

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 20th January 2022 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Those Present Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Boylan, Lawson, Reynolds
C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones, one member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Co-Option Vacancies

There had been no applications for the co-option vacancies.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th November 2021

It was resolved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th November 2021 be accepted as a true record.

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

Free trees via County Council still awaited due to a hold up with staff being re-deployed, further to Storm Arwen. Cllrs to consider areas for planting, which may require permission from landowner(s).

5. Planning Matters

Applications approved

- 21/04065/FUL: Hillside Cottage, Bridge End – Demolition of extension

6. Cycling Events within the parish

The Sloane Trophy, a morning event, scheduled 1/5/22; Cyclone event 25/6/22; Beaumont and Curlew Cup 18/9/22.

7. Grasscutting issues

It was resolved to accept the quotation of £300/year for grasscutting within the play park and path to playing field, raking leaves, cutting hedge and litter picking in play park.

8. Financial Matters:

Payments to authorise

- L Miller - Leaf Clearance - £37.50
- Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall – rent for meeting room - £15.00

It was resolved to authorise payments.

Additional bank signatory

Forms had been received and completed for Cllr Lawson to be added as a signatory, with Cllr Trevelyan to submit to Santander.

To approve additional grasscutting 2022/2023 at £826.31 + VAT

It was resolved to accept the County Council quotation of £862.31 + VAT for additional grasscutting 2022-2023.

To receive acknowledgement of grant from Great North Air Ambulance

Acknowledgement of grant noted.

9. To consider quotation(s) for fence repair at village green

Two quotations had been received to replace the fence around the car park on the village area. The Bay Horse or Capheaton Estates should be repairing, however the Parish Council had actioned a previous repair. It was resolved Clerk would write to Capheaton Estates and enquire whether they would contribute to costs, due to the limited funds of the Parish Council.

10. County Councillor Report

Clearance works further to Storm Arwen had taken up a vast amount of County Council resources, with tree and drain works continuing. County Council to carry out a scrutiny review, partly entailing how the County Council responded to the storm, particularly welfare issues. It was agreed to include scrutiny review Information in next edition of Communicator, should residents wish to respond to the consultation. County Council budget consultations underway. Funding of £500 available for Queen's Platinum Celebrations. 24 hour road closure on Ingoe road to commence 1/3/22 for 12 days. County Cllr to follow up with Planning Department Enforcement Officer issues regarding Bay Horse. Road from Stamfordham to Matfen included in County Council capital programme of works.

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

A petition had been submitted to County Council for a speed limit and lorry ban for the military road, with due process to be followed. Heritage England had given permission for interactive signage, however conditions were awaited.

12. Climate Action in the parish

Clerk had contacted parishioner to ask if they would be willing to lead on climate action in the parish, however no response had been received. A successful trial relating to glass recycling had been carried out, which had been extended in the same wards but with additional households included, to provide evidence to apply for government funding.

13. To consider issues relating to Bay Horse

Discussed earlier.

14. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

There was no other business.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th March 2022 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 805pm