**Minutes of the electronic annual meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 20th May 2021 commencing at 730pm**

**Those Present** Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman

CllrsBoylan, Miller,

C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones, four members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

1. **Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall Committee representative**

* Cllr E Trevelyan proposed and seconded as Chairman and duly elected.
* Cllr Boylan proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and duly elected
* Stamfordham Playing Field and Village Hall Committee representative to be deferred to July meeting

1. **Co-Option Vacancies**

Applications would be discussed at the July Parish Council meeting.

1. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th March 2021**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th March 2021 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 that were not otherwise on the agenda.

1. **Planning Matters**

**Applications received**:

* 21/01024/FUL: North Lough Farm Cottage, Dark Lane – Two storey extension link to existing building **AND APPROVED.**

**Applications approved:**

* 20/03414/FUL: Stamfordham Village Hall, replace wooden framed double glazed windows to west and south side of village hall
* 21/00299/VARYCO: Oakfield Lodge, Eachwick – removal of conditions 5 & 7 on CM/99/D/69 in order to remove the agricultural tie from the property
* 20/04444/LBC: Hawkwell House, Listed building consent to install electric stair lift from ground floor to first floor level
* 20/03714/FUL: 10 The Oval – Construction of lean-to single storey extension to the rear and side
* 21/00489/FUL: 3 Widdrington Drive – Construction of rear two storey extension, replace flat roof with pitched to link, conversion of outbuilding to study
* 20/00154/FUL: La Luna Farm Mill Lane Heugh – proposed menage and retrospective permission for septic tank
* 21/00169/FUL: Land South West of Joiners Workshop, Dark L:ane – Conversion of existing building to a single dwelling

**Cricket Club advertisement:**

A noticeboard had been put up that was considered too large with some concern it was not on the village hall’s land. Clerk to contact Planning Officer at County Hall.

1. **Parish Benches**

A bench had been located in the wrong place, therefore it was proposed a further parish bench be purchased.

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

Ongoing, with tree still not having been removed.

1. **Grasscutting within the parish**

Cllr S Miller declared an interest. There were certain bare patches of grass in the playground, however it may only need re-seeded and Cllr Boylan would investigate.

1. **Cycling Events within the parish**

Cycling event held last Saturday, with weekend races planned for the beginning of July, however the Sunday event may be put back until September. Cycling representative was to attend tonight’s meeting, however as plans had not been finalised they would likely attend the July meeting. Blaydon had informed Stamfordham Matters their trial time events would be held every fortnight on a Thursday night, through to the beginning of August, and which would start and finish outside the village.

1. **Financial Matters: Payments to authorise – NALC, annual subscription - £210.93; G Herford, Bench installation - £187.50 ; A&J Garden Services – play area grasscutting £87.50;**

It was resolved to approve the payments.

1. **County Councillor Report**

County Cllr not present

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

Nothing to report.

**14.Correspondence**

County Council – Findings from Library Service’s consultation

[https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s2141/Public%20Library%20Service%20Consultation.pdf](https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s2141/Public%20Library%20Service%20Consultation.pdf" \t "_blank)

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An email had been received about the use of Ouston airfield for an event, with Clerk advising the Ministry of Defence at Albemarle Barracks be approached, who should be aware of who to contact.

**15. Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/21**

**15/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor**

There were no matters arising from the report of the internal auditor.

**15/02 To approve the Governance Statement**

It was resolved to approve the Governance Statement.

**15/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2020/2021**

It was resolved to approve the draft annual accounts for 2020/2021

**15/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances**

It was resolved to approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances.

**15/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate**

It was resolved to approve the Exemption Certificate.

**15/06 To approve the Public Rights of Inspection dates**

It was resolved to approve the public right of inspection dates from 14 June to 23 July 2021.

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

* People did not appear to be sticking to the new 20mph speed limits within the village
* Concerns had been received about La Luna Farm, Mill Lane. Since construction works had been going on the surface of Mill Lane, in particular South to Heugh Mill, had changed radically and been spread with hoggin. It is understood the lane is very popular for horse riders as the surface is soft enough for them to canter, knowing there is little traffic, however since the surface had changed this is no longer possible. There are also a lot of people who enjoy walking and running which is no longer as pleasant as it was. Parishioner proposed a stretch of Mill Lane be designated as a bridleway so cars would not be able to use it, however part of the road would need to remain as a highway for access to Brixter Hill Farm. There is a sign stating Unsuitable for Motors and also at the Heugh Lane end, but such signage does not have the significance of a prohibitive sign. It was noted the tarmacked part of the road had also deteriorated. Parishioner had started a petition with 80 signatures collected, which suggested local disagreement with the existing development, continual development, and ecology etc. Planning permission was granted on the business case there would be an equine business, however it had been noted no foals had been born this year. It was agreed the road should be in a fit state to use for all public access, in whatever form, and Clerk would contact Rob Murfin, Head of Planning and David Laux, Highways Department, at the County Council.

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

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th July 2021 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 805pm.