

**Minutes of ordinary meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Those Present** Cllr E Trevelyan, Chairman  
Cllrs Boylan, Reynolds, Hutt, Merridew, Forsyth  
County Cllr V Jones, C Miller (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

I Lawson had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council earlier today. A notice of vacancy would be displayed.

V Jones gave her apologies for the previous meeting.

**2. Co-Option Vacancy**

It was resolved to co-opt Pip Forsyth onto the Parish Council.

**3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be accepted as a true record.

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

Road had been repaired outside of Bells garage. There had been no substantial rain since, and the area would be monitored, should problems arise.

**5. Planning Matters**

Applications received

- 22/01264/FUL: Oakfield Lodge, Eachwick – Erection stables, tackroom and associated horse paddock – Parish Council objections relating to accessibility, impact on green belt, visual appearance, lack of screening, and impact on neighbouring properties had been submitted to County Council
- 220/2377/FUL: 2 Hawkwell – rear extension to form extended kitchen, shower room and bedroom – no objections.

**Notice of Application withdrawn**

- 19/00448/FUL: Land North West of Stannerton House – 14 New homes

**6. Grasscutting issues**

Play area grass had been cut satisfactorily.

**7. Financial Matters:**

**Payments to authorise**

- Playsafety Ltd – annual play area inspection - £109.20
- Northumberland County Council – rent for land at First School - £120;
- Stamfordham Village Hall – meeting room rent - £15.00.

It was resolved to approve the payments

No funding applications had been requested for the Platinum Jubilee.

**8. County Councillor Report**

Road through Eachwick requires resurfacing with County Cllr to request through the Local Transport Plan 2023-2024. A solution to HGV's hitting Eachwick bridge under discussion, with a weight/speed limit being considered. Resident had asked if the 20mph speed limit could be extended to Hawkwell, with County Cllr to also see if there could be a speed limit reduction coming down Dark Lane, although this area may not meet the criteria. Trustees of Dalton Village Hall, who were also residents of Eachwick, had requested a defibrillator be located at the Village Hall. This was not considered an ideal situation, with an alternative location suggested as Red House. Future maintenance costs would also need to be agreed.

Ash die back a serious problem within roadside trees in the parish. A number of trees were dying with County Council looking into issues.

Signs to be located at layby near to school indicating it should only be used outside of school drop/pick up times.

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

Proposals included within the current Local Transport Plan. Full report further to petition for lorry ban/speed limit being compiled.

#### **10. To receive update on tree planting within the parish**

Trees had been planted. Cllr Merridew in possession of a supply of saplings which could be utilised in the parish.

#### **11. To consider Climate Change action in the parish**

County Council had produced a toolkit to assist Parish Council's in tackling climate change. Possible actions that could be taken would be considered in detail at the next meeting. There was a possibility the County Council could install an electric car charging point in the future.

#### **12. To consider issues relating to Bay Horse and receive update on fence repair**

County Council had viewed the derelict Bay Horse site but at the present time it does not meet the dangerous criteria, and there was no further action County Council could take. County Cllr to enquire whether business rates were due on the empty building. Capheaton Estates had confirmed the fence would be repaired in the Autumn.

#### **13. Parish litter bins**

Contractor had looked at bins and planned to submit a price to repair, however this had been held up. New inner linings could be purchased for some of the bins.

#### **14. To receive notice of surface dressing, Briney Hill to the Plough Inn; Stamfordham Road to Heugh**

Surface dressing had been completed.

#### **15. To consider County Council Local Transport Plan requests 2023-2024, current requests being reduction in speed limit at Harlow Hill; action to improve parking problems in Stamfordham village**

County Council had advised the location at Harlow Hill does not meet the criteria for a further speed limit reduction (however report further to petition being compiled); parking restrictions had recently been introduced at the school and further information was required for an assessment of the issue to be able to be made. It was resolved to include resurfacing at Eachwick; speed reduction at Harlow Hill and reinstatement of pavement on the Pont bridge, Grange Road.

#### **16. To consider annual ROSPA Play area inspection report**

Matters arising had referred to the latch ring missing from gate and the perennial observation of the seesaw beam being unbalanced.

**17. To consider request for debif machinery at Eachwick**

Discussed earlier.

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

Cllr Trevelyan tendered his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect, having been on the Council since 1981 and Chairman since 1991. A notice of vacancy would be displayed.

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

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 810pm.

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