

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18th July 2024 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Those Present: Cllr L Boylan (Chair), Cllr T Merridew, Cllr C Reynolds, Cllr S Parker, Cllr D Hutt, Cllr R Williams, Cllr M Lloyd,

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), V Jones (County Cllr)

2024/17 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2024/18 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th May 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2024 were a true record.

2024/19 Planning Matters

2024/19/01 Planning Applications received

- 24/01884/LBC: Heatherslaw Farm – Listed building consent for repairs to pigsty damaged due to strong winds using materials and techniques to return to former condition – no objections.
- 24/01953/FUL: Hawkwell Grange – First floor extension over existing single storey section – no objections.
- 24/02055/FUL: The Cottage, Dalton – Replacement 5 No existing windows with cill level lowered – no objections.
- 24/02184/FUL: 17 Grange Road – proposed first floor bedroom and ensuite with extended rear roof pitch, rear single storey extension to form a living, kitchen and dining area, double garage to north of plot – although not an objection, it was resolved to submit comment stating 1.Plans contained inadequate and conflicting information. 2. Solar panels could be located on both sides of the building.
- 24/02327/LBC Old Barclays Bank, 23 North Side – Listed Building Consent for internal alterations. At basement, remove concrete of plastic DPM and replace with stone flags bedded and pointed in lime mortar. At ground floor, open up area of wall between kitchen and hall. Close up South door to sitting room, remove 1974 lightweight projecting lobby on North side of sitting room. At first floor, replace existing modern dog-legged staircase and replace with half turn stair. At attic room, construct partition to create en-suite shower room – no objections.

2024/19/02 Planning Application approved

- 24/00342/FUL: Roman Well, 2 Harlow Hill Farm Cottages - Proposed first floor single storey extension above existing kitchen to create additional bedroom and bathroom on first floor.
- 24/01450/VARYCO: Orana, Hawkwell – Variation of Condition 2 on 21/03473/FUL in order to reduce the number of openings and marginally amend their placement.
- 24/00695/CCD: Stamfordham Primary School – Replacement UPVC/timber window and door units with new aluminium frame powder coated units.

2024/19/03 Land at The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham, Tree Preservation Order 2024

County Council had made six month TPO on trees at the above location.

2024/20 Financial Matters

2024/20/01 Payments to authorise

PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS
HMRC	PAYE	£166.15 £168.36		
Stamfordham Village Hall,	NP meeting 21/5/24	£37.50		
THC	Grasscutting	Invoice not received.		
Northumberland County Council	Rent, Stamfordham First School, play area	£120.00		
ROSPA	Play area inspection report	£102.40	£20.40	£122.40

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2024/20/02 Request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland. Members to consider request

RESOLVED:

Members agreed no grant would be given.

2024/20/03 Deposit Account. Members to receive update on new account.

Deposit account had been opened with Lloyds, with interest accrued on a monthly basis.

2024/21 County Councillor Report

Interactive signage pole in place. New signage at Eachwick delayed. Damage had occurred at bridge outside Heugh Mill – County Cllr to look at. County Cllr to arrange site meeting at Bay Horse with community safety department. Extra funding to be put into road repairs and additional staff recruited for the winter. Prudhoe and Hexham to receive Borderlands funding. Work ongoing to assist those eligible for free school meals and pension credits who do not currently claim the benefits.

2024/22 Neighbourhood Plan

2024/22/01 Members to receive update from Working/Steering Group

Information for Working Group had been circulated, with one volunteer coming forward. Next meeting to be held 23/7/24. List of heritage assets could be added to mapping system. Proposals for further housing in Northumberland planned.

2024/23 Climate Change

2024/23/01 Bike track repair station. Members are asked to consider quotation(s) for possible bike repair station

In order to gain funding from relevant organisations, documents such as a Safeguarding Policy would need to be adopted by the Parish Council. County Cllr could possibly assist with funding the repair station.

2024/24 Parish Maintenance and related issues

2024/24/01 Members to discuss issues relating to Bay Horse

Discussed earlier.

2024/24/02 Audit of parish footpaths. Overgrown footpath between Dark Lane and Church. Members to receive update

M Lloyd had attended site meeting. County Council could not sanction the use of power tool work, however residents were able to carry out clearance works themselves.

2024/24/03 Members to discuss problems with Japanese knotweed
There was no sign of Japanese knotweed. Item to be removed from agenda.

2024/24/04 Members to discuss problems with garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn
Environment Agency do not seem interested in the problem. Further complaints had been received about dumped rubbish.

2024/24/05 Members to discuss Footpath to playing field/associated costs
Cllr Hutt to contact alternative contractor and request quote to create footpath.

2024/24/06 Black and white Stamfordham signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment.
Quote had been received for new posts, however price awaited for shot blasting.

2024/24/07 Members to report any tree matters
Further to agenda item No **2024/19/03 Land at The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham, Tree Preservation Order 2024**, Several residents, including the householder, were not in favour of the TPO, with householder hoping to revert the area back to hedging.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Lloyd to circulate further information relating to resident concerns to members, who would consider objecting to the TPO.

2024/24/08 Members to discuss parking issues within the parish
Problems continuing. Cllr Boylan to invite police representative to next meeting.

2024/24/09 Matters raised via Community breakfast. Members to consider issues raised
Matter to be removed from agenda.

2024/24/10 Members to discuss quarrying activity, kiln field
County Council had been informed of the quarrying activity.

2024/24/11 Local Transport Plan requests 2025-2026. Members to consider areas for inclusion

RESOLVED:

Areas considered 1.resurfacing Eachwick. 2. traffic calming Paddock Lane. Items to be confirmed at September meeting.

2024/24/12 Annual ROSPA Play area inspection. Members to consider report.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to replace lock on gate and clean some pieces of equipment.

2024/25 Generator Point at Village Hall. Members to receive update.
No progress.

2024/26 Safeguarding. Members to consider adopting a safeguarding policy.

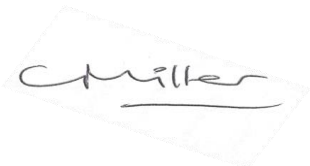
RESOLVED:

Members agreed not to adopt a policy at the present time.

2024/27 Urgent business/items for next agenda
Several school buses were now being parked elsewhere.

2024/28 To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th September 2024 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

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Claire Miller, Clerk/RFO

The meeting closed at 910pm

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