

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 6th June 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr Miss F Graham, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs H Maddison,
Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr M Brewin

Susan Anderson Clerk

Also Present

Mr G Dell and Mr J Regan – Coal Authority

Mr A Edwards – Environment Agency

Mr S Lee – South Bedburn Parish Council

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr Mrs K Hutchinson, Cllr Mr B Thompson

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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 May 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 **Resolved:** Clerk to invite to the August meeting

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Coal Authority – Mr Dell and Mr Regan, Mr Edwards – Environment Agency

Cllr Craig welcomed the speakers to the meeting. The project is regarding the Metal mine water impacts on Weardale from the mines. The funders are DEFRA and the Environment Agency are the lead on catchment characterisation, impacts and priorities. The Coal Authority are the lead on scoping, feasibility, design, build and operation of schemes. The River Wear at Stanhope fails the Environmental quality standards for zinc and lead. Several tributaries Killhope Burn, Middlehope Burn and the River Wear upstream of Westgate also fail the EQS for cadmium. The most severe pollution is at lower river flows when discharges from mine water drainage tunnels have greatest impact as there is less dilution. Diffuse sources of metals such as run-off from spoil heaps become more significant at higher river flows. Treating the Cambokeel discharge will remove an average of 40% of the zinc in the river at Stanhope. In low flow conditions this would be enough to comply with

EQS at Stanhope. Around 7km of river between Stanhope and Wolsingham would improve to good status. The installation of Vertical Flow Ponds is the plan to be implemented at Cambokeels but there are many things to be looked into before this will begin. If there are any issues that need an answer to then these can be sent via the clerk. Cllr Craig thanked everyone for attending the meeting

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Wolsingham School Action Group

Due to illness the representatives cancelled. This will be discussed later

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Matters Arising

1. **GRASS VERGE, WILLOW GREEN** - D Gillett replied that the farmer will do the verge
2. **CAR PARK, FROSTERLEY** – The enforcement officer has inspected the cars and DVLA has been contacted. Two cars have been taken away
3. **KENNETHS FOOTBRIDGE** – Mr Newman is writing to confirm that subject to there being no complicating factors the EA are expected to determine the permit application within 2 months of the duly made application letter. The application was made on Friday 27th April the programmed start date for the works is Monday 25th June
4. **MOTORBIKES** - All information regarding motor bikes will be fed into Operation Bramble. This happens annually with motorbike section and traffic
5. **CHRISTMAS TREE, FROSTERLEY** – A group of residents from Frosterley would like permission from Stanhope Parish Council to erect a metal frame around an evergreen tree that will be planted on The Green. Planning permission is not required just permission from the land owner. The tree will be kept pruned to the shape of the conical frame to maintain a traditional Christmas tree shape. Until the tree grows to a reasonable size, the frame will provide support for the Christmas lights. **Resolved:** The councillors agreed to the metal frame and the tree. The group will have to make sure that the electrics are tested and that the locals at Frosterley are also in agreement
6. **WOLSINGHAM SCHOOL FOI REQUEST** - The expenditure sheets have been received and have been sent to Cllr Miss Graham as requested
7. **WOLSINGHAM SCHOOL** - Mr Hodgson was invited to the June meeting but had a prior commitment. He commented that his attendance at a meeting a little later in the year may be more suitable as they are still negotiating with schools. He feels that an update would be best with actual agreed proposals rather than things still under consideration. Cllr Miss Graham asked for a meeting as soon as possible to suit Mr Hodgson but he declined due to the high volume of complex work connected with the Education Review he is unable to attend additional meetings. Mr Hodgson would respond to questions by email. Cllr Miss Graham asked the clerk to write to T Collins. The Corporate Director of Children and Young Peoples Services has sent a reply that we would need to discuss the decision of the school to suspend the provision of the sixth form with the governing body of the school. It would be inappropriate for the Council to meet with the Parish Council on this issue and also that DCC has made their position clear enough on any request that we made to the Council.
8. **LIME TREES, FROSTERLEY** – The trees were inspected on 21st March 2018 and were deemed to be fine
9. **SMIDDYBURN BRIDGE** – An email has been received from a resident who has had a reply from the Planning Inspectorate that if one or any part of the Smiddy Burn Bridge is on Common Land, Croglin Estates must apply for Section 38 consent under the Commons Act 2006 before they can do any work on Smiddy Burn Bridge if they prevent or impede access

over the bridge. They cannot demolish the bridge at any time. The Planning Officer has been contacted but we cannot appeal a planning decision.

