

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Those Present** Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman  
Cllrs Boylan, Miller, Lawson  
C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones, S Tunmore (British Cycling)

**1. Apologies for absence**

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**2. Co-Option Vacancies**

It was resolved to Co-Opt Ian Lawson onto the Parish Council.

**3. Election of Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall Committee representative**

It was resolved to elect Cllr Lawson to the Playing Field and Village Hall Committee.

**4. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be accepted as a true record, further to the removal of County Cllr V Jones from the attendance list.

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

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

**6. Planning Matters**

**Applications received**

- 21/01448/FUL: The COOP, Eachwick – Retrospective: proposed minor repairs to site surfacing. Replacement of existing tool store and nursery materials. New security gates and willow screening – Parish Council comments submitted regarding resurfacing with concrete would cause additional flooding problems due to site run-off on the highway, where there are already existing problems; tool store and materials should not be on a larger footprint than existing, and be within the 45m height constraint.
- 21/01342/FUL: South Ouston Farm – Transfer a stand-alone biomass boiler from Henderson Lodge to South Ouston Farm for the drying of timber – no objections.
- 21/01783/FUL: South Lough House – steel framed agricultural store – no objections
- 21/01616/FUL: Apperley House, Milbourne – construction of orangery extension and glazed link to rear and new entrance porch to front elevation – no objections.
- 21/01897/FUL: Robsheugh Farm Cottage, Milbourne – removal of existing conservatory and construction of new single storey extension to front – now approved by County Council – no objections
- 21/01936/FUL: 2 Jubilee Cottages, Hawkwell – construction of a single storey side extension – no objections.
- 21/02087/LBC: Hawkwell Farm House – replace kitchen units, cupboard doors and floor tiles with new units, cupboard doors and floor tiles – no objections.
- 21/02055/CCD: Stamfordham Primary School – Installation of Ground Source Heat Pump System – no objections, however such pumps can be noisy.

**Applications approved**

- 21/00241/FUL: Oakfield Lodge, proper two storey extension

### **Cricket Club advertisement**

No response had been received, Clerk to re-contact County Council.

### **La Luna Farm development**

R Murfin, Director of Planning at Northumberland County Council had confirmed he would look into the concerns raised regarding the unacceptable state of Mill Lane, further to the controversial development of La Luna, which both the Parish Council and County Council had objected to.

### **Northumberland Local Plan Examination – Consultation on Main Modifications**

A further consultation was underway, as in its present form the plan would not pass the examination stage. However, there did not appear to be anything relevant to Stamfordham Parish Council contained within the documentation.

### **7. Parish Benches**

New bench had been ordered, with a delay to the delivery date.

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

Works had been expected to be completed end of 2020, however the Tree Officer had left and his replacement could not find the job listed on the worksheet, with County Cllr having to forward information relating to it.

### **9. Cycling Events within the parish**

S Tunmore Chair of British Cycling North East present. British Cycling HQ are the governing body for competitive cycling events on the road, with Stamfordham parish being central for races. In the North East, time trails are not part of British Cycling, but they can influence road racing events. Events were planned for last weekend, however S Tunmore had reservations due to Covid-19, and events had been provisionally rescheduled for 26/9/21. On the whole the vast majority of parishioners appreciate the cycling events, along with the Village Hall who benefit financially, however at the present time the Parish Council would be unhappy for the event to be held in September, due to the risk from the pandemic. A regional event is planned for 8/8/21 but does not involve road closures. Road traffic legislation regarding cycling required updating, however Central Government did not appear interested. Cyclone charity event numbers were well down, therefore there were financial issues. Responsible person(s) would be made available for villagers to contact during the events, and Cllr Trevelyan stated information flyers should be delivered to all households prior to the event, along with the local agricultural community being informed, who could be contacted through Farmwatch. Thanks given to Mr Tunmore for his attendance.

### **10. Financial Matters: Payments to authorise – Zurich – annual insurance premium - £825.03; request for grant – Sport Tynedale**

It was resolved to approve the payment to Zurich and also £120 to County Council for rent of playing field. It was resolved to grant £50.00 to Sport Tynedale.

### **11. Request for pathway from village to playing field to be cut and purchase of plants for existing tubs**

A request had been received for the pathway from the village to the playing field to be cut, as it is now well-used by many residents since Covid 19 and lockdown. This would need one width, not the whole area and the verge could be left for wild flowers. It was agreed the area would be added to the Parish Council grasscutting schedule. A request had been received for the purchase of plants to be put into the existing tubs to ensure the village maintains its attractiveness, and a resident had since donated funds for bulb planting. Comments received the use of weed killer around posts and the base of trees is unsightly and unnecessary, assuming it was done to eliminate strimming. This is County Council policy, however it was resolved to object to the County Council for the overuse of weedkilling.

## **12. Fence repair at village green/Bay Horse**

The wooden fence had been put there to prevent vehicles parking further onto the grass, and the whole structure now needs replacing. Recycled products could be utilised and it was resolved Cllr Miller would research options.

## **13. County Councillor Report**

Community chest funding had re-opened for community groups to access.

Local Transport Plan requests for 2022-2023 letters to be forwarded to Parish Council in due course.

The first bridge to Hawkwell has loose wire on it which is causing a trip hazard, and weeds are prevalent in the area. Potholes prevalent in Dark Lane which were reported and duly actioned, however there were still areas to action near to Jubilee House.

## **14. Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera**

Calming measures had been actioned, however it is not enough and will not prevent speeding wagons. The interactive indicator was still being held up due to Historic England. Speeding is ultimately the responsibility of the police.

## **15. To consider ROSPA Play area inspection report**

Play area inspection report awaited.

## **16. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 845pm