

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15 July 2015 in Stamfordham Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: I. Humphries - Clerk
Cllr V. Jones - Northumberland County Council

18. Minutes of Meeting held on 27 May 2015

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 May 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. Planning Matters

The Parish Council was consulted on the following application –

15/01917/LBC: Listed Building Consent for provision of a retail unit and increase of pitched roof to an existing store room at the rear of the Public House, Swinburne Arms, 31 North Side, Stamfordham. The Parish Council had no objection to the application.

20. Expenditure Authorisation

The following items were approved for payment –

- NCC: Rent for Play Area £120.00
- Hall Rent £20
- Stan Comm £30.60

21. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Jones reported on the following issues –

- The report on subsidised bus services had now been prepared and finalised. The assumption was that the No 74 service was OK
- New Area Committees were to be held later in the week and local services were on the agenda. There was a proposal to reduce cutting of grass verges. Members were opposed to the reduction of maintenance of grass verges as it would result in difficulties especially at junctions and bends.
- The road from Churston was to be surfaced dressed but it was

not known when.

- Traffic Speed indicators were available to purchase at approximately £3500 each.
- NCC were aware of the problem with the mileage direction signs but there was no indication when they would be corrected.
- There was currently a review of polling stations following the recent elections. Members asked that the Dalton Village Hall polling station be re-instated

22. Play Area Update

A recent fundraising event made over £95 and efforts were being made to set up a “Group” entity and Bank Account. Quotes for work to the play area were being invited.

23. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received –

- Notice of LOVE Northumberland Wards
- NALC Community News
- NCC: Local Transport Plan Programme 2016-17

24. Ownership of land affected by Japanese Knot Weed

The Chair had inspected archived minutes to attempt to identify the land ownership of the affected area without success.

25. Path to Playing Field

It was acknowledged that the path to the playing field needed maintain. It had previously been done by NCC but Members were not sure that the work was the responsibility of the County Council. Cllr Jones undertook to make enquiries and the Chair agreed to see if the path was a Right of Way.

26. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 16 September 2014 at 7.30pm

Chairman.....

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