**Minutes of electronic meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 21st January 2021 commencing at 730pm**

**Those Present** Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman

CllrsFitspatrick, Boylan, Miller, Bushby, Scratcherd

C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

1. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th November 2020**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November 2020 be accepted as a true record.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes, not otherwise on the agenda.

1. **Planning Matters:**

**Applications received**

* 20/03414/FUL: Stamfordham Hall, replace wooden framed double glazed windows with UPVC windows to west and south side of village hall to match existing on east and north sides – application supported.

**Applications approved:**

* 20/02325/VARYCO: Land North of Dalton Farm, Variation of Condition 2 to 19/00872/FUL to allow for
* 20/02310/VARYCO: Land at Harlow Hill Church, Variation of Condition 2 of 19/01818/VARYCO
* 20/03364/LBC: 4 Grange Road, Listed building consent to repoint brickwork and replace damaged bricks to the front wall of the house
* 20/01910/LBC & 20/01909/FUL: 2 North Side, Listed building consent for replacement windows and door. Rear first floor extension to provide stairwell up to existing attic rooms. New conservation rooflights.
* 20/02552/VARYCO: Dodley Farm – Variation of Condition 2 to 19/04129/FUL – materials to match those existing
* 20/03023/VARYCO: Land and Barns at Harlow Hill – Variation of condition 1 to 20/02310/VARYCO – addition of kitchen extension to western elevation Unit 7 (amended description)

**Notice of Appeal, Town and Country Planning Act 1980 Appeal under Section 78:**

* Land West of Brewery Close, construction of five new build two storey detached dwellings with three detached garages and associated access**.**
* The Coop Eachwick, proposed alterations to site layout with parking changes, secure tool (and nursery materials) store position, hardstanding and size amended, new security gates and polytunnel amended.

1. **Parish Benches**

Cllr E Trevelyan had organised removal of concrete bench by Bay Horse.

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

Tree outside of Village Hall had still not been removed by County Council.

1. **Grasscutting in the parish**

The County Council had no objection to the grass verge at Bridge End being left for wildflowers to grow and to be a habitat for insects etc.

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

Replacement cheque to HMRC dated September 2020 - £115.00 – original cheque had gone astray further to transmission to HMRC.

1. **County Councillor Report**

V Jones confirmed the removal of the tree near to the village hall and speed indicators at Harlow Hill were included in the County Council schedule of works, however there were staff shortages due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Covid-19 vaccinations going well in Northumberland, however the number of Covid cases were still high. Schools were open for key worker children, with more pupils in attendance than the first lockdown March 2020. At the present time, Council elections were to go ahead May 2021. There was a proposed increase in council tax due to the adult social care precept. L Boylan concerned the large puddle outside of Bell’s garage had not been rectified, the problem had gone on far too long and had occurred due to County Council patching works. V Jones reported movement of the 40mph signage at Lane House, which was discussed at the previous meeting, would not be a simple job to action.

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

Ongoing problems with maintenance of signage.

**11.Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera/speeding at Cheeseburn**

Nothing to report.

**12.Correspondence;**

Grant acknowledgements – Great North Air Ambulance and Stamfordham First School.

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

S Tunmore, Chair of British Cycling North East had been in contact regarding possible Cyclone event for 2nd to 4th July, and because of fund restrictions there would not be the need for a road closure. Cyclists would be escorted by police, traffic would only be stopped for cyclists to pass through, then the road re-opened straight away. British Cycling to be very much more involved and would like to see the village gain more from the Cyclone, such as stalls on the village green and possible fundraising, and the Village Hall could be entitled to a grant from the organisation. S Tunmore to attend a future PC meeting.

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

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th March 2021 commencing 730pm.

The meeting closed at 755pm.