

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr L Boylan (Chair) Cllr C Reynolds, Cllr Forsyth, Cllr Hutt, Cllr Merridew, Cllr Parker, C Miller (Clerk)

**PART I**

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Co-Option Vacancy**

There had been no applications for the Co-Option vacancy.

**3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be accepted as a true record.

**4. Planning Matters**

**Planning Applications received**

- 22/04124/FUL: Land East of Oakfield Lodge, Eachwick – erection of stables, tackroom and associated horse paddock – Parish Council objected as the proposal would impose on open space and greenbelt, and produce unacceptable odours near to both private residence and restaurant business already well established. There were no obvious special circumstances to justify the siting of the development. As it is still very much a stand alone development it would be better sited within the hardstanding area of the property, eg north of the barn. Excess run off water may be gathered and overflow allowed to run into existing water courses but this could only work if initial storage was integrated with an interceptor to collect solid matter and prevent it entering any watercourse. The proposed position of the access road cuts across the whole site without any real justification.
- 22/04418/LBC: Church House, 30 Southside – Listed Building Consent to replace partition wall with traditional wooden balustrades – no objections
- 22/04576/FUL: Close House, Dalton – Rear extension, refurbishment of existing windows and amendments to side elevations – no objections
- 22/04447/FUL: The Bothy, Dodley Farm – construction of single storey extension – no objections

**To consider a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish**

Northumberland County Council were holding electronic information sessions on the Neighbourhood Plan process and their recently adopted Local Plan, with Cllrs' advised to book via the NALC newsletter. T Merridew had spoken to an NP Officer at County Council who had advised between £9K - £18K is available for Parish Council's to produce a NP. Area designation could cover the whole civil parish, or part, with Officer willing to carry out a presentation to the Parish Council. Community facilities, land areas, asset of community value all come under a NP, and community actions could also be drawn up during the process. It was resolved to invite County Council Officer to the next PC meeting 16/3/23 to advise further on the procedure for creation of a NP.

**5. Financial Matters:**

**Payments to authorise:**

Chollerton Estates (Capheaton Hall) – Fence repair - £1800; Stamfordham Village Hall – rent of meeting room - £50.

It was resolved to approve the payments. The new bank signatories had still not been approved by Santander.

**To approve budget 2023-2024**

It was resolved to approve the budget for 2023-2024, further to amendments as follows: Bin budget raised to £800; room hire budget raised to £180 and bench budget raised to £400. The additional three grasscuts via the County Council had been removed from the budget.

**To approve precept 2023-2024**

It was resolved to approve the precept requirements of £5500 for 2023-2024.

**6. County Councillor Report**

County Councillor not present.

**7.To consider action that can be taken to address Climate Change**

Government were offering a funding scheme for EV chargepoints via the County Council with a deadline for applications of 28/2/23. The structures would have to be placed on public land, with the County Council receiving the income from them. Cllrs to consider further at an informal meeting. E copies of Climate Change newsletter to be included with Communicator in due course. P Forsyth to meet a representative regarding the Go Local scheme.

**8.Trees - County Council free trees; playground trees**

Ten trees had been planted.

**9.To consider issues relating to Bay Horse**

Cllr L Boylan to continue to take photographic evidence of the deteriorating state of the building, with Clerk to forward to County Council.

**10.To consider repairs/replacement of parish litter bins**

Cllr Reynolds and contractor to arrange further site visit to consider bin repairs/replacements.

**11.To consider Crises Management**

Cllr L Boylan had contacted County Council who had advised they could arrange a generator connection point, with Northern Powergrid having contacted a member of the Village Hall Committee.

**12.To consider a Warm hub within the parish**

Village Hall Committee were organising a hub with matter to be removed from the agenda.

**13.To consider vehicles exceeding the 20mph limit**

Interactive signage requiring repair, with Cllr L Boylan having contacted the County Councillor. There was little the Parish Council could do regarding cyclists exceeding the 20mph speed limit. Traffic of concern and consideration from parishioners required.

**14.To consider audit of parish footpaths**

Photographic evidence and report to be compiled in due course, and which would be forwarded to Tim Fish, County Council Footpaths Officer.

**15. Grasscutting: To consider grasscutting schedule 2023; to consider additional grasscutting by Northumberland County Council, as in previous years, at cost of £884.15 plus VAT**

It was resolved not to continue with the three additional grasscuts via the County Council. Parts of the parish could be allowed to grow. There were several organisations who carried out grasscutting within the parish and Cllr L Boylan to confirm who was responsible for which parts. Areas that could be left to grow longer would be identified.

**16.Urgent business/items for next agenda**

Proposals for King's Coronation to be considered at next meeting.

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

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Clerk left the meeting.

**PART II**

**The Council is invited to consider the following resolution: That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda, as those items involve the discussion of personal information/contractual negotiations.**

**18. To review Clerk Salary**

It was resolved to adopt the National Joint Council (NJC) pay rates, with Clerk to be placed on Scale 17.

The meeting closed at 830pm