

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 20th September 2023 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Those Present: Cllr L Boylan (Chair), Cllr C Reynolds, Cllr T Merridew, Cllr S Parker, Cllr P Forsyth, C Miller (Clerk),

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr D Hutt, County Cllr V Jones

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th July 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 20th July 2023 be accepted as a true record.

3. Co-Option Vacancy

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

4. Election of Parish Cllr to Stamfordham Village Hall Committee

It was resolved to elect Cllr Reynolds to Stamfordham Village Hall Committee.

5. Election of Parish Cllr to Widdrington Trust

It was resolved to elect Cllr Boylan to Widdrington Trust.

6. Planning Matters

Planning Applications received:

- 23/02839/FUL: La Luna Farm, Mill Lane, Heugh – Proposed rural works dwelling, consisting of retention and extension to dwelling located on site – Parish Council objection had been submitted to the County Council relating to impact on the greenbelt.
- 23/02842/FUL: Whittle Dene Treatment Works, Harlow Hill – erection of kiosk and fence – no objections.
- 23/03082/FUL: Hawkwell Grange Drive Remove existing garden room to the rear & replace with single storey extension. First floor extension over existing single storey element to the front of the property. Replacement of all existing windows/doors including new bay window to rear – no objections.
- 23/01514/FUL: South Barn, Harlow Hill - proposed oak framed porch to south (front) elevation – new garage – no objections.
- 23/03269/FUL; Oakfield Barn Eachwick – new garage – no objections.

Planning Application approved:

- 23/00921/FUL: Land North East of Building 205 Albemarle Barracks – Install concrete constructed brake TE ramp and extend staircase on concrete hardstanding.

Planning Application withdrawn:

- 23/01502/LBC: Heugh House, Heugh – listed building consent for replacement 6 sash windows.

7. Financial Matters:

Payments to authorise:

- C Miller – six monthly salary/expenses - £717.85
- Poppy Appeal - £50
- Spanglefish – annual web-site hosting fee - £103
- AJS Landscaping – grasscutting - £100

It was resolved to approve the payments.

To consider request for grant from Sport Tynedale

It was resolved no grant would be given.

8. County Councillor Report

County Cllr had forwarded the following information: B6318 Harlow Hill Interactive Speed Signage due for installation; Bus drivers to go on strike - affecting Bus route 74 - between Saturday September 30th & Friday October 6th, and Saturday 14th October to Friday 20th October.

9. To consider a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish and submitting application form to designate the area

It was resolved a Neighbourhood Plan would be furthered. Clerk to confirm with County Council who could then commence the process to designate the parish as a neighbourhood area.

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

P Forsyth to follow up with County Council regarding application for EV charging point in the parish.

11. To consider issues relating to Bay Horse

Building continues to deteriorate. Cllr Boylan to contact professional for advice.

10. To consider Crises Management; to receive update regarding generator point

Generator point not yet installed.

11. To consider audit of parish footpaths

Cllr Parker to continue with footpath audit.

12. To receive update on governance review to de-ward the parish

As part of the consultation process, two responses had been received in support of removing the subdivision into wards. First respondent commented that they were unaware of the Ward system until learning of the review, and feel that the system is not necessary in an age when most people have access to the internet or telephone, and can communicate with any of the Parish Councils as they see fit. Without the Ward system the seven Parish Councillors would represent the entire Parish. Second respondent supported the proposal to de-ward as the present system was an unnecessary complication. Making of the relevant order would occur Spring 2024, subject to the Council's decision.

13. To consider a coronation commemorative tree for the parish

Existing trees had matured, a tree such as a flowering cherry would be suitable for a commemorative tree.

14. To consider free tree scheme via County Council

Several mature trees were blocking out light. Thought should be given to their future replacement via public consultation. Ten free trees had been ordered, with information to be placed in communicator to advise of the small native species, asking for suggested sites, or if parishioners had any tree issues they wished to raise with the Council.

15. Japanese knotweed

There was a piece of knotweed inside of the bridge. Karbon Homes had confirmed they were not responsible for the area. The problem would need resolved Spring time.

16.receive notice of Town and Parish Conference at County Hall, 5th October 2023 2 to 6pm

Cllr Boylan and Merridew to attend.

17.Community speedwatch

Community speedwatch recruitment currently closed, to re-open 2 to 16th January 2024.

18.To amend Standing Orders to include the following

It was resolved to add the following to the Standing Orders. "The Clerk has delegated authority to respond to Planning applications following consultation with all Parish Councillors, if the time for a response is before a scheduled meeting of the Council."

19.Urgent business/items for next agenda

Litter bins and logos all in place, with favourable comments received. Complaint about garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn had been received.

18.To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th November 2023 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 845pm.