

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 1st June 2022

PRESENT:

Cllr Miss J Carrick Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr D Craig, Cllr R Lawrie, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr P Turton

S Anderson Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Blackett, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes (will be late)

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To receive any declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2022 and 12th May 2022

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

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Police and the Community

An update was provided which was sent to all of the councillors. This included Drug use in Weardale, Community Speed Watch vehicle, Dot Peen, Rural Crime Prevention Surveys.

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Matters Arising

1. **HUNTSHEILDFORD ROAD** - The potholes have been added on to the works programme
2. **RIVERSIDE PLAY PARK** – J Young is still waiting for some of the parts for the roundabout. Once they have arrived then a programme will be organised to have the work done.
3. **ASHCROFT MUGA** – On the 10th May a meeting took place with A Maddison, at the WAAP office with B Lightburn. Two options were discussed the first was a quote from surfacing standards who are a leader in the field and would do a first class surface. The second is that Durham County Council Highways would like to put a quote in and they would also be able to do the new lighting as well. This process to get the prices through would take about 4-6 weeks. Some of the smaller play equipment will be looked at as well.
4. **VACANCY FOR LANEHEAD AND COWSHILL** – We can now advertise to co-opt a councillor for Lanehead and Cowshill Ward.
5. **HOT FOOD/ PIZZA VAN IN MARKET PLACE, STANHOPE** - The van does not require a street trading license from DCC as you do not need one to trade in Stanhope.

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Correspondence Received

1. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that the three stone tubs on The Green at St Johns Chapel have not been planted. This has been reported to D Gillett
2. Cllr W Wearmouth has sent a resignation email which has been sent to all of the councillors.
Resolved: Clerk to write to DCC
3. From the 1st May 2022 the Dales Centre Function Room Hire has gone up from £20.00 to £22.50 per hour.
4. A letter and an email have been received from a resident of Front Street, Frosterley with concerns regarding the Notification Procedure of works to site three caravans at Betsdale Caravan park. The email was sent to all of the councillors. Cllr Miss Carrick has spoken to the resident and apparently only one property had been notified and the notice was put up on a lamp post within the caravan park. It was felt that the proper procedures have not been followed as there are at least ten houses that back onto the site. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the planning department.
5. As of 1st July 2022, Ward Bros Plant Hire Ltd will be increasing the cost of Skip Hire. Every effort has been made to avoid price increases. The prices remain competitive.
6. An allotment tenant at Westgate would like permission for a 6ft x 10ft greenhouse.
Resolved: Permission granted
7. The Weardale Practice are extending the Patient Participation Group and would like to include representatives from the Parish Councils. They would like to know if anyone is interested in having a voice within the practice. Cllr Mrs Hawkes joined the meeting.
Resolved: Cllr Mrs Thompson and Cllr Mrs Hawkes would like to be the Parish Council representatives.
8. CDALC have sent some information regarding the use of pesticides on any green space to kill the weeds. It is now a requirement to register with DEFRA by 22nd June 2022. This needs looking into as sometimes the allotments are sprayed. **Resolved:** Clerk to look into this

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Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment has been sent to all of the councillors. **Resolved:** The Risk Assessment was agreed

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Platinum Jubilee

We have borrowed some metal barriers from Stanhope Show and S Makepeace will bring them up and take them back down. There is no additional premium to our insurance as long as there are less than 100 people attending.

The Deputy Lieutenant will be reading a speech out that the Lord Lieutenant has requested be read out at all beacon lightings.

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County Councillor Update

Cllr Mrs Hawkes enquired if an update had been sent.

