

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 in Stamfordham Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Clerk - I Humphries

59. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jones, NCC

60. Minutes of Meeting held on 21 January 2015

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 January 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- **Flooding and Resilience: minute 42 refers –**
Cllr Boylan advised members on progress made in preparing a draft Plan, indicating that a list of where people affected by flooding etc. could be moved to had been drawn up.
- **Core Strategy Meeting –** Cllr Boylan referred to the email she had circulated to all cllrs earlier that day following her attendance at the Core Strategy meeting.

62. Village Shop

Members commented on the plan to open a village shop in the Outbuildings of the Swinburne Arms. The shop proprietor was currently seeking grants to develop the plans to open the shop. Members offered their full support to the venture.

63. Planning Matters

Members commented on the NCC Planning Services consultation which would be discussed at the NCC meeting on 1 April. There was concern over the process itself and members objected to the loss of the West Area Committee and that meetings would in future be in the afternoons which would prevent many from being able to

attend.

Members also commented on the proposal for a culvert and the invitation to the Company to submit an application. The consensus was that a culvert was not required.

64. Expenditure Authorisation

The following items were approved for payment –

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| • D Stanley – Stam | £97.22 |
| • Website maintenance | £23.99 |
| • Clerk Salary | £480.00 |
| • HMRC | £120.00 |

65. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on following issues following his attendance at a NALC meeting –

- Parish Councils should maintain a file of Standing Orders, Clerks terms of appointment etc - The Clerk confirmed that all was in place.
- The Register of Interest should be kept up to date – The Clerk advised that it would be done annually at the Annual meeting.
- Parish Council should maintain a publication scheme – Clerk to submit one to the next meeting.
- The NALC website could be accessed at nalc@ca-north.org.uk
- NCC website – townandparish.northumberland.gov.uk
- Parish Councils should be transparent in their activities and decision making process.
- Each agenda should provide for public questions – Clerk to introduce on future agendas

66. Play Area Update

Production of the National Lottery Bid was well underway. An update article was published in the recent issue of the Communicator Young people were involved in the design of the scheme and quotations would be sort based on their design. Once the Play Area was completed, attention would be given to other

activity areas for young people.

67. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received –

- Northumberland Residents Festival flyers
- CPRE Newsletter
- Adopt a Phone Box Scheme information
- Notice of the re-opening of the Post Office.

8. Signs

Members suggested that new No Horses signs were needed between the Pub and Hawkwell. The sign at Whittledene had the wrong mileage and was the wrong way round.

69. Seats

It was noted that the seats at Bridgeend and outside 23 North Side were in need of repair. Members asked that Cllr Jones look into the possibility of the repairs being carried out.

Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 27 May 2015 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Chairman.....

Date.....