10. **MINE ADITS, STANHOPE DENE** – The Church Commissioners are looking into our query and they will respond shortly once they have spoken to the agents and colleagues **Resolved:** Clerk to push for a response
11. **MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR** – Cllr Miss Graham requested a site meeting and as yet this has not taken place. The clerk has sent a reminder for an officer to contact her so a meeting can be arranged **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC again
12. **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** - The department has looked into the reasons behind the sixth form suspension and why a consultation did not take place. The case has been considered in detailed and the local authority has been contacted. The decision to suspend admission to the sixth form was made by the schools governing body, based on the schools financial position and given what the department understand were declining numbers of pupils in the sixth form. DCC supports the governing body's decision and has been working with the school closely to ensure the change is handled appropriately. They have statutory responsibility for transport to sixth form education and are considering the transport requirements for students in Weardale, they are advising the school on its financial options. With regard to consultation, for temporary age-range changes (up to two years) the School Organisation Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools England Regulations 2013 state that statutory process does not have to be followed. So there is no statutory requirement to consult. The department for Education appreciate how disruptive and upsetting this change has been for students and parents but it is clear that the Governing Body and local authority have had to make a difficult decision in order to secure the future of the school. The department have found nothing to suggest that either DCC or the schools Governing Body have acted in a way that is in breach of school organisation legislation.
13. **WEARDALE PRACTICE** - A detailed reply has been received from the Weardale Practice regarding our request for the level of service at St Johns Chapel and Stanhope. The practice provides appointments at three sites including Wolsingham and clinical cover at the Weardale Community Hospital. The figures for the number of appointments were read out along with all the missed or not cancelled appointments, which totalled 7904 at all the sites over three years. The Practice clinical staff over the same period has remained the same. The GP Practice are holding a number of stakeholder events over the next six months, supported by the Practice Patient Participation Group. The meetings are the first of what the Practice hopes to be a number of events and activities to better convey important information about the Weardale Practice and the NHS, which they hope will improve communication and understanding across the Dale for example what an Emergency Care Practitioner can provide for the patients and the availability of online access making appointments, getting results and more. The Practice would welcome an opportunity to meet with the Parish Council in the near future **Resolved:** Clerk to invite to the July meeting
14. **WARD BOUNDARIES** – A discussion took place on the ward boundaries and planning applications. **Resolved:** Clerk to ask DCC for the boundary maps
15. **ROOKHOPE LIGHTS** – An objection was sent in but as yet no reply has been received. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC

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Correspondence received

1. An allotment tenant at Crosshill has reported that the tap is spraying and needs repairing. If possible could there be another tap as there is only one for the whole of the site. **Resolved:** Clerk to get a quote for an extra tap
2. We have been informed about a proposed base station installation at 7118 land in layby west side of B6278 Bollihope Common, Bishop Auckland. The consultant is working on behalf of EE who are establishing new site infrastructure to improve network coverage across the UK to primarily provide, Emergency Services Network ESN coverage as well as the extension of commercial 4G coverage in line with providing 90% geographic coverage. Three other sites have been looked and rejected, laybys adjacent to B6278 Brackenbridge Moss to Quarry Hill ,Stanhope, Land adj to Reservoir West of Juniper Banks, Bollihope Common and Laybys adjacent to B6278 from Low Black Hill to High Black Hill. Cllr Brewin had no objections
3. If possible, a skip is needed at Willard Grove Allotments to remove rubbish on two plots that have just been let **Resolved:** It was agreed to hire a skip
4. Cllr Miss Graham asked the clerk to find out why The Bonny Moor Hen was asked to remove table and chairs off the main street in Stanhope when all the other shops have table and chairs outside, café, paper shop, Woodhalls fruit and veg. Clerk has asked the police for their comments. PC Crampsie replied that the Bonny Moor Hen does not have a licence to serve alcohol to be consumed on the pavement, not like the Pack Horse where the land at the front of the Pack belongs to them which is included in the licence. The Bonny Moor Hen also does not have a pavement licence to serve food which needs to be obtained from DCC. PC Crampsie will notify DCC to see if the other businesses have the appropriate licences.
5. The Data Protection Bill has now been agreed by both Houses of Parliament following Tuesday 22nd May consideration in the Lords of amendments made in the Commons. The Act should be in force on Friday 25th May.
6. DCC have an Armed Forces Outreach Service and have two outreach workers embedded within the Housing Solutions teams who can act as a first point of contact for any armed forces personnel, veterans or their families in particular need. Armed Forces Day falls on Saturday 30th June
7. Cllr Miss Carrick has had a complaint about some campers in the Riverside Play Park. The clerk has reported this to DCC
8. A tenant from Crosshill has reported some adders on the public footpath between the cemetery and the allotments. Maybe a notice warning people of adders should be placed on the track for the safety of children **Resolved:** Clerk to arrange for a sign to be erected
9. St Johns Chapel Town Hall Committee are happy to keep the Parish Council representative
10. Rookhope Village Hall Committee confirm that the Parish Council representative attends the meetings and it is up to the councillor if he wants to stay on the Committee.
11. On the weekend of 23rd – 24th June 2018 DCC have sent details of cycle races and the roads that will operate under rolling road closures. The route is via the fell road to Edmundbyers, reservoir, Blanchland and Meadows Edge
12. NALC and LGA have sent a guide to effective partnership working between principal and local councils
13. NALC has sent their Constitution as changes to a request for a Northern Group would need to be voted on by two thirds of County Associations
14. An invite has been received from the Mayoress at Home which will take place in the Town Hall, Spennymoor on Saturday 23rd June 2018 between 10am-12noon

