

# Stamfordham Parish Council

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall**

**Those Present:** Cllr L Boylan (Chairman), 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), one member of the public

## **2024/29 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

Chairman had invited Northumbria Police to the meeting, however they were unable to attend, and also unavailable for the November meeting.

## **2024/30 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

### **RESOLVED:**

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record.

## **2024/31 Planning Matters**

### **2024/31/01 Planning Applications received**

- 24/02559/FUL: Heatherslaw Farm Bungalow – single storey side to wrap around extension – no objections.
- 24/02520/FUL: Vallum View, Harlow Hill – installation of two velux windows – no objections - application also approved.

### **2024/31/02 Planning Application approved**

- 24/01884/LBC: Heatherslaw Farm – listed building consent for repairs to pigsty damaged due to strong winds.
- 24/02327/LBC: Old Barclays Bank, 23 North Side – Listed Building Consent for internal alterations.
- 24/02184/FUL: 17 Grange Road – Proposed first floor bedroom and ensuite with an extended rear roof pitch. rear single storey extension to form a living, kitchen and dining area, double garage to north of plot.
- 24/02520/FUL: Vallum View, Harlow Hill, installation of two velux windows.

### **2024/31/03 Planning Application withdrawn**

- 24/02055/FUL: The Cottage Dalton, replacement of 5 NO existing windows with cill level lowered

### **2024/31/04 Land at The Old Vicarage, Stamfordham, Tree Preservation Order 2024**

County Council had advised the decision had been made to confirm the Tree Preservation Order.

### **2024/31/05 Planning Application NO 23/03549/FUL Stage 1 Complaint Response.**

County Council had responded to the Stage 1 complaint relating to Planning Application NO 23/03549/FUL, Annexe at Harlow Hill. The Council had advised the greater scale of the building was considered to be acceptable in terms of design and impact on amenity. Members agreed the response was inadequate.

### **RESOLVED:**

Members agreed to escalate the complaint to stage 2 of the Council's Complaint procedure. Chairman to action.

**2024/32 Financial Matters****2024/32/01 Payments to authorise**

<b>PAYABLE TO</b>	<b>DETAIL</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>GROSS</b>
Spanglefish	Website hosting	£90.00	£18.00	£108.00
Stamfordham Village Hall	Rent of meeting room	£60.00	NIL	
C Miller	Six monthly salary	£622.00	NIL	
	Six monthly expenses	£137.16		

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.Members approved the payments.
- 2.Members agreed to transfer £3,000 from the current account to savings account.

**2024/32/02 Request for Grant Sport Tynedale. Members to consider application.****RESOLVED:**

Members agreed to award a grant of £50.00.

**2024/33 County Councillor Report**

County Cllr reported on the following. Interactive signage and road signs at Eachwick to be in place mid October 2024. Maintenance had been carried out to tree on corner at Fenwick. Children’s Services Department had been rated as outstanding. Assistance/publicity being carried out regarding pension credit entitlements, attendance allowance and free school meals. County Cllr willing to fund bike track repair station – Cllr Parker to forward costings to County Cllr.

**2024/34 Neighbourhood Plan. Members to receive update from Working/Steering Group**

Further meeting held. Anything between 1 and 35 new dwellings could be built in the parish during the current Local Plan period, 2016 to 2036, however figures could be lowered due to greenbelt/open space reasons. Protected local space, green space differentiation, and a housing needs assessment were required, with funding available to carry out an assessment. Historical heritage register and community assets discussed. Pop up café to be held 12/10/24.

**2024/35 Climate Change****2024/35/01 Bike track repair station. Members are asked to consider quotation(s) for possible bike repair station**

Discussed above, Cllr Parker to forward costs to County Cllr. The intention would be to place the station outside of the village hall.

**2024/35/02 EV charging point(s)**

Chairman to follow up on possibility of EV charging point(s) in the parish.

