

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 September 2015 in Stamfordham Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

27. Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Fitzpatrick.

28. Minutes of Meeting held on 15 July 2015

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 July 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to amendment of minute 21.3 to read The road from Cheeseburn rather than Churston.

29. Friends of Stamfordham Play Park

The Acting Chair of the Group was present to seek approval to the Group's Purpose.

Having explored the wording put before the Parish Council, and being assured it would not hinder the Group's ability to seek grant aid funding it was

Resolved: that the Friends of Stamfordham Play Park's Written Purpose be approved.

30. Vacancy

The Clerk advised Members that a formal Notice of Vacancy would be lodged with the County Council's Electoral Services Officer and that subject to no request for an election being made, the Parish Council would be in a position to fill the position by co-option.

31. Planning Matters

The following decision notice was received –

- 15/01917/LBC: listed building consent – provision of a retail unit and increase in pitch roof to an existing store room at rear Swinburne Arms

The following new applications were received –

- 15/02705/FUL: Replace existing pitched roof with new pitched roof

incorporating dormer windows to create loft conversion – The Beeches, Hawkwell. NO OBJECTION

- 15/02412/LBC: Structural repair work and other internal work, Hawkwell House, Hawkwell NO OBJECTION
- 15/02294/FUL: Part Retrospective – installation of a culvert with associated engineering works and change of use of land from paddock to private garden, Stamfordham House, Hawkwell. OBJECTION – The Chair had submitted an objection on the Parish Council's behalf.

32. Expenditure Authorisation

- Stam Comm £131.06
- Hall hire £10

33. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Jones reported on the following –

- Grass cutting – concern ongoing re road side verges while positive feedback had been received regarding cutting of the village green. The pavements were in need of weeding.
- Cheeseburn Road – the surface dressing promised was not in the work programme. Officers were to inspect the road the following day.
- The mileage sign had been changed to give the correct information.
- Bus service no. 74 – While still subsidised, Sunday and evening services were under threat.

34. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received –

- NCC – electronic permit leaflet / Pay as you throw leaflet.
- NCC – review of public conveniences
- NCC – request to prune overhanging tree. Members questioned the ownership of the tree in question suggesting it was the responsibility of the County Council.

35. ISOS Housing

Member informed the meeting that she had contacted ISOS regarding the “claiming” of land at front of the flat as private garden on Grange Road.

36. Fireworks

Members were advised that the annual firework display would be held on 7 November.

37. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 November 2014 at 7.30pm

Chairman.....

Date.....