

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL MAY 6TH 2020

All meetings are cancelled due to the coronavirus CDALC email no7, 26th March 2020

All items on the Agenda were sent to the Councillors for consultation via email

Public can see the consultation emails

CONTACTED:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs H Maddison, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr W Wearmouth,

Cllr B Thompson, Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Miss F Graham,

Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff

S Anderson Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Not applicable

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To receive any declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff – Planning Application

Cllr W Wearmouth – Planning Application

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Minutes of the April 1st 2020

Minutes were moved as a true and correct record by Cllr Miss Carrick and Cllr Mrs Humble and will be signed by the Chairman when a meeting can be held

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Police and the Community

Not applicable

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Matters Arising

1. **FOOTBRIDGE AT BURNHOPE RESERVOIR** - A reply has been received that two of the footbridges have been fixed in February and March, the site is checked monthly and repairs are actioned as they are found. The site is currently closed due to Covid 19 and signs are in place. Horses should not be ridden over the pedestrian bridges as this is what appears to be causing the damage. There are signs up saying no horses.-
2. **FROSTERLEY PLAY PARK** – DCC have all the parts and these repairs will be carried out when the play areas reopen

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Correspondence Received

1. We have had a request from the Weardale Community News Group to use the Parish Council minutes. Rather than print the extracts of business they would like to use them as the basis for an article. He feels a summary article might be more engaging to people with a link to the full minutes. It was suggested that he could attend a Parish Meeting and take notes on any subject that he found of interest. Minutes that are sent are extracts of business and have been approved so cannot be altered. Email sent to all councillors
2. Information has been sent that meetings can be held remotely and cemeteries should be closed, the email was sent to all the councillors
3. Residents in County Durham are being reassured they can still receive housing advice and support during the Coronavirus outbreak
4. Children can continue to experience the joy of music when their regular lessons move online after the Easter holidays
5. Cllr Blackett reported to Simon the Highways Worker that a manhole cover needed repaired in Hood Street, St Johns Chapel. The work has been done.
6. Our Neighbourhood Warden is David Mills, any dog fouling problems should be reported
7. DCC have sent details that their early years team are working hard to keep provisions open for key workers and vulnerable children during the Coronavirus outbreak. DCC is providing 30 hours of funding to pay nursery or childminder taking on new key worker or vulnerable children. Email sent to the councillors
8. Residents concerned about losing their home due to the financial impact of Coronavirus are being urged to contact a councils housing team as soon as possible. Email sent to councillors
9. Durham Brass Festival has been cancelled which was due to take place between 10th & 19th July.
10. A resident commented to Cllr Mrs Hawkes that the phone box in Stanhope should remain in case of an emergency. The clerk sent an email asking for the telephone box to remain
11. Garden Waste services in County Durham will now be able to go ahead with changes to collection dates.
12. A new volunteering unit has been set up in County Durham to provide more support to local organisations and charities during the coronavirus pandemic.
13. Darren has sent Simon Lewis's diary sheets which have been sent to all the councillors. Cllr Mrs Humble noted that Stanhope Parish has been a victim on two occasions of fly tipping at Softley Top and at Bollihope. The household waste has been removed at both locations. At Bollihope there has been a large amount of tyres rolled over the edge and Darren will organise to have these removed, although they are off the highway and not DCC's responsibility. It looks dreadful and Darren is very upset about the fly tipping so will organise a tidy up. Darren has sent some photos of some fly tipping which has also been removed. It seems advice to Stay at Home is not always being heeded. Clerk to thank Darren and his team for clearing the rubbish away.
14. Communities across County Durham are being asked to look out for vulnerable adults and children during the coronavirus pandemic
15. Cllr Ellwood has concerns about the planning processes at the minute and contacted S Ragg of CDALC. A reply from CDALC has been received that all normal consultees are still functioning and providing comments as normal to inform planning assessments. Information will be provided on applications that are scheduled for the planning committee. Travel is allowed as part of determining planning applications. The vast majority of the normal staffing establishment is presently in work and there are no statutory powers to refuse to accept new applications.

16. Willow Burn in Lanchester has been awarded £10,000 which will help the hospice to continue operating despite challenges caused by the outbreak
17. Temporary Stop Over Areas in County Durham will not be in operation this summer as a result of Government guidance on coronavirus. This year Appleby Fair has been cancelled.
18. Information has been sent to the councillors from the Durham Community News Covid -19 Update.
19. Information has been sent to the councillors from the Rural Services Network who aim to give a voice to our rural communities on the national level
20. A dementia friendly choir is finding new ways to keep singing during the pandemic
21. Some councils are promoting Stay at Home Street Parties on Friday 8th May for VE Day
22. County Durham residents who have been left feeling lonely and isolated from the impact of coronavirus can now check in and chat to the team at County Durham Together.

