had been received from a parishioner about speeding past Rose Cottage and in the past it was believed a speed reduction limit had been requested. Clerk would contact the County Cllr about the ongoing speeding problems.

12. Cycling events

Cyclone event could possible be held in September.

13. Parking restrictions, Stamfordham First School

No waiting at any time (double yellow lines), school keep clears (no stopping Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm), bus Stand (no stopping except buses and taxis Mon – Fri 8 – 9am and 230 – 330pm) and Bus stop road markings and signage to be implemented. Further details including the Decision Report were on NCC website, the relevant traffic regulation order amendments to be prepared and legal notices advertised.

14. Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/20

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

It was resolved to approve the governance statement

14/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2019/2020

It was resolved to approve the draft annual accounts for 2019/2020.

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

It was resolved to approve the accounting statement and explanation of variances.

14/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate

It was resolved to approve the exemption certificate

15. Correspondence

Several issues had been brought up from the independent examiner regarding the County Council Local Plan, with a further consultation period underway.

16. To receive annual ROSPA play area report and consider re-opening of play area and risk associated due to Covid-19

Natural splits and shakes in the timber had occurred on the agility balance trail; the carousel rotator pole had a missing top knob and considered to be low risk; comments from last year regarding the seesaw being unbalanced had been raised again, however the supplier had indicated this was not a problem. The majority of Cllr's were in favour of the play area being re-opened, however Cllr Miller opposed this due to the school not yet breaking up for the summer holidays, and the Clerk had advised a Risk Assessment should be carried out before re-opening.

17. Web-site Accessibility Statement

The current administrator was retiring and the Clerk had been in touch with an alternative hosting company called Spanglefish, who charge an annual hosting fee of £78 and it was resolved the new site would be organised. New regulations were coming into force September 2020 for local government organisations relating to web-site accessibility for all and Spanglefish had confirmed they could meet the requirements and provide an accessibility statement.

18. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

No resurfacing works had been actioned outside of Bells garage and Clerk would chase up with the County Cllr; Cllr's Bushby and Trevelyan to continue as Village Hall Committee Trustees.

19. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th September 2020.

The meeting closed at 8pm