Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st January 2015 in Stamfordham Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present : Councillor Trevelyan, Chairman
Councillors: Boylan, Fitzpatrick Green Smith and Wilson

Clerk - I Humphries
Cllr jones – Northumberland County Council
Representatives from Ponteland high School

51. Presentation on Flood Risk

The Chairman welcomed sixth form students from Ponteland High School who gave a presentation of their research and field-work on the matter of flood risk and flood plan action.

The students spoke about assessing the risk of flood in respect of the geography of the land and the built environment; calculating the likelihood of flooding, and preparing a plan of action should flooding occur.

Copies of the leaflet produced by the students were left with the Parish Council for distribution throughout the village. The chairman congratulated the students on their interesting and informative presentation and wished them well with their studies. He also made them aware of student grant aid available to those living in Belsay and Stamfordham.

52. Minutes of Meeting held on 19 November 2014

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 November 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- **Flooding and Resilience: minute 42 refers –**
  Cllr Boylan advised members on progress made in preparing a draft Plan.
- **Weeds on road edges and footpaths: minute 42 refers –**

The weeds had still not been tackled

54. Planning Matters

The Parish Council received the following-

- **Determinations –**
  14/03241/FUL: Replacement of existing fence, 14 Grange Road -**Granted**

  14/03724/FUL: Proposed conservatory to rear, Dodley Farm– **Refused**

  14/03908/FELTPO: Proposed felling of Beech Tree, Hawkwell Close **- Granted**

55. Expenditure Authorisation

The following items were approved for payment –

- D Stanley – Stam Com issues 149 and 150 £50.17
- Village Hall £10.00
- Great North Air Ambulance (Grant) £100.00
- Northumbria CAB (Grant) £75.00

56. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Jones advised members of the following issues –

- Dial-a-ride after school – trying to keep the Hopper bus
- Superfast broadband – residents would need to change their internet package to take advantage
- Bus consultation – concern that the no.74 service would be at risk. In the future the Parish Council may be asked to support the bus service provision.
- Individual Electoral Registration – the need for everyone to register under the new system to ensure their ability to vote in the forthcoming General election.
- Core Strategy – meeting to be held on 16 February – Cllr Boylan to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Street lighting – new LED lighting was to be introduced over the next three years. This would be more efficient than the existing lighting. There was also an opportunity to provide additional lighting columns should they be required.

57. Play Area Update

It was reported that the findings of the survey were currently being analysed and summarised. Designs were to be requested based on the survey results after which a Big Lottery Bid application would be submitted.

58. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received –

- Community Messaging – home security
- NALC Training

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 March 2015 at 7.30pm

Chairman…….

Date…….