

## STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

### PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

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

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes

S Anderson Clerk

#### 10463

##### Apologies for Absence

Cllr W Wearmouth

#### 10464

##### To Receive Any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

#### 10465

##### Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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

#### 10466

##### Police and the Community

No Police were in attendance but an update was sent which has been forwarded to all of the councillors. The Police will only attend a Parish Council meeting if there is a specific issue that requires them to attend it is not standard protocol to attend these meetings.

#### 10467

##### Matters Arising

1. **St Andrews Church, Westgate** – Mr Peart from St Andrews PCC sends his thanks for the churchyard maintenance grant.
2. **Stanhope Community Association** – Mrs Brown Chair of Trustees, Stanhope Community Association would like to thank the councillors for the grant money.
3. **Vacancies for Councillors** – Sandra Thompson would like to be co-opted back onto the Parish Council for St Johns Chapel Ward. Richard Lawrie from Stanhope would like to be co-

opted onto the Parish Council for Stanhope Urban. **Resolved:** Clerk to invite them to the next meeting for 6.30pm

4. **Allotment Inspections** – Cllr Brewin and Cllr Mrs Humble inspected the allotments. The Old Hall Site was found to be all ok. Apart from some ducks on one of the plots. At Crosshill it was felt that four plots needed to do more work on them. There was a goose, ducks, and a lot of hens on some plots. Self-seeded sycamore trees need cutting down. A large bunch of nettles need strimming down and spraying. Two plots have just been let. At Bondisle two plots need more cultivation and one is not being used to its full potential. At Willard Grove six plots need more work doing on them. The vacant bottom plot needs the rotten shed removing and rubbish removing from it before it can be let. The Westgate site is well kept apart from two that have done nothing and some ducks on a plot. At Ireshopeburn all are being worked. There is a small pond/water feature in one of the plots. **Resolved:** Letters to go out to the tenants that need them. Cllr Mrs Hawkes will join Cllr Mrs Humble and Cllr Brewin for the next inspection in a months' time. It was agreed to order a skip for Willard Grove Allotments and Westgate Allotments.
5. **Memorial Plaque, Crawleyside** – Two years ago Cllr Miss Carrick and the clerk attended the memorial service of the bus crash on Crawleyside. Last year the Parish Council arranged for a memorial plaque to be cemented into a wall on Crawleyside opposite where the bus crash was. It was always felt that it would have been nice to hold a service with some of the members of the Bowls Club in memory of the people that lost their lives 42 years ago. Mr Gray has been on the telephone wondering if we had anything planned. We cannot arrange anything at the moment but this has not been forgotten
6. **Frosterley Exhibition Foundation** – J Bainbridge would like to thank the members of Stanhope parish Council for the cheque.
7. **Letter from B Thompson** – A letter has been received from B Thompson thanking the councillors for the letter that was sent.
8. **J Wesley monument** – Cllr Craig has found out that the Monument is in the deeds of Wesley Garth, St Johns Chapel
9. **Play Parks** – S Makepeace will check the play equipment every month which is a requirement that must be done. **Resolved:** The Annual Inspection will be done by S Makepeace
10. **Wells at Crosshill Allotments** – S Makepeace has put the two feet fences around the wells in the allotments following the guidelines of the Health and Safety Report.
11. **1<sup>st</sup> Stanhope Scout Group** – Mr Anstee would like to thank the Parish Council for the grant money that has been received.
12. **New Toilet Provision** – As yet no reply has been received but it was mentioned that probably no extra would be provided in Stanhope.

## 10468

### Correspondence Received

1. A resident has reported that a stile needs repairing between Jollybody Farm and East Shittlehopeside as you leave the wood. This has been reported to the footpath officer.
2. An allotment tenant would like permission to move his shed from the back of the allotment to the front of the allotment. He would also like to report some knotweed in the allotment plot. After contacting the Chair this was reported to DCC. D Gillett advises that having the area sprayed is probably the best choice for the parish. There is a company that would carry out the work and record when this was done. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Complete Weed Control for a quote

3. An email has been received from the Priority Service Register Awareness Programme for Citizen Advice County Durham. The email has been sent to all of the councillors.
4. A resident / tenant has concerns about rats on the Willard Grove Allotment and that they may be coming from underneath sheds. **Resolved:** The councillors commented that it is up to the tenants to do their own vermin control
5. A resident would like to report some scaffolding that has gone up at Front Street, Rookhope. There are no cones, there is no notice, no end stops, buffers or tape.
6. A complaint has been received from a resident overlooking Bondisle Allotments regarding a noisy peacock. The peacock roams between the gardens and the allotments no other complaints have been received. The resident is hoping that it can be re-homed.

#### **10469**

##### **Risk Assessment**

The Risk Assessment was sent to all of the councillors who have reviewed it and agreed it.

