

Minutes of meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 17th November 2016

Those Present: Councillor Trevelyan Chairman, Councillor's Boylan, Wilson, O'Neil, Fitzpatrick, Green,
C Miller (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

V Jones, County Councillor

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th September 2016

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

3. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda

Reply had been received from ISOS housing regarding replacement tree request, which had been turned down, however Parish Council could request replacement tree next financial year

4. Planning Matters.

Determinations: 16/03708/FUL: Mr P Davey, land at Harlow Hill, proposed single storey extension to east and west facing elevations

- Stamfordham Primary School – single storey extensions - Parish Council had made comment agreeing with proposals but objecting to car parking. As part of the development proposals, the following is being recommended: introduce school zig-zag yellow markings particularly at the junction of the school access with the B6309; consider other mitigation measures such as raised kerbs, bollards and TRO's in the form of single or double yellow lines particularly in the vicinity of junctions; as part of the travel plan, school monitors to advise parents not to park or drop-off/pick-up indiscriminately in the vicinity of the school particularly if such inconsiderate behaviour results in obstructing the free flow of traffic or has an impact on children's safety; consider implementing/introduction of school bus service and update the travel plan with actions, monitoring and reviews in line with the SMART criteria to be agreed with NCC travel plan officer.
- **Received and Granted:** 16/03243/FUL, Ms A Duggan, Hawthorn Cottage, Dalton – replacement sunroom; 16/03151/FUL: Mr & Mrs Gormanley, Swinburne Arms, 31 North Side – Retrospective – Marquee for functions; 16/03146/FUL: Mr R Gledson, Stamfordham Cricket Club – Construction of new pavilion and addition of storage container; 16/03589/CCD:
- **GRANTED:** Land North of Silver Hill Farm, Dalton – change of use to equestrian; Henderson Lodge, Eachwick – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 5 (fuels) in relation to Dragon Biomass Boiler

It was agreed to write to owner of Bay Horse and request hedges be tidied up.

Proposed 1800 homes for Ponteland: Invitations had been circulated from Dissington Estate to all Cllrs regarding pre-application consultation 16/11/16. Current consultation on Core Strategy underway involving these proposals, with drop in sessions being held.

Dalton Holy Trinity Church: Correspondence had been received from Ian Blair regarding proposal on behalf of Diocese of Newcastle some years ago to convert the church in Dalton into a house, with the belief this proposal may be resurrected.

5. Financial Matters

- Expenditure Authorisation:
- DM Stanley, Communicator 171 - £69.96 (149)
- British Legion, wreath - £30.00 (150)
- Stamfordham Village Hall - £12.50 (152)
- DM Stanley, Communicator 172 - £51.96 (153)
- Request for Donation: Northumberland AgeUK - £125 agreed (154)/Great North Air Ambulance - £125 agreed(155)
- BDO – external auditor - £36.00 (156)

- **Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/16** External audit report had been received from BDO with issues relating to brought forward figure not agreeing to carried forward figure for 2015 by £12, which they believe is due to an error in the 2015 brought forward figure of £6302.
- **To set precept 2017 – 2018:** Draft budget circulated to all. Benches require work - £700 to be added to next year's expenditure; it was agreed the play area and pavilion should be paid £1,000 each out of reserves. It was therefore agreed to retain the precept at the current level of £5,500.

6. County Councillor's Report

County Cllr not present.

7. Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy – further consultation 11/11/16 to 23/12/16

Discussed earlier.

8. Correspondence:

- Notice of Local Services Liaison meeting 6/12/16 2-4pm Stocksfield Community Centre
- Consultation on Ponteland Neighbourhood Plan 1/11/16 to 16/12/16
- Vera Baird – notice of public meeting to discuss policing priorities – County Hall 23/11/16 commencing 530pm
- Northumberland County Council – B.T. proposals to close telephone kiosks – confirming they would be objecting to the proposals as mobile phone coverage is poor within the parish

9. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Email had been received complaining about car parking on the pavement outside of Scots Gap Medical Surgery, with wheel/push chair users not being able to get past – Clerk to contact surgery.
- County Council had asked if PC knows the ownership of land off Grange Road, Stamfordham – Clerk had confirmed this was unknown.
- Query regarding the length of the lease at Stamfordham play area – Clerk to contact County Council.
- With election possible 2017, present Cllrs, if wishing to restand, should liase with Cllr Trevelyan regarding which ward to stand for. Cllr Boylan had spoken to personnel at Albemarle Barracks to gauge interest in joining the Parish Council.

10. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 19th January 2016 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.