

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Those Present:** Cllr L Boylan (Chair), Cllr T Meridew, Cllr P Forsyth, Cllr S Parker, Cllr D Hutt, Cllr R Williams, C Miller (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr C Reynolds, County Cllr V Jones

Cllr P Forsyth tendered her resignation from the Council. Clerk to arrange Notice of Vacancy.

**2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be accepted as a true record.

**3. Planning Matters**

**Planning Applications received:**

- 23/04637/FUL: Pens Close - Construction of extension to North, East and West to form kitchen, plantroom/utility and garage, and an additional bedroom to the first floor – no objections.

**Planning Application withdrawn:**

- 23/03082/FUL: Hawkwell Gange – Remove exiting garden room to rear and replace with single storey extension. First floor extension over existing single storey element to the front of property. Replacement of all existing windows/doors including new bay window to rear.

**Approval of Planning Application received:**

- 23/03200/FUL: Silver Hill House Dalton, Remove cat slide side extension and creating a new modern extension
- 23/03586/LBC: West End cottage, 34 North Side – Listed building consent for thermal upgrade of the existing link extension and installation of a mezzanine floor
- 23/03269/FUL: Oakfield Barn, Eachwick – new garage

**4. Financial Matters**

**Payments to authorise**

- Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall – meeting room rental - £30

It was resolved to approve the payment

**To consider budget requirements 2024-2025**

It was resolved to approve the budget requirements 2024-2025.

**To consider precept requirements 2024-2025**

It was resolved to approve the precept requirements 2024-2025 of £5,500.

**To receive update on bank account with Lloyds**

Bank account had been opened.

**To receive 2023/2024 Local Government Services Pay Agreement, backdated from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

Agreement noted, which resulted in £1/hour rise in Clerk salary.

**To consider request for grant from Great North Air Ambulance**

It was resolved to grant £200.

**To consider provision of bike repair station**

To be considered further down agenda.

**5. County Councillor Report**

There was no County Councillor report, however Traffic Wardens had been in the parish and would re-visit.

**6. To consider Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Vision, Objectives and Community Action**

Information was being advertised to encourage public interest at community breakfast 3/2/24. A parishioner had offered to become involved with the NP process. Clerk to add link to Parish Council website for information relating to Neighbourhood Planning.

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

Decision relating to EV charging point application outstanding. Village Hall Committee to submit application for a charging point.

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

Cllr Boylan to contact County Cllr who was to liaise with County Council.

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

County Cllr to seek information regarding progress with generator point.

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

Spreadsheet with maps/comments to be created.

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

County Council Officer had advised the review was to be heard at Committee 17/1/24.

**13. To consider issues with Japanese knotwood**

To be considered later in the year.

**14.To consider grasscutting contract 2024**

No quotations had been received, therefore grasscutting specification to be re-advertised via The Communicator and Facebook page Stamfordham Matters.

**15.To consider issues with garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn**

Parishioner had contacted Environment Agency regarding the issue.

**16.To consider Footpath to playing field**

Cllr D Hutt to seek quotation(s). Grants could then be sought to cover the cost.

**17.To consider issues regarding narrow bridge on Medburn**

County Cllr had been looking into issues.

**18.To consider condition of Black and white Stamfordham signage**

It was resolved to remove the signage.

**19.To consider any tree matters**

Suggestion for coronation tree to be considered with parishioners during Neighbourhood Plan discussions.

**20.To consider possible bike track repair station**

Stations could cost upto £2,000. Funding available, with Cllr Parker to further. Cllr Merridew to seek cyclist opinion, possible location for station to be considered.

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

A weather vane had historically been situated on top of the cross, a replacement could be considered, however English Heritage would likely not be in agreement.

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

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 845pm

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