

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 5th December 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs H Maddison, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr Mrs A Humble,
Cllr B Thompson, Cllr Mrs K Hutchinson, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Miss F Graham, Cllr Mrs S Thompson
Cllr Miss J Carrick

Susan Anderson Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Murphy

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To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018

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. **WHITE LINES AT SHAFTWELLHEAD** – The road markings have been reported to the relevant department who have put an order through for them to be done
2. **STATIONROAD HEAD** - The re-surfacing for this road is on the list to be done as a priority before the road from the Village Hall to the Main Road.
3. **SMIDDYBURN BRIDGE** – The Planning Inspectorate will only become involved if an application for planning permission has been refused by the local planning authority or not decided within the statutory timescale and an appeal is made to the Secretary of State. As this planning application was approved by the Council, the Planning Inspectorate have no statutory powers to intervene further .If it is considered that the applicant is not abiding by the terms of the permission, we may wish to contact the planning department of DCC in this regard.
4. **COWSHILL WAR MEMORIAL** - There has been an issue with the fabrication of the railings clerk has contacted Mr Betts. There was an article in the Northern Echo regarding the restoration work. The work has now been completed

5. **LANEHILL** – The re-surfacing of this road is on the list to be done next year
6. **FLASHING SIGNS** – The two signs have been reported and DCC are aware of the problem which will be repaired
7. **DADDY SHEILD TOILETS** – The toilets were closed on 26th October 2018
8. **STANHOPE TOWN HALL** – The property will be going on the market but not until the New Year or early Spring. The surveyor is happy to discuss any issues we may have with the building
9. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST** – Our request has been acknowledged for information on Newtown House
10. **PROVISION OF SALT BIN AT COWGARTH HILL, STANHOPE** – It is not possible for the Council to provide salt bins on all parts of the highway network, salt bins are provided at key locations to allow residents, motorists and pedestrians to spread the salt on the adopted highway. When locating a new salt bin there is a specific criteria that must be met before a salt bin can be placed on the adopted highway. The location we requested has been assessed against the criteria but unfortunately failed to meet the required level so no salt bin will be provided. I have sent an email to Cllr Shuttleworth to see if he can help in anyway. A map has been sent and there is a salt bin at the top of Cowgarth Hill bank and also one on Union Street so that is the reason for the refusal.
11. **BRIDGE AT EASTGATE** – DDC have been out again and inspected the bridge and they consider that the stones on the bridge that have moved are not dangerous. The work has been passed to the team and if it can be done without a road closure then the stones will be realigned otherwise they will be monitored.
12. **TREE PRUNING** – The tree pruning at Ireshopeburn and Cowshill has been added to the work programme
13. **NEWTOWN HOUSE** – MR Timmiss has confirmed that Newtown House has been acquired by a company set up for the purpose of refurbishing the home known as Newtown House Ltd. The property was sold with the following restriction “ not to use the land for any other purpose other than as a residential care facility, day care service, domiciliary care base and supported living”. Also included a pre-emption for completion of the re-development within 12 months of completion, however, have not specified an actual opening date. Probably the funding is coming from a London Investment Company and is not unusual in County Durham.
14. **STOPPING UP OF THE HIGHWAY AT BRIAR HILL, IRESHOPEBURN** – The Secretary of State authorises the stopping up of the highway
15. **MR P HODGSON DCC** – Mr Hodgson has confirmed that he will be attending the February meeting
16. **BONDISLE ALLOTMENTS** – All tenants have been written to and the letter has been ignored as a car has been in the site. A letter has also been received suggesting hard core but the site entrance is well kept and the grass is cut. A pedestrian gate with a lockable gate in wet conditions would solve the problem. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to all tenants again with a firm letter and if the letter is ignored anyone found on the site with a vehicle in wet conditions will have to give the plot up
17. **7 DAY ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE SERVICES CONSULTATION** – A reminder has been sent on the public consultation that will run until Wednesday 19th December. Comments can be sent via the consultation survey, website, sign up to MY NHS or facebook or twitter. Cllr Thompson attended the meeting at Wolsingham school which was poorly attended. The people who attended made their feelings clear that there should be a Hub in Weardale. Meetings must be better advertised with notices in public buildings as many people are not on facebook
18. **COAL AUTHORITY** - Cllr Craig attended the event at Westgate and the project at Cambokeels has not started yet.

19. **FLOWER TUBS, STANHOPE** – The flower tubs still need arranging as they are placed all over the place **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC again

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Correspondence received

1. Stanhope Methodist Church are holding a Christmas Tree and Star Festival on Saturday 22nd December 10am-4pm and Sunday 23rd December 12.30-5.30pm. Ending with a Carol Service at 6pm on the Sunday. Individuals or groups can decorate a tree or create a star. Trees can be up to 6ft high and stars between 1 and 4ft across and be able to be suspended from above
2. We have received an email with concerns regarding a parish councillor. This has been minuted but any complaints must be dealt with through the Monitoring Officer at Durham County Council
3. Stanhope Dene is on the market and the Stanhope Councillors asked the clerk to make enquiries. The rights of way officer was contacted along with the tree officer. None of the trees have TPO on them and after speaking to the planning officers they don't feel it would be suitable to place a TPO on the site. This is because any significant tree removal would require a felling licence and also because any application for development in this area is unlikely to be welcomed. A councillor contacted the AONB who will be keeping a close eye on the Dene
4. S Ragg has sent details of the 2019 Royal Garden Party Buckingham Palace. We can nominate an outgoing councillor for recognition of past service.
5. The Durham Year of Culture is going to be 2019 and there is a specific branding for Year of Culture events being held during this year. If any events want to be branded then details of the activity can be sent to visitor@thisisdurham.com
6. Parish Councils have one last consultation on the content of the Revised Charter. Comments to be received by the end of January 2019. Sent by email to the councillors
7. A draft has been sent from the Church Commissioners regarding the Parish Stanhope and Rookhope and the parish of Frosterley. We can make representations for or against all or any parts of the draft Scheme in writing no later than 21st January 2019. The new parish shall be named The Parish of Stanhope, Frosterley and Rookhope. The church of St Thomas, being the parish church of the parish of Stanhope and Rookhope, shall be the parish church of the new parish. The church of St Michael and All Angels being the parish church of the parish of Frosterley, shall be declared closed for regular public worship by this scheme. All register books and records and marriage register books will be transferred to the Durham County and Diocesan Record Office
8. A resident is enquiring will the 2% for social care still be on the council tax for 2019/2020.
9. A note had been received but it was difficult to understand it was not signed with no address details either. If the resident would like to write again formerly then the contents would be discussed