15. Npower Business have sent the electricity prices for next quarter. At the moment the Standing charge is £22.04 per quarter but is going up to £70.38 per quarter **Resolved:** Clerk to try other providers
16. A resident is concerned about the Weardale Way footpath from Daddry Shield to Huntshildford, St John's Chapel. The letter was read out at the meeting **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the footpath officer

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Planning Matters

The Planning Officer has sent a reply to our objection regarding 18 lodges at Horsley Lodges, Eastgate.

1. We asked for clarification if the lodges were holiday lets or permanent residency. Occupancy of the lodges will be conditioned the same as all other holiday lets in the dale.
2. Poor Access – The Highways Engineer has no objections to the proposed access
3. Flooding Issues – The Environment Agency have no objection to the scheme
4. The councillors feel that this is a stealth way of building 18 bungalows if they are for sale – Again this will be controlled by condition as holiday use only

The Planning Officer can see no planning reason for the application to be heard by the committee. Unless the Parish Council can identify a planning reason to call the item to committee the application will be dealt with under delegated powers

DM/18/01189/LB
Rebuild boundary walls
The Byre
4 Stanhope Hall
Stanhope

DM/18/01189/LB
Use of land for the siting of 1 no. mobile home in residential use, and 1 no. ancillary mobile home, the change of use of and to domestic use as a garage and timber cabin, and other ancillary operational development, the creation of an access drive way, parking, alteration to levels drainage works
Hillview
Sedling Plain
Wearhead

DM/18/01254/TPO
T2 Sycamore – fell tree
Protected by a TPO
Stanhope Castle
Stanhope

DM/18/01280/TPO
T10 Beech – fell tree protected by a TPO
Land south of Stanhope Castle
Stanhope

DM/18/01396/FPA
Detached garage /log store land to rear of
8 Front Street
Wearhead

DM/18/01579/LB
Listed building consent to replace glass with double glazing in front windows
Innkeepers Cottage
45 Front Street
Frosterley

DM/18/01504/FPA
Single storey extension to north
22 Hill End
Frosterley

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General Data Protection – Adopt Policies and agree notices and forms

Privacy Notice –	Resolved: Notice was agreed
Email Contact Privacy Notice –	Resolved: Notice was agreed
GDPR (Service) Consent to hold contact information –	Resolved: Form was agreed
Councillor Privacy Notice –	Resolved: Notice was agreed
Data Security Breach Reporting Form –	Resolved: Form was agreed
Subject Access Request Form –	Resolved: Form was agreed
Information and Data Protection Policy	Resolved: Policy was adopted

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Parish Council Website

At the moment there is no content in Local Directories it would be better taken out
In Local Area under Villages Crawleyside would be better taken off as there is no photograph

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Christmas Lights

Light Up the Dale would like to light up Cowshill and St John's Chapel and to develop the lights in Stanhope this year. They would like to install permanent power points in the villages. **Resolved:** It was proposed and seconded that a grant of £3000 be donated to Light Up the Dale to help towards the costs

Cllr Mrs Humble left at 9pm

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Wolsingham School

Cllr Miss Graham has all the correspondence received from P Hodgson, Education Department and DCC. She is disappointed and disgusted that no-one will attend a meeting with the Parish Council. Cllr Ellwood commented that the same problem is happening at a school in Sacriston and Ushaw in Durham. One of the main concerns is that transport must be provided to a sixth form and that Weardale is a large area and transport must start at Cowshill. The councillors would like a press

release in the newspaper that DCC will not meet with the Parish Council **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the Northern Echo and Weardale Gazette

