

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 4th May 2022

PRESENT:

Cllr Miss J Carrick Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr D Craig, Cllr R Lawrie, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes,

Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr P Turton

S Anderson Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr W Wearmouth, Cllr L Blackett

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To receive any declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 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. The councillors would like an update from the Police for the next meeting. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the Police

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Matters Arising

1. **PARKING ON STANHOPE MARKET PLACE** – Parking Services at DCC are only responsible for parking offences where there are restrictions on the public highway such as single/double yellow lines, disabled bays, loading bays, school keep clears and bus stop clearways. Stanhope Market Place has been added to the enforcement request list. The Civil Enforcement Officers will carry out a period of targeted enforcement of the restrictions in place and issue a Penalty Charge Notice to any vehicles parked in contravention. The police are responsible for parking offences where there are no restrictions on the public highway such as, dangerous parking e.g parking close to a junction, obstruction of the carriageway e.g., blocking traffic, preventing access/egress from property, obstruction of the pavements e.g. blocking pedestrians such as wheelchair users, parents with

prams, children going to school. Cllr Miss Carrick would like the parking bays made clearer on the Market Place. There is a pizza van parking on the Market Place on a Thursday and a Saturday and the councillors were wondering if any permission from DCC had been granted for the van. It isn't right that the fish & chip shop and the pizza shop are paying rates. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC

2. **PONDERS LANE BRIDGE** – DCC have inspected the bridge but the bridge and this will be repaired.

3. **FALLEN TREE AT WEST BLACKDENE** – The fallen tree has been inspected and the land where the tree is does not belong to DCC, it is on private land.

4. **RESILIENCE PLAN** – The Dales Centre has been booked for Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7pm. Letters have been sent inviting representatives from all of the village halls. Laura Dobson will be attending and A Maddison. A representative suggested inviting the Weardale Community Transport that could transport people to the village halls. After contacting the vice-chair and chairman it was felt that at this moment in time it was too early as we don't know how many village halls will be willing to open. It was a good idea so in the future they could be contacted.

5. **FENCE AT THE GREY BULL, STANHOPE** – Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that the fence opposite the Grey Bull still had not been repaired. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC

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Correspondence Received

1. An email has been received from Heidi from Light Up The Dale letting us know that Ireshopeburn have expressed an interest in applying to them for the Christmas Lights fund. Once Light Up the Dale here back from Ireshopeburn Village then they will ask the Parish Council for the £1500 grant money.
2. Cllr Mrs Humble has handed her resignation in as Ward Councillor for Lanehead and Cowshill. DCC will have to be notified. A representative for the WAAP is needed. **Resolved:** Clerk to send a thank you card to Cllr Mrs Humble and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs A Hawkes would be the Parish Council representative.
3. We have been copied into an email from A Maddison regarding the condition of Wearhead Play Surface, this does belong to DCC. Concerns were raised about the quality of the play area matting. A reply came back from J Young that the equipment is safe, undamaged and offers a good range of activities. It would benefit from a coat of paint if funds were available.
4. A resident would like the footpath cutting at the back of Ashcroft.

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Queens Platinum Jubilee

1. Invitations for guests who are to be invited. **Resolved:** Clerk to invite M Tellright + Guest, Colin Patterson + guest, the wife of the deputy Lieutenant, Cllr Mrs Savory + guest, Simon Makepeace + guest, Simon the Community Highways Worker + guest, Darren Hunt + guest, Rev C McClelland +guest, Rev Bruce Sawyer + guest, Mr & Mrs Powell, A Maddison + guest, V Bowman.
2. Order of Service - Agreed
3. Flowers for Mrs Fenwick - Agreed
4. Cllr Craig to meet the deputy Lieutenant at the Quarry entrance and take him up to the car park - Agreed
5. Pallets from Daltons – Daltons will ring the week before and will deliver the pallets on the Wednesday to the quarry
6. Who is going to help build the beacon and when will it be built? The pallets will be heavy. – Wednesday

7. Pole with a rag around the end soaked in diesel which will be lit then used to light the beacon. Who will provide the pole extra?

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County Councillor Update

The Sands in Durham is in the process of being sold to the University of Durham.

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Planning Matters

DM/21/03985/FPA

Proposal is to replace the existing old stone slate roof with modern roof construction of plastic-coated metal sheeting finished in an anthracite grey colour.

Land east of the Barn

Shallowford

Westgate

DM/22/00443/FPA

Change of use of open space to residential and detached single storey garage

Sparkes House

Front Street

Wearhead

DM/22/00909/FPA

Change of use of open space land to residential.

Station House

Burnfoot

St Johns Chapel

Cllr Mrs Thompson has concerns regarding the parking

DM/22/00974/LB

Stabilisation and repair to stone structure. Area of demolition and rebuild using existing stonework.