She thought that Cllr Mrs Savory should be invited to attend our Parish Council meetings.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Cllr Mrs Savory

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Planning Matters

DM/22/01212/FPA

18 Ground mounted solar panels in field to rear

High Kitty Crag

Sidehead

Westgate

DM/22/00425/LB

Replace windows to front

Boulder Cottage

4 Newhouse

Ireshopeburn

DM/22/01132/FPA

Convert remnants of old building to a garage

The Old Byre

Market Place

St Johns Chapel

DM/22/01362/FPA

Erection of single storey building for small animal care

Far Place

Sidehead

Westgate

A discussion took place and the clerk was asked to see if there are any objections on the planning portal and also to see if the neighbours have been notified. As of 3rd June, there were no objections and Cllr Mrs Thompson has been contacted and no comments are necessary.

DM/22/01466/FPA

Single storey extension to the western elevation and replacement garage with log store

1 Huntshieldsford

St Johns Chapel

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Finance

1. On Monday 16th May an inspection took place of the Crosshill Allotments with Cllr Miss Carrick and Cllr Lawrie, Cllr Brewin had already been to the site. The bottom plot that cannot be let needs spraying and tidying up. Plots 7 and 8 need the nettles spraying and the self-seeding trees cutting down. Plot 19 has just been let but it has a lot of scrap rubbish on it that needs clearing and overhanging branches and self-seeding trees need cutting back. The main track up the allotment sites also needs the overhanging branches cutting back. On the other side of the site a tree has come down that also needs removing. One of the vacant plots needs strimming back and further down at the bottom there are some bags of rubbish that the tenant would like removing if possible. Cllr Miss Carrick and Cllr Turton asked the clerk to contact S Makepeace to do the work. On Wednesday 25th May Cllr Miss Carrick, Cllr M Brewin and Cllr R Lawrie inspected the remaining allotments. There are four that are not cultivated at Willard Grove that need letters going out to. At Bondisle there is one plot that is not cultivated. At Westgate

there are three that are not cultivated. At the Old Hall site there is one that there is not much happening on. There is an old shed and a lot of zinc sheeting that needs removing. The shed is large and plenty of notice should be given to give the tenant time to clear it out. **Resolved:** It was agreed to hire a skip

2. The Barrington Hall St Johns Chapel would like to apply for the village hall grant money of £500.
3. Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 was read out, approved and signed
4. Accounting Statements 2021/22 were read out, approved and signed

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AAP Report

Angelina sent a report summary of the AGM and Board Meeting. This was handed out to all of the councillors that were present. At the Board meeting the budgets available in 2022/23 total £364,902. There was a showcase event to celebrate the work of the WAAP.

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Accounts for Payment

Durham County Council Hire of meeting room MAY	£84.38
E-ON Next Ashcroft Play Park	£16.19
Barrington Hall St John's Chapel	£500.00
S Anderson salary	£815.41
HM Rev	£8.64
S Anderson expenses	£27.20
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
TOTAL	£1486.82

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Craig mentioned that M Tellright will not be attending so the money that would have been spent on some flowers he would like it donated to his charity that he supports.
Resolved: This was agreed
2. Cllr Turton would like to put the Notice of Co-option onto Facebook. This will advertise the vacancies for Lanehead and Cowshill and also Frosterley. **Resolved:** This was agreed
3. A letter of thanks to go to Cllr Wearmouth for his time as Ward Councillor for Eastgate.
Resolved: Clerk to write
4. Cllr Mrs Thompson mentioned that Cllr Blackett has had a hip operation and it would be nice to send him a get well soon card. **Resolved:** Clerk to send a card
5. At Ireshopeburn at Anita's Way the footpath has been cleared but the branches have been left. Cllr Mrs Thompson will check to see if they are removed, if not then she will contact the clerk.
6. Cllr Mrs Thompson mentioned the Flower Festival at Wolsingham and that it had brought a lot of visitors to Wolsingham. Cllr Mrs Savory had done a lot of work and it was really impressive. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Cllr Mrs Savory

7. Cllr Mrs Hawkes mentioned the Resilience Meeting. Cllr Lawrie explained that the contacts will be kept up to date every year and the clerk will write to the groups. This will be on the AGM Agenda.
8. Cllr Miss Carrick would like the gully sucker outside number 4 and number 14 West Terrace.
Resolved: Clerk to write to DCC

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

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