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Finance

1. Frosterley Village Hall would like to apply for Village Hall Grant money of £500 **Resolved:** It was agreed to send £500
2. WAAP are happy to support the inclusion of the play area upgrade as part of the Task and Finish process that they work under to develop concepts, ideas and issues raised by the Weardale Community. The WAAP needs to know if the Parish Council will be supporting the project financially and who will be attending the meetings **Resolved:** It was agreed that Cllr Miss J Carrick and Cllr Miss F Graham will attend the meetings and the Parish Council will make a contribution to the project
3. Stanhope Methodist Church would like to apply for the £500 village hall grant money **Resolved:** It was agreed to send £500
4. St Andrews Church Westgate would like to apply for the annual churchyard maintenance grant of £300 **Resolved:** It was agreed to send £300
5. The Design and Conservation Officer has sent an update that another quote received has made the restoration works more viable and potentially in the current financial year. The latest quotation for cleaning the war memorial, consolidation of the walling and the creation of steps would necessitate a contribution from the Parish Council of around £4000. We need to confirm if this level of funding would be achievable. The cost of the project is in the region of £10,000 **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the officer that the councillors have agreed a contribution of £4000
6. Cowshill and Lanehead Village Hall would like to apply for the Village Hall Grant money of £500 **Resolved:** It was agreed to send £500
7. Wearhead Village Hall would like to apply for the Village Hall Grant Money of £500 **Resolved:** It was agreed to send £500
8. The Parish Council Notice Board will be in the region of £500 but a detailed quote will be sent for the next meeting. **Resolved:** It was agreed to go ahead with the Notice Boards as they are local tradesmen with a good reputation

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AAP Report

The new chairman is Mr T Natrass

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CDALC Report

Cllr Ellwood attended the AONB Forum in Cumbria where farming was discussed after Brexit. Local Councils getting the community involved with dementia patients and the NALC complaints procedure

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Accounts for Payment

DCC Hire of meeting room April 2.5 hours	£50.00
NWG Business Old Cemetery Stanhope	£12.00
Npower Lighting at Stanhope	£978.80

Npower Continuous Public Lighting	£19.96
Allen Sykes Internal Audit	£210.00
NWG Business Public Conv Daddry Shield	£19.70
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
S Anderson Expenses	£218.24
S Anderson Salary	£705.27
HM Rev PAYE	£19.00
CDALC/NALC Subscription	£629.05
Frosterley Village Hall grant money	£500.00
Stanhope Methodist Church grant money	£500.00
St Andrews Church Westgate	£300.00
Cowshill Village Hall grant money	£500.00
Wearhead Village Hall grant money	£500.00
Light Up the Dale	£3000.00
TOTAL	£8197.02

ACCOUNTS FOR RECEIPTS

Allotment rents (£285.00) and network rail (£2.58) £287.58

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Maddison would like the bins back at Bollihope bottom and more are needed
Resolved: Clerk to contact DCC
2. Cllr Miss Graham would like to report pole numbers 755 and 753 along the Riverside Walk near to the swimming pool as the poles are loose as children have been climbing up them to get into the swimming pool
Resolved: Clerk to contact DCC
3. Cllr Mrs Humble would like the play park at Burtreeford power washing and also a net for basketball ring is required
Resolved: Clerk to contact S Makepeace
4. The gully sucker was requested a couple of months ago on the A689 from Frosterley to Killhope but there are still blocked drains
Resolved: Clerk to contact DCC
5. The grass cutting at Cowshill in some areas is only been cut every other time, is this a new policy
Resolved: Clerk to contact DCC
6. Planters and beds need planting in Cowshill
Resolved: Clerk to find out when they are going to be planted

7. Burtreeford Layby still requires attention as the surface is uneven **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC

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Clerks Business

1. An allotment tenant from Willard Grove would like permission to keep some chickens and a 6ft x 4ft shed to keep them in. Shed will be painted green. He would also like permission for a poly tunnel 3m x 6m with a metal frame and green sheet. **Resolved:** Permission granted but no cockerels
2. An allotment tenant from Willard Grove would like permission for a metal green/cream shed 5ft x3ft and a polytunnel 3m x 5m which will be green **Resolved:** Permission granted
3. An allotment tenant at Ireshopeburn would like permission to erect a 6x6 greenhouse net to the boundary hedge so not visible from the village **Resolved:** Permission granted

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th July 2018 at Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm

.....**signed**.....**date**