

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Wednesday 27 May 2015 in Stamfordham Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present : Councillor E C T Trevelyan,
Councillors; L Boylan, R Green, A Smith and S Wilson

In Attendance: Councillor V Jones - NCC
I. Humphries - Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Fitzpatrick

3. Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented the report of the activities undertaken by the Parish Council during the previous municipal year.

- There remains a vacancy on the Parish Council
- The Communicator – The Communicator has been published throughout the year and is available on the Parish Website. It is delivered monthly to the village but due to logistics not to the outlying areas. Again, many thanks to Dave Stanley for producing it and also delivering it. And thanks to all the other people who help deliver it in the village.
- Planning Matters – An application for a 67 metre wind turbine at Heatherslaw Farm was recommended for refusal and the Council Council agreed to refuse the application. The applicant lodged an appeal and the Parish Council repeated its objections to the original application as follows
The turbine would be highly visible from the B6309 road and nearby rights of way and could be distracting to traffic.
It was thought that the turbine, when operating, would have a detrimental effect on wildlife.
Noise and flicker from the turbine blades could affect farm livestock over a wide area due to the height of the tower and length of blades.
If the appeal is successful, a guaranteed Community Benefit of £20,000 lump sum and £2,000 annually thereafter should be included as a condition.

The result of the appeal had not yet been received.

Resolved: That the report be received.

4. Local Organisation Reports

Councillor Boylan reported that the WI were still active.

The White Medical Group Patient's Forum was also still active and looking at how new legislation might affect the service.

She reported on the work of the Volunteer Speed Group which was still ongoing.

5. Parish Council Accounts 2014/15

The Accounts for the year ended March 2015 were presented and approved for audit

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 7.15pm