**2024/36 Parish Maintenance and related issues****2024/36/01 Members to discuss issues relating to Bay Horse**

Building continued to deteriorate, with Chimney stack considered dangerous. County Cllr had advised County Council the building is a health and safety risk, and would continue to lobby Enforcement to carry out a further site inspection.

**2024/36/02 Parish footpaths. Members to receive update**

Footpath between Dark Lane and church required cutting. Stile had been temporarily fixed, gate would be beneficial. Resident advised landowners would appreciate it if gates could be shut after use. Stile on footpath to Ouston required repair. Cllr Lloyd to contact Tim Fish of County Council.

**2024/36/03 Members to discuss problems with garden rubbish being dumped into Howe Burn**

Problem had been resolved, matter to be removed from agenda.

**2024/36/04 Members to consider costs for possible Footpath to playing field**

Quote(s) still awaited.

**2024/36/05 Black and white Stamfordham signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment.**

Contractor to provide quote for removing signage at Jail and provide new posts. The signage would also require shot blasting by a second contractor. A further road sign at Bridge End required sand blasted and repainted, and it was agreed quote(s) would be sought. Members had received several comments that the reference to littering from the signage should be removed.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Cllr Reynolds to seek quote(s).

**2024/36/06 Members to consider any tree matters**

It was reported a large tree had been trimmed in the parish but required further works.

**2024/36/07 Members to discuss parking issues within the parish**

In areas in the parish, particularly where taxis were parked, emergency services would be unable to access dwellings. The roads were classed as a public highway and concerns should be reported to the police and County Council.

**2024/36/08 Members to discuss quarrying activity, kiln field**

Most of the stone had been removed from the site. It was confirmed that landowners can quarry an acre of land on an annual basis for their own use.

**2024/36/09 Local Transport Plan requests 2025-2026. Members to consider areas for inclusion**

Areas for inclusion in LTP 2025-2026 considered.

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed to include the following:

1. Resurfacing at Eachwick.
2. Traffic calming Paddock Lane.

**2024/37 Generator Point at Village Hall. Members to receive update.**

Chairman and Cllr Williams to progress possibility of generator point at Village Hall.

**2024/38 Town and Parish Council Conference, County Hall, 3/10/24. Members to receive invite.**

**RESOLVED:**

Chairman and Cllr Reynolds or Merridew to attend.

**RESOLVED:**

Clerk to advise County Council of attendance, once confirmed.

**2024/39 Northumberland County Council. Members to consider consultation Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

Clerk had circulated plan and precis of document.

**RESOLVED:**

Individual members to consider and comment on the document as required.

**2024/40 Village Hall website**

The Parish Council should be noted on the village hall website.

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed a link to the Parish Council website would be placed on the village hall website.

**2024/41 Remembrance Day**

Remembrance Day to be held 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Chairman to organise Remembrance Day wreath, with a donation of £50.00 agreed.
2. Cllr Reynolds to lay wreath.

**2024/42 Village seats**

The red bench project, a scheme for notices to be placed on seats, such as details of the Samaritans considered.

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed to purchase signage for the four village seats.

**2024/43 Urgent business/items for next agenda**

Mobile post office service to commence once a week on 9/10/24, between 1555 and 1655 hours, to be located in the village hall car park. Dog fouling problems worsening in the parish, notice to be placed in Communicator. Thanks given to Cllr Lloyd for maintenance works at play area, repair to gate catch to be actioned, drainage holes to be put on train. Purchase of I.T. equipment for Neighbourhood Plan to be added to next agenda. Resident referred to Bonfire night 2023. The land the event had been held on had not been restored and was very near to livestock. Resident suggested the event be held at the playing field, however livestock could possibly be moved if prior notice is given to landowner. Less noisy fireworks could be used, or event held at the pavilion. It would likely be too late for changes to be made to the 2024 event, however the organisers would be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

**2024/44 To confirm the date of the next meeting**

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



Claire Miller, Clerk/RFO

The meeting closed at 9pm.