

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 21st November 2024 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Those Present: Cllr L Boylan (Chairman), Cllr S Parker, Cllr D Hutt, Cllr R Williams, Cllr M Lloyd

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), one member of the bonfire committee

2024/45 Apologies for absence

Cllr T Merridew, V Jones (County Cllr)

2024/46 Members to confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19th September 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2024 were a true record.

2024/47 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

2024/48 Members to discuss future Bonfire night celebration(s)

Bonfire Committee had re-turfed the current annual bonfire site, and advised the playing fields would not be large enough to host the event, with a lack of appropriate parking facilities. The event is well publicised in the Communicator each year to inform residents. Fund raising events continue, with some funds to be passed to the village hall committee. Members agreed the event held this year had been fantastic and an asset to the village.

2024/49 Planning Matters

2024/49/01 Planning Applications received. Members to consider applications.

- 24/03575/PRUTPO: The Beeches, Hawkwell – TPO, T1 & T2 – Beech removal; T3 – Ash pollarded to 10m – no objections.

2024/49/02 Planning Application approved. Members to note approvals.

- 24/02559/FUL: Heatherslaw Farm Bungalow, Stamfordham – Single storey side to rear wrap around extension

2024/49/03 Planning Application NO 23/03549/FUL, Annexe at Harlow Hill. Members to receive update on Stage 2 Complaint response.

Stage 2 Complaint required resubmission.

Chairman had been contacted by a resident regarding building works in that parish that did not appear to have planning permission, and had subsequently reported this to the County Council.

2024/49/04 Neighbourhood Plan.

1.Members to receive update from Working/Steering Group.

Cllr D Hutt attempting to contact Locality, further to query on housing assessment.

2.Members to consider purchase of I.T. equipment to aid Neighbourhood Plan.

Members resolved to purchase dedicated I.T. equipment with a budget of £1,000 agreed.

2024/50 Financial Matters

2024/50/01 Payments. Members to authorise the following payments

PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS
Sport Tynedale	Grant (agreed at meeting held 19/9/24)	£50	NIL	
Stamfordham Village Hall	Rent of meeting room 10/9/24	£22.50	NIL	
	Rent of meeting room 19/9/24	£30.00		
Poppy Appeal, British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreath	£50.00	NIL	

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2024/50/02 Budget requirements 2025-2026. Members to consider draft budget

Members considered the first draft budget 2025-2026. Figure for signage to be included at £1,000. Figure for footpath to be included at £5,000. Play area equipment would benefit from professional treatment. In the future replacement equipment would be required and a reserve budget should be included. Figures to be considered further at next meeting.

2024/50/03 Precept requirements 2025-2026. Members to consider draft precept

Members considered first draft precept figure 2025-2026, and agreed the precept should be raised gradually in order for larger projects to be actioned.

2024/50/04 Grant request from Wag and Company North East Friendship Dogs. Members to consider request

Wag and Company North East Friendship Dogs were a charity befriending older dog lovers in their own homes as well as care homes/hospitals across the North East.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed not to award a grant.

2024/50/05 Lloyds Bank Community Account. Members to note information relating to Parish Council bank account

Clerk advised the account was being changed to a Community Account, which attracted a monthly fee of £4.25.

2024/50/06 Sport Tynedale. Members to note grant acknowledgement

Members noted grant acknowledgement.

2024/50/07 NJC Pay scales. Members to note pay increase of £1290/annum (full-time hours), payable from 1st April 2024

Members noted the NJC Payscale rise from 1st April 2024.

2024/51 County Councillor Report

County Cllr had forwarded the following report.

Eachwick Gateway Signage to commence 09/12/2024; Fenwick 30mph speed limit - under construction
Surface Dressing C282 Dalton to Channel Well complete; C345 Medburn village to C343 Stamfordham road, design & construction works issued; Grit bins Medburn road installed via Members local improvement scheme allowance

Next years LTP is in draft form, subject to the roads finance allocated by government which includes Oatens bank phase 2 (Harlow hill end); Footway repairs to grange road; Eachwick road repairs included on draft LTP for next year.

CLlr Williams advised the newly installed Interactive signage appeared to be hit and miss, with cars travelling faster than the speed limit and the signage not registering.

2024/52 Climate Change

Ten free trees had been ordered via County Council. Permission to be sought from Karbon homes to plant trees on land near to garage.

2024/52/01 Bike track repair station. Members to receive update on proposal

Quotation awaited.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to take on future responsibility/maintenance for the bike repair station.

2024/52/02 EV charging point(s). Members to receive update on proposal

Advice had been received that Stamfordham was not a location suitable for an EV charging point. Item to be removed from agenda.

2024/53 Parish Maintenance and related issues

2024/53/01 Bay horse. Members to consider Health & Safety issues

Property had been sold.

2024/53/02 Parish footpaths. Members to receive update

Footpath to church requires maintenance. T Fish advising the area had probably been cut once this year. Path to bridge at Hawkwell Lane in poor condition

RESOLVED:

CLlr Hutt to inspect path.

2024/53/03 Possible footpath to playing field. Members to consider costs

Quote awaited.

2024/53/04 Parish Signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment Black and white Stamfordham signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment road sign at Bridge end.

Quotes awaited. There is a Society involved with refurbishment of signage, funding could be available.

2024/53/05 Parking within the parish. Members to consider issues

Taxis were blocking access at North Side.

RESOLVED:

CLlr Boylan to take advice via Northumbria Police.

2024/53/06 Parish trees. Members to consider tree issues in the parish, if any

There were no tree issues in the parish at the present time.

2024/53/07 Dog fouling in the parish. Members to consider ongoing problems

Dog fouling problems continue. Door bell cams could lead to offenders being recorded.

RESOLVED:

Cllr L Boylan to speak to Dog Warden.

2024/53/08 Play area maintenance. Members to consider issues, if any

Discussed earlier.

2024/54 Generator Point at Village Hall. Members to receive update

Funding can be secured from the local electricity company. Quotes had been received for 20 solar panels to be placed on village hall roof, which would negate the necessity for a generator. Matter to be discussed further at next Village Hall Committee meeting.

2024/55 Village seats. Members to receive update on seating signage

Securing signage proving problematic. Item to be removed from agenda at the present time.

2024/56 Noticeboard at Harlow Hill. Members to consider request

Resident has requested a noticeboard at Harlow Hill, with a householder offering their gateway for a location.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to make a site visit to consider suitable area(s) for a noticeboard.

Clerk had received resident email relating to old coalhouse wood doors, with information that notices were no longer able to be displayed on the doors.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Boylan to seek clarification.

2024/57 Parish lamp posts. Members to consider resident comments relating to lamp posts

Resident had advised lamp posts should be in keeping with the village. It was agreed this was not a matter the Council could progress.

2024/58 Urgent business/items for next agenda

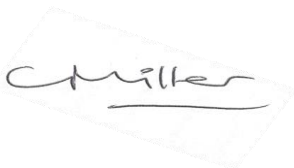
North East Combined Authority mayor currently carrying out a transport consultation.

<https://www.northeast-ca.gov.uk/news/transport/mayor-launches-consultation-on-plans-for-north-east-transport>

2024/59 To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th January 2025 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 905pm.



Claire Miller, Clerk/RFO