

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 6th April 2022

PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr R Lawrie, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs S Thompson,

Cllr W Wearmouth

S Anderson Clerk

Also present:

Rev C McClelland and Sarah Langan

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr P Turton

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To Receive Any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2022

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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Weardale Resilience Group-Rev C McClelland and S Langan

Cllr Craig welcomed the speakers to the meeting. The group was formed after storm Arwen happened so that if there was an emergency in the future the response would be quicker. The meetings that had been held all came to the same conclusion that the Village Halls should be used as information hubs and a place where hot drinks could be provided. The CCU will work through the Resilience Plan and each village should have their own plan as local knowledge is necessary. It was felt that the Parish Council should take the lead on the Resilience Plans as these need to be kept up to date so could be checked every year at the AGM. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact L Dobson from the CCU to attend a meeting at the Dales Centre. A representative from each Village Hall to be asked to the meeting.

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Matters Arising

1. **STEPPING STONES, STANHOPE** – The stepping stones have been inspected and at this moment in time they do not need the small stones removing. The Ford will be monitored and any concerns then we can report them again.
2. **HOOD STREET, ST JOHNS CHAPEL** – The Police are aware of the parking issues on the main road and in terms of enforcement it is not something that they can do due to the layout of the road and understandably residents needing to park their due to there being no alternative parking in the village. DCC have been approached regarding the possibility of getting some extra traffic measures put in place by the junction for School Close which was rejected. A vehicle causing an immediate obstruction should be reported to the police via 101 and an officer can be sent to assess the vehicle and appropriate action taken at the time.
3. **ALLOTMENT TENANCY AGREEMENT** - A notice has been put on the allotment sites with reference to the wording of 10.2 where “ poultry” has been changed to hens and cockerels are allowed in addition to this number as agreed at the February meeting 2022.

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Correspondence Received

1. Cllr Brewin reported a footpath from Western Hill to Crower Lea is very slippery. D Hunt will get the Community Highways Worker to clean it. D Hunt mentioned that the steps have been cleaned off and the track belongs to the County Durham Housing Group. He is going to see if anything can be done with it.
2. DCC and CDALC emails have been sent to the councillors.
3. An email has been received from M Murden regarding drainage works on footpath 39, Wearhead. The existing drain will be replaced with a bigger diameter pipe and surface with filter stone along the entire length of the path from the corner to the burn. This will hopefully give a bigger flow and keep the path surface drier.
4. The County Council of Durham are proposing a 30mph speed limit restriction on the A689 at Daddry Shield from 50metres east of Bridge End Cottage in a south westerly direction for a distance of 575 metres to appoint 130 metres west of Number 15 Front Street, Daddry Shield. The email was sent to all of the councillors.
5. We have been sent details of draft proposals of the Union of Parishes of St John’s Chapel and Westgate and the closure of the Church of St Andrew Westgate. The new parish shall be named The Parish of St John’s Chapel and Westgate. Any views or requests for a meeting with the Committee’s representatives should be forwarded to the Governance Support Manager not later than 2nd May 2022.
6. An email has been received from the Green Lane Association regarding Countryside Access. The email was sent to all councillors.

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Platinum Jubilee

A site meeting took place and we were shown around the quarry. A spot for the beacon was chosen and also places for cars to park.

The Lord Lieutenant is unable to attend but her deputy James Fenwick will be attending, who will light the beacon. It was mentioned that someone would have to meet Mr Fenwick at the gateway

into the quarry at 9pm. During the event someone must stay with Mr Fenwick at all times, it was felt that this should be the Chairman. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that Mr Fenwick's wife should be invited and it would be nice if she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The event cannot be open to the public and will be by invitation only. It was mentioned that Cllr Mrs Savory and Richard Holden MP should be asked. **Resolved:** Cllrs to think of any people that should be invited

We need to produce an itinerary which must be sent to the Lord Lieutenant's office.

Paul Dobson will send a quote for some official photographs to be taken and will take the drone. I have spoken to Paul and the quote is £200 if the drone cannot go up then it will be £50 less. The printed quote will be sent shortly. **Resolved:** The councillors agreed to the quote

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County Councillor Update

No update this month

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Planning Matters

DM/22/00418/FPA

Canopy to front and rear

Browns House Barn

Hill End

Frosterley

DM/22/00638/FPA

Proposed additional 7 no lodges

White House & Hagg Bridge Caravans

Eastgate

Dm/22/00733/FPA

Demolition of open fronted shed and construction of a dwelling house and change of use from Commercial office to domestic garage

Land Adjacent to

Stockley Burn Farm

Frosterley

DM/21/04189/FPA

Conversion of an agricultural building into 1 no residential dwelling

Horn Hall Farm

Stanhope

DM/22/00897/PNA

Erection of 2 no Agricultural Buildings

Land West of Ludwell

Eastgate

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

DM/20/00986/FPA

Surfacing of track from Boltslaw Incline (GR NY94334) to Bolts Walls GR NY 940438
Boltslaw Incline
Rookhope

DM/21/02709/FPA

Restoration, conversion and extension of existing building to provide 1no. residential dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping.
Land and ruins to the
North of High Fairhills
Huntshieldford
St Johns Chapel

DM/21/03884/FPA

Change of use from byre to dwelling and single storey extension
Land and barn to the
North West of High View
Wearhead

DM/21/03885/FPA

Detached double garage with office and sunroom extension to kitchen with canopy between the garage to the dwelling
Ashbrow
Sidehead
Westgate

