

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 1st December 2021

PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr W Wearmouth, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Miss J Carrick

S Anderson Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Turton, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr R Lawrie

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To Receive Any Declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr Wearmouth now has a part-time job working for Guy Opperman MP which he will declare on the Register of Interest Form

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Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2021

Minutes were moved as a true and correct record and were signed by the chairman

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Police and the Community

No police were in attendance

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Matters Arising

1. **DOG SIGNS** – Some dog signage has been put up in Westgate to make people aware that not cleaning dog muck up is an offence.
2. **SITE MEETING FROSTERLEY** - A site meeting was arranged for Tuesday 16th November by Frosterley Bridge and the school with Cllr Brewin and two ladies from DCC. Vehicles are speeding to beat the traffic lights on the bridge which did happen when the site meeting was taking place. Cllr Brewin would like a 20mph sign at Frosterley School but it would cost £15,000 to do. Rumble strips were also mentioned and a bright red slow sign.

3. **BRIDGE END CARAVAN PARK** – The site at Bridge End Caravan Park has an extant planning approval for the site. The owners are in the process of removing and or replacing some of the existing units as part of a programme. A revisit to the site is planned. Cllr Brewin mentioned that there is an extra caravan on the site
4. **TREES BETWEEN NORTH GRAIN AND COWSHILL** - The trees are not on DCC land so the request to cut back needs to go to highways.
5. **WILD FLOWER BED IN STANHOPE** – D Gillett feels the area suggested is not suitable due to traffic and sightlines. Costs are involved in planting and the maintenance at the back end of the year where the wildflower area would need bailing from the site which is very labour intensive. It would be best to look for another area possibly where bulbs could be planted at the front and then wildflowers behind.
6. **BONDISLE ALLOTMENTS** – Mr Hayman has visited the allotment and the control of the JKW is good and the JKW was retreated which looked viable.
7. **EASTGATE FLOWER BEDS** – Cllr Wearmouth would like two flower beds either end of the village. He feels that the beds will not take much looking after and the villages will look after them. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Gillett for permission
8. **COBBLES AT ST JOHN'S CHAPEL** – Cllr Miss Carrick would like to know if the raised cobble has been repaired on the Market Place. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact J Hodges

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Correspondence Received

1. DCC information has been sent to all of the councillors.
2. Two years ago, the Parish Council gave the Frosterley Christmas Lights Group permission to get the electrical mains connection on Frosterley Village Green upgraded to meet modern safety standards. The WAAP funding has been approved and DCC are planning to schedule the work in the New Year. On 4th December a Christingle Service will be held on the Village Green at 3.45 to 4.00pm with a switch on of the lights at 5pm. A Risk Assessment has been done and the insurance cover will be provided by Stanhope Methodist Chapel.
3. A resident from Hill End Frosterley has sent an email concerning the loose road chipping heaps which two have been there for a few years and a heap of waste from the highway white line removal. The resident is not convinced that the layby has nothing to do with the Council. A previous email from DCC said the layby was not owned by DCC. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Bollihope Estates.

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County Councillor Update

No update this month

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Planning Matters

DM/21/03232/FPA

Conversion and extension of existing building

To form 1 no dwelling, demolition of existing

Timber building, access, package treatment plant

And associated works

Land south of East of Lea View

Brotherlee

DM/21/03704/LB
Replacement of external door and reintroduction of fan light
Greenlaws
Lanehead

DM/21/03714/FPA
Single storey rear extension and porch to front
Greenhills
49 Hood Street
St Johns Chapel

DM/21/03500/FPA
Change of use of ground floor to gym/dance studio (class E(d) and 4 no residential units C3 class) to first and second floors.
Stanhope Town Hall

DM/21/03872/FPA
Two storey side extension (resubmission)
High Hotts
Hotts Lane
Ireshopeburn

DM/21/03884/FPA
Change of use from byre to dwelling resubmission of application DM/20/01521/FPA
To facilitate extension
Land and Barn to the
North West of High View
Wearhead

DM/21/03885/FPA
Detached double garage with office and annex to west and sunroom extension to kitchen with canopy between the garage to the dwelling
Ashbrow
Sidehead
Westgate

DM/21/03924/LB
New entrance steps and path
The Cottage
Swinhopeburn
Westgate

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Finance – Budget

1. The clerk had an accident with the laptop and the chairman was contacted. The insurance company have been contacted and the information required has been sent off. Northgate Systems have set up a new laptop.
2. The Budget Figures have been suggested but the clerk will send the figures to all of the councillors for their approval. The figures are based on the precept staying the same at £48,000.

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AAP Report

The meeting was postponed

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Accounts for Payment

E-ON NEXT ASHCROFT PLAYGROUND	£12.20
DCC HIRE OF MEETING ROOM FOR NOVEMBER	£45.00
NORTHGATE SYSTEMS LAPTOP AND SETUP	£1266.00
HAYFIELDS CONTRACTING LTD	£3000.00
S ANDERSON SALARY	791.66
HM REV & CUST	£7.54
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£102.78
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
TOTAL	£5260.18

CHEQUES TO BE SIGNED FOR CLERKS SALARY IN JANUARY

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Wearmouth would like to report the tarmac is raising again at the manhole before Eastgate House, Eastgate. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
2. The cement works wall is coming away and needs inspecting by highways. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
3. Cllr Mrs Hawkes mentioned the power cuts in Weardale. All of the villages have been looking after each other. Cllr Brewin has been helping out in Frosterley and one of the problems was the emergency numbers were unanswered. People felt cut off when the landlines went down. In the future emergency hubs need to set up where the electric board can prioritise them so that heat, light and food can be provided. Cllr Mrs Hawkes suggested speaking to Dr Hackett. Clarks provided a generator for the residents of Crosshill Nursing Home. **Resolved:**

It was agreed that the clerk should write to the Civil Contingency Unit so that the Parish Council can work with them. A letter to be sent to Clarks and a letter to go into the Notice Board thanking the residents for pulling together.

4. Cllr Miss Carrick has had some reports of dirt and gravel on the main road where the quarry entrance is on Softley Bank. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
5. The small fence is broken again up from the Grey Bull, Stanhope. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
6. Cllr Miss Carrick suggested 13th August 2021 for the Crawleyside Memorial. **Resolved:** Clerk to contacted the member of the Blackhall Bowls Club
7. Cllr Craig mentioned the tree that came down near to the cement works. He would like to know if DCC check the trees like the Parish Council does every two years. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm.

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