#### **10470**

##### **County Councillor Update**

Cllr Shuttleworth is now the Cabinet Member for Rural Communities and Highways and Emergency Planning. For the first time the Leader of the Council is a woman who was the best person for the job.

#### **10471**

##### **Planning Matters**

DM/21/009361/FPA

Erection of 3no wigwam log cabins for self-catering

Holiday accommodation

The Beeches

Frosterley

DM/21/01688/FPA

Proposed telecommunications installation.

Proposed 15m high swann 30Hlattice on new 4.0 x4.0 x1.0m deep concrete base

And associated ancillary works

Land west of Juniper Banks

Frosterley

DM/21/01764/FPA

Riding arena for personal use

Chapel House

Rookhope

DM/21/01841/FPA

3 hard standing static caravan pitches and associated

Drainage works

High Bishopley Caravan Site

Frosterley

DM/21/01397/FPA

Two storey side extension and replacement garden shed

Old Coach House

Cowshill

DM/21/01846/TPO

Reduce up to 60% and trim 3no leylandiis and reduce up to 60% and trim to no1 no silver birch  
Land rear of 22 Graham Street  
Stanhope

#### 10472

##### Finance

1. St Johns Chapel PCC would like to apply for the £300 churchyard maintenance grant.  
**Resolved:** The councillors agreed the £300
2. The Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 was approved and accepted by the councillors and was signed by the Chairman and the clerk
3. The Approval of Accounting Statements for 2020/2021 was approved and accepted by the councillors and was signed by the Chairman and the clerk.
4. Rookhope Village Hall would like to apply for the £500 grant money. Cllr Shuttleworth declared an interest. In November last year due to the covid grants it was felt that the village halls were not in need of the £500. Going back to 2015 a sum of money had been put onto the precept to cover the payments. **Resolved:** Clerk to look into this and to bring it back to next months meeting.

#### 10473

##### AAP Report

There have been no meetings but the AGM is in a weeks time.

#### 10474

##### Accounts for Payment

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Dales Centre hire of meeting room | £55.00   |
| Npower Lighting at Stanhope       | £1524.33 |
| Npower Continuous Public Lighting | £328.59  |
| St Johns Chapel PCC               | £300.00  |
| S Anderson Salary                 | £921.31  |
| HM Rev                            | £44.72   |
| S Anderson Expenses               | £21.00   |
| S Anderson Home as Office         | £35.00   |
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| TOTAL                             | £3229.95 |

#### 10475

##### New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff would like to report some pot holes on the road approaching Huntshildford to the stepping stones. Also in the middle of the road that is flooding DCC have not managed to solve the problem. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth will report these.

2. Cllr Blackett would like to report a pot hole on the A689 at Hood Street, St Johns Chapel opposite number 29. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth will report this.
3. Cllr Blackett mentioned that he is still receiving complaints regarding the surgery. The surgery will be invited to a meeting but only when the restrictions are lifted. Cllr Mrs Hawkes is happy to go and talk to the Practice Manager and to report back to the next meeting. **Resolved:** It was agreed for Cllr Mrs Hawkes to visit the surgery
4. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that there is some scaffolding at the Town Hall so some repairs must be taking place.
5. Cllr Miss Carrick has received complaints regarding the rubbish from the fish and chip shop on the Market Place, Stanhope. It might help if the fish and chip shop had a bin outside that they could empty especially on a Bank Holiday. The bins were overflowing. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Fish and Chip Shop.
6. Cllr Craig mentioned that Frank Stephenson has retired from the Fire Service in Stanhope after 33 years' service. **Resolved:** Clerk to write a letter of thanks.
7. Cllr Craig mentioned some illegal campers at the station field, Westgate. This was reported to DCC. There is a pool water that needs filling in with some gravel. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
8. Cllr Craig mentioned a recent accident where a bike hit a car. His family helped direct the traffic until a police car arrived which turned out to be an armed response vehicle. He mentioned that for years he had been complaining about the speed that motorcycles travel. Cllr Craig did not like their attitude and would like an email to go to Insp Turner for an apology. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Insp Turner
9. Cllr Craig mentioned that he had seen a lithium leaflet and that a drone survey had taken place. At some point they could attend a Parish Council meeting to keep us informed.
10. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that a stall holder selling jewellery was on Stanhope Market Place on Bank Holiday Monday. This might have been a one-off but should be monitored.
11. Cllr Mrs Humble mentioned Ashcroft Play Park and that a meeting should take place with S Makepeace to see what needs replacing. **Resolved:** It was agreed for Cllr Miss Carrick and Cllr Mrs Hawkes to attend the meeting

**10476**

**Clerks Business**

Nothing to report

**Meeting closed at 8pm**

**Next meeting is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 6.30pm**

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