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Planning Matters

DM/20/00879/FPA

Erection of detached dwelling with detached garage/store

Crawley Edge

Crawleyside

Mr & DR M Leatherland

DM/20/00920/FPA

Change of use from (D2) field centre to a single dwelling

Lanehead Old School

Lanehead

Mr & Mrs Steel

DM/20/00929/FPA

Demolition of existing and construction of replacement garage

Garages

The Fold

Daddry Shield

John Pearson

DM/20/00711/LB

Installation of flue to roof

The Barn

Newhouse

Andrew Croft

DM/20/00940/FPA

Extension to existing caravan park to provide 19 no holiday chalets

Cragside Caravan Site

Eastgate

Mr J Daly

Cllr Wearmouth declared an interest

An objection has been sent to this application by Stanhope Parish Councillors and has been called to Committee. Cllr Craig, Cllr Mrs Humble, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Ellwood have concerns about this

application. Cllr Ellwood commented that this is not an extension it is a separate site. Confirmation has been received that the Planning Officer has received the objection

DM/20/00986/FPA

Surfacing of track from Boltslaw Incline (GR NY 943434) to Bolts Walls (GR NY 940438)

Boltslaw Incline

Rookhope

MG Estates Ltd

Cllr Thompson has concerns regarding this application and comments have been sent to the planning department by Stanhope Parish Councillors

Cllr Mrs Humble mentioned that why is a new track needed when there are other access tracks

DM/20/00942/FPA

Retention of building

Land to the North of

High Fairhills

Huntshieldford

St Johns Chapel

Lorraine Davie

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff declared an interest

An objection to this application has been sent and has been asked to go to Committee by Stanhope Parish Councillor's

Cllr Ellwood contacted the AONB for their opinion on this application, Cllr Craig, Cllr Mrs Humble, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Ellwood all had concerns about this application. If this application is recommended for refusal then there is no need for it to go to Committee

DM/20/01079/FPA

Installation of flue to roof

The Barn

Newhouse

Ireshopeburn

Andrew Croft

10300

Parish Council Website

Not applicable

10301

Finance

1. The application that was sent to us for the Small Business Grant Fund has been processed and a payment of £10,000 has been sent to our bank account. This was questioned but DCC approved it and now it has been paid in error. An invoice has been issued to repay the money.
2. It has appeared on the SLCC website that the Accounts and the AGAR to be approved and published by 31st August, public rights period to commence on or before 1st Sept and final audited accounts and external auditor report and certificate to be published by 30th November

3. Rookhope Village Hall would like to apply for the annual grant money .Some councillors are in favour of paying the grant money this year while some councillors think that as the Village Halls have received £10,000 this year they will not need the grant money from the Parish Council. As we have allocated the £500 grant money in the budget then it will be paid this year to any of the Village Halls who apply for it. This will be discussed later in the year when the budget is set for 2021/22

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AAP Report

Not applicable

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CDALC

Cllr Ellwood attended a zoom meeting and all the notes from that meeting have been sent to all the councillors via email

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Accounts for Payment

CDALC Planning Course	£54.00
Npower Street Lighting	£1,817.98
Npower Street Lighting	£352.13
BT Clerks Phone Bill	£95.53
Npower Ashcroft Playground	£36.21
DCC Reclaim Business Rates Grant pain in error	£10,000.00
D Thompson payment for greenhouse money received from The Hub	£40.00
P Irwin Grass Cutting Ashcroft 3 cuts	£150.00
WAVE Public Conv Daddry Shield	£55.12
S Anderson Salary	£514.65
HM Rev PAYE	£361.08
S Anderson Expenses (2 ink cartridges, stamps, paper SLCC Membership renewal	£291.39
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
WAVE Old Cemetery	£12.55
Rookhope Village Hall	£500.00
TOTAL	£14,315.64

ACCOUNTS FOR RECEIPTS FOR MAY

DCC SECTION 136	£2700.00
DCC PRECEPT	£48,000.00

10305

New Matter for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Thompson would like the clerk to contact S Makepeace as the wall at Ireshopeburn Allotments is still to repair
2. Cllr Miss Graham is concerned about the fly-tipping and will drive to any areas that are hotspots at anytime.
3. Cllr Blackett has had concerns from a resident about the possibility of his property being flooded from overflow from further up the lane around to Six Dargue due to the collapse of a plastic drainage pipe installed by DCC some 15 years ago.

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Clerks business

1. A new tenant from Bondisle has asked permission to erect a greenhouse which will be the size as stated in the rules. Permission was granted
2. A new tenant from Willard Grove has asked permission to keep hens in a hen run 6.7m x 5m and a replacement poly tunnel 4.4m x 2.8m these will be at the back of the plot. A plan has been sent which will smarten up the existing plot. The email has been sent to all councillors. Permission granted. It was suggested to limit the number of hens on a plot but was decided against it. If neglect is happening then the Parish Council will step in and the hens will have to be rehomed
3. A tenant at the Old Hall site is unable to look after his hens at the moment. A couple are looking after them and I have been assured that the tenant still has the plots and the hens belong to him. It would best to review this situation and if the tenant is still unable to look after the hens then the plot should be given up and then offered to the next on the waiting list. After consultation with the councillors six months was decided as a reasonable time