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Planning Matters

DM/18/03289/FPA – DM/18/03290/LB

Change of use from bed and breakfast (C1) to 2 dwellings (C3)

Bed and Breakfast

Stanhope Old Hall

Stanhope

Miss D Carter

DM/18/03355/FPA
Detached outbuilding and retaining walls
Quarry House
Middlehope Bank
St Johns Chapel
R Sibley

DM/18/03408/FPA
Two storey side extension
26 East End
Stanhope
Mr N Foster

DM/18/03479/VOC
Vary condition (timber windows & doors)of planning permission DM/17/02989/FPA
To allow UPVC
St Johns Methodist Chapel
Hood Street
St Johns Chapel
ADP Property NE Ltd

Planning Permission Granted

DM/18/02948/AD
Notice Board
St Thomas Church Hall
Stanhope
Stanhope Parish Council

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General Data Protection

All councillors received a copy of the Financial Regulations which were agreed . **Resolved:** Financial Regulations adopted

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Parish Council Website

Nothing to report

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Finance – Budget

The budget figures were discussed, and a discussion took place regarding the Community Highways Worker. The councillors did agree that he was good value for money. If we are going to increase the allotment rents then a year's notice is required. We will look at this in February 2019. **Resolved:** It was agreed to set the budget figure at £48,000 the same as last years figure.

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AAP Report

The board meeting was held on 22nd Nov with the priorities decided on for next year. The next meeting will be February next year. Macmillan have a service called Join the dots which provides a better service for those in need of it

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CDALC

There is a new vision for County Durham. The state of the High Street was discussed concerning empty properties. Cllr Ellwood mentioned the Town Hall and Newtown House, Stanhope

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Accounts for payment

DCC Hire of meeting room NOV	£50.00
DCC Hire of meeting room OCT	£60.00
DCC Hire of meeting room SEPT	£50.00
Weardale Publishing	£31.49
DCC Cowshill War Memorial PC Contribution	£4000.00
Makepeace Motors Daddry Shield Conv	£1260.00
Makepeace Motors Stone Wall, Beck at Frosterley	£348.00
S Anderson Salary	£708.07
S Anderson PAYE HM REV	£16.20
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
S Anderson Expenses	£85.73
TOTAL	£6644.49

Cllr Craig signed the clerks salary, expenses and Home as Office Cheques for January 2019

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Maddison mentioned that the 30mph sign at Frosterley is still flashing and has not been repaired **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
2. Cllr Brewin enquired who was responsible for dog fouling. The councillors stated that it is DCC Neighbourhood Wardens that would deal with it
3. Cllr Mrs Humble mentioned the layby west of Killhope still has not had the spoil cleared away. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
4. Cllr Ellwood mentioned that the AONB are to put new signage up as you come over Killhope and Crawleyside. The spoil heap will be removed from the top of Killhope

5. Cllr Mrs Hutchinson has had concerned residents come to her regarding the Leisure Centre fire. The site still has not been cleared and the debris is blowing around the village where there could be asbestos fibres. Savills have it in hand but DCC should be involved along with the Environment Agency **Resolved:** Clerk to write
6. Two councillors are concerned about drugs in Stanhope
7. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff mentioned the footpath at Stone Heap near the river if M Murden had been out and inspected it. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the footpath officer
8. The road from the cattle grid to Edmundbyers has poor or no cats eyes which are needed when the fell road is foggy. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
9. Cllr Miss Graham would like to report light number 97 on the corner of Paragon Street needs repairing **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
10. Part of the Railways Terms and Conditions for holding the Christmas events was that no buses were to go down Bondisle as there is no where for them to turn at the bottom **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the Weardale Railway
11. Cllr Graham commented how nice the Lime Trees look in Stanhope and the two trees at Frosterley. Cowshill have the lights around the village hall. Well done to Light up the Dale
12. Cllr Miss Graham would like to work with the clerk with some emails that need to go to the Secretary of Education concerning families having to pay for their children to go to a sixth form outside of the dale.
13. Cllr Miss Carrick would like to report street lights 195 at Eastgate and light number 783 the back of Front Street, Stanhope **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
14. Cllr Craig would like a litter pick on the A689 **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
15. The self seeding trees on the roadside are pushing the walls out and on the back road at Newhouse. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
16. Cllr Blackett is doing some research into the trees that were possibly planted in Ireshopeburn for the fallen residents that went to war. It would be nice to have a plaque as a permanent acknowledgement also the trees need inspecting. If there is a tree missing it would be nice to have one re-planted **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC to find out if the trees are on their land

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Clerks Business

The booking form for the Dales Centre has been received **Resolved;** Clerk to fill in and send back

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 6th February 2019 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm

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