Repointing.

Bonny Moor Hen

Front Street

Stanhope

DM/22/00799/FPA

Erection of agricultural livestock building

Westernhopeburn Farm

Eastgate

DM/22/01049/FPA

Demolition of existing garage and workshop to be replaced with

Garage, workshop and car port

Wear Lodge

Stanhope

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Finance

1. St Andrews Westgate would like to apply for the annual churchyard maintenance grant. **Resolved.** Clerk to send £300
2. A Maddison has sent an email from John Bennett from Surfacing Standards regarding the MUGA at Ashcroft. The email has been sent to all of the councillors. The fee proposal remains valid until the beginning of July which is £5280.00. Bill Lightburn the Towns and Villages coordinator is to check to see if the professional fee proposal can be built into the funding bid. All emails have been sent to the councillors as it has been suggested that a tarmac surface be used. Angelina would like to know how much match funding the Parish Council will be putting in. Cllr Miss Carrick asked the clerk to contact Angelina to find out how much the surface is going to cost as we have had no figures. Also, how much match funding is she expecting from the Parish Council. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that the project will cost £45,000 with the resurfacing and the lights. Cllr Shuttleworth mentioned that he will sort the £25,000 that the Parish Council would have to pay when the Service Level Agreement is due for renewal in 2025 for the street lighting up the dale. **Resolved:** With this in mind the councillors agreed £10,000 towards the Ashcroft Play Park.
3. Bank reconciliation figures handed around. The figures for the Annual Return are prepared and will be given to the Internal Auditor shortly.
4. St Johns Chapel PCC would like to apply for the churchyard maintenance £300. **Resolved:** Clerk to send £300

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AAP Report

No report available

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Accounts for Payment

E-ON NEXT ASHCROFT PLAY PARK - PAID	£19.50
CDALC SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE 2022/23	£643.81
NPOWER – LIGHTING AT STANHOPE	£1542.21
NPOWER – CONTINUOUS PUBLIC LIGHTING	£321.54
SMITH OF DERBY – FROSTERLEY VILLAGE HALL CLOCK	£258.00
SMITH OF DERBY – WEARHEAD VILLAGE HALL CLOCK	£258.00
SMITH OF DERBY – WESTGATE VILLAGE HALL CLOCK	£258.00
DCC LIGHTING REPAIR COLUMN	£47.57
DCC HIRE MEETING ROOM – APRIL	£45.00
WAVE DADDRY SHIELD PUBLIC CONV	£45.80
SCOTTISH WIDOWS	£43,000.00
DCC LIGHTING REPAIRS HECKBERRY COTTAGE	£239.78
BT PHONE BILL – PAID	£86.65
WAVE ALLOTMENTS WILLARD GROVE	£38.92
WAVE OLD CEMETERY STANHOPE	£13.10
S ANDERSON SALARY	£791.66
S ANDERSON HM REV	£5.06
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£148.42
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
ST JOHNS CHAPEL PCC	£300.00
TOTAL	£5098.02

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Craig mentioned that the first bore hole is due to start being drilled for lithium.
2. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff would like to report pot holes on the road between Huntshildford down to the Ford. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
3. Cllr Turton mentioned that the roundabout at the Riverside Play Park has not been repaired yet. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
4. The sign at Bollihope has been defaced and now reads £1 instead of £100. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
5. Cllr Mrs Thompson mentioned the footpath from Pennine Lodge to the Weardale Inn. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth will deal with this.
6. Some slow down signs are needed down Burnfoot to the school. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
7. Cllr Mrs Thompson would like Angelina Maddison to contact her. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact A Maddison
8. Cllr Mrs Hawkes mentioned the doctor’s surgery and should we ask a representative to attend a meeting. At the moment the only issue seems to be the phone lines so it was decided to wait a few months but it would be kept in mind.
9. Cllr Brewin mentioned the allotments at Crosshill and Bondisle that some are overgrown. An inspection is due one evening.
10. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned the water tap at Bondisle which has been repaired. The Riverside Toilets are open but had been closed for repairs.

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Clerks Business

A tenant from Crosshill who is giving up their plots has asked for an extension to be able to clear the plot. They have offered to pay a couple of months’ rent to be able to do this. After consulting with the chairman, it was decided to allow the tenant two months to clear the plot starting 20th April and ending 20th June 2022 with a charge of £24.

A plot has been left with rubbish on it so Cllr Craig agreed to ask S Makepeace to take the rubbish away. There are a few empty plots which need a good clear out what are the councillors’ thoughts on this. Do we ask S Makepeace to clear them all if so, do I return the cheque to the tenant who offered to pay for two months? **Resolved:** Clerk to return the cheque and it was agreed to help the tenants clear the plots as and when they are let.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 1ST June 2022 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm

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