

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minute of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 19th May 2016 commencing 7.15pm

Those Present Councillor Trevelyan, Chairman
Councillors Boylan, O'Neil, Fitzpatrick and Wilson
C Miller, Clerk, County Cllr V Jones

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor O'Neil

2. Election of Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year

Cllr Boylan proposed Cllr Trevelyan as Chairman, Cllr Fitzpatrick seconded, all in agreement

3. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year

Cllr Trevelyan proposed Cllr Fitzpatrick as Vice Chairman, Cllr Boylan seconded, all in agreement

4. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 March 2016

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record,

5. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the agenda

- No contact had been forthcoming from NCC Bridge Inspector.
- NCC had emailed acknowledgement regarding request to remove advertising signs for Bay Horse, Clerk to chase up.
- David Parkin had confirmed he was an elected member of the Parishioners Council of St Xavier and they wished to raise awareness of the chapel at Cheeseburn Grange by way of posters, however it was agreed this was already widely publicised.

6. Planning Matters.

There were no planning matters.

7. Expenditure Authorisation

Morpeth Net - £100

NCC, grasscutting -£ 732.55

Village Hall - £12.50

DM Stanley Communicator No 165 - £57.96

DM Stanley Communicator No 166 - £53.52

8. To receive and adopt the unaudited accounts for 2015-2016, to value the fixed assets and to be notified that the audit date is fixed for 25th July 2016

Accounts for year ended 31 March 2016 accepted and approved, with no change to the value of fixed assets.

9. To approve the Annual Return Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for 2015-2016

Section 1 Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 Accounting Statements 2015-2016 authorised and approved.

10. County Councillor's Report

- Ponteland school consultation had ended, with concerns regarding the catchment for year 11 – parents who can transport their children to Ponteland will result in pupils allowed to stay at middle school until year 8, however there would then be no guarantee for them having a place at Academy level in Ponteland. Belsay, Stamfordham and Whalton school staff had wished to remain three tier and carried out parent consultation, which had been successful, however Ponteland had wished to change to two tier.
- Final stage of Core Strategy consultation imminent.
- Changes had occurred to planning system, with PC's now reverting back to having more say in taking plans to committee.

- Councillor Trevelyan reported the road into Ponteland required urgent attention. It was reported resurfacing works scheduled for Cheeseburn Grange, however potholes reappearing on bridge to Dalton.
- Councillor Trevelyan had attended NCC Joint meeting with Parish/Town Councils at Hexham, but meeting had been overtaken by a neighbouring parish, and he had left early. Comments regarding this meeting had been taken on board by NCC, with reports from other area meetings being a success.
- Capital improvement allowance funding used in the parish had been for pavilion – 4K, play area – 4K, school play equipment – 3K and for two apprenticeships to attend tall ships.

11. To consider any matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

- Young Farmers were organising purchase of a defibrillator and would be donating £400 with white medical group also donating £400; it was therefore agreed the Parish Council would donate £400.

12. Correspondence not otherwise on the Agenda

- Northumberland County Council - Core Strategy – notice of final consultation 15/6 to 27/7/16
- Centenary Fields Programme – protecting valuable green space across the country – purpose being to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity
- Northumberland County Council – 2016 surface dressing

13. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Parishioners had concerns about the planned new play area equipment not being in keeping of a rural community, and the fact ‘use by surrounding areas’ being mentioned, however this was referring to the rest of the parish, and the development could attract families to the area. Group are to hold their annual meeting in July.
- Bonfire celebrations to be held 5/11/16, with fund raising scheduled for 28/8/16.
- Concerns over camper van being parked on village green.

14. The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council was confirmed as Thursday 21st July 2016 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 745pm