DM/21/01729/FPA

Riding arena for personal use
Chapel House
Chapel Terrace
Rookhope

DM/21/03686/FPA

Extension to building to create a new wing to the rear of the property. Creation of infill extension to the rear of the property. Formation of a new entrance to the front of the property.
Weardale Lodge
Lanehead

DM/21/04014/FPA

Erection of 3 no. caravan pitches
Betsdale Caravan Park
Front Street
Frosterley

DM/21/04028/FPA

Erection of single storey sunroom extension
Greenhead Cottage
Stanhope

DM/21/04195/FPA

Change of use from commercial to residential use with demolition of existing rear structures and new two storey extension

Market Cottage

Market Place

Stanhope

DM/21/04196/LB

Demolition of existing rear structures and new two storey extension, proposed internal alterations

Market Cottage

Market Place

Stanhope

DM/21/03965/FPA

Replace outbuildings with single and two storey extensions

Wear View

17 The Butts

Stanhope

DM/22/00300/FPA

Single storey extension

High Pinfold Cottage

Daddy Shield

DM/22/00081/TPO

T3 Sycamore crown thinned by 20%, T2 Ash pollard by 50%.

Land North of 19 Kirk Rise

Frosterley

PLANNING WITHDRAWALS

DM/21/03982/FPA

Demolition of existing building and erection of a new portal framed steel building for agricultural purposes.

Land to the South of

Rimey Law Farm

Rookhope

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Finance

1. We have received the AGAR 2021/22 which needs to be completed by 30th June 2022.
2. Rookhope Village Hall would like to apply for the annual £500 grant money. **Resolved:** Clerk to send the grant money
3. J Ayre and the Frosterley Inn are hosting a Jubilee party at the Frosterley Inn field on 4th June from 12pm onwards. Funds have been raised for bouncy castle costs and entertainment. More funds are needed to pay for bunting and Mrs Ayre was wondering if the Parish Council could help in anyway no matter how small. **Resolved:** Clerk to recommend that Mrs Ayre puts an application in to the WAAP small grants fund.
4. An email has been received from A Maddison regarding St Johns Chapel Play area as a potential project which has been sent to all of the councillors. She has attached a starter for ten as a concept, but no community consultation has taken place yet. She has got a figure to

see what is feasible under the new guidance and rules. Angelina would like the thoughts of the parish members. **Resolved:** This was agreed in principle

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AAP Report

No report this month

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Accounts for Payment

E-ON Next Ashcroft	£11.80
D Coates Electrical Contractor Ashcroft Play Park lights	£320.00
JRB Enterprise	£542.40
DCC Rates Old Cemetery Stanhope	£289.42
DCC Hire of meeting room for March	£50.00
Makepeace Motors Playground repairs/Daddy Shield Toilets -Paid	£6139.83
It was agreed at the March meeting to pay invoice for equipment if it came in before April meeting. Cllr Craig and Cllr Miss Carrick agreed to pay this invoice now	
S Anderson salary	£791.66
HM Rev & Cust	£7.54
S Anderson Expenses	£232.24
S Anderson Home As Office	£35.00
Rookhope Village Hall	£500.00
TOTAL	£8919.89

ACCOUNTS FOR RECEIPTS

14 th March Allotment Rent	£171.00
16 th March Allotment Rent	£692.00
22 nd March Allotment Rent	£291.00
28 th March Allotment Rent	£192.00
30 th March Allotment Rent	£39.00

30 th March Allotment Rent	£90.00
March paid direct into the bank account	£252.00

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff would like to report that the bottom railing is loose on Ponders Lane Bridge which is opposite the school at St Johns Chapel. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
2. Cllr Miss Carrick would like to report the fence opposite the Grey Bull has not been repaired yet. **Resolved:** Clerk to report again to DCC
3. There are parking problems on the Market Place, Stanhope as people are parking too far across and the buses cannot get through. Some cars are being parked outside where the funeral directors are which totally blocks the access for the buses to the bus stop. You cannot see the parking bays anymore as the paint is very faint. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC
4. There is a pot hole on the highway opposite the CO-OP near to the Lime Tree Gallery that needs repairing. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
5. A resident mentioned that there is free transport to New College in Durham but to travel to Durham High School 6th Form you have to pay. A councillor mentioned that Durham High School is a private school. **Resolved:** Cllr Miss Carrick will contact the resident.
6. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff had a resident mention to her that the stepping stones in Westgate had been fenced off. Cllr Craig reported that there are no stepping stones at the Ford at Britton.

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Clerks Business

1. Following the collection of the allotment rents some points were brought up by some of the tenants. Plot 5 at Bondisle has not been worked at all. He is unwell but we need to find a solution. It was suggested that the next person on the waiting list share the plot but the tenant did not agree to this. Plot 4 at Crosshill is not worked and complaints have been received about it, the greenhouse is falling to bits along with the fencing. Rats have killed some hens on plot 3 at Willard Grove. The councillors seemed to think it would be stoat that got in and killed the hens. Cllr Lawrie mentioned that an inspection should be done at Willard Grove. A request has been received to see if it would possible for some water at Ireshopeburn allotments. The councillors mentioned that when people take an allotment on at Ireshopeburn they know that there is no water at that site.
2. A Get-Well card has been sent to Fiona Graham wishing her a speedy recovery.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 4th May 2022 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm.

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