

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 7th November 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr Miss J Carrick 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 P Murphy,
Cllr Mrs S Thompson

Susan Anderson Clerk

Also Present

MR Barrie Alderson – Outdoor Facility Manager, Tracy Edwards

PC Billy Crampsie

Cllr Miss Carrick welcomed our new councillor Peter Murphy to the meeting

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Craig

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To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2018

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

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Barrie Alderson – Outdoor Facility Manager, Tracy Edwards

Barrie Alderson showed the councillors four designs of the play equipment that had been submitted following tender. The councillors chose design number 2. The equipment has a fifteen-year guarantee and warranty on it. If the area floods there is no adverse effect to the equipment and the area can be power washed. **Resolved:** It was proposed and seconded that Barrie Alderson progresses the procurement of this tender. All councillors were in agreement

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Police and the Community

Cllr Miss Carrick welcomed PC Crampsie to the meeting. Both Show weekends had been successful with few incidents. PC Crampsie is trying to get permission for the Christmas lights to be plugged into there office. With the dark nights there is a small increase in poaching and PC Crampsie is encouraging residents to ring in and report any sightings. Apparently, there is fraud and scams going on with texts and emails. Action Fraud is the first point of contact if this happens. Good news stories are that a seventeen-year-old was caught in the dale and arrested. In Barnard Castle thousands of

pounds of clothing was found in a premises and a lad was remanded in Bishop Auckland for the rape of a young girl. As yet the dogs that had been stolen at Frosterley have not been found and the parking of motorcycles in the disabled bays in Stanhope will be asked to park sensibly. The promotion of marking children's bikes can be arranged, and a venue decided. The two tri responders have left, and Stanhope has a new PCSO

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Matters Arising

1. **STANHOPE TOWN HALL** – DCC are currently looking at the possibility of disposing of the Town Hall on the open market. The asset section had been informed about the broken window and an order to get the window pane replaced has been placed. DCC don't want to start boarding up the property which has a high profile within Stanhope
2. **FLOWER TUBS IN THE DALE** – The flowers have looked well this year with the unseasonably warm weather as normally we have cold weather and frost and the flowers die back well before they are taken out. The beds have to be emptied and prepared which is a big task. The same process has been done for many years. Cllr Shuttleworth has asked for the beds to be planted first which DCC have accommodated.
3. **WEARDALE PRACTICE OUT OF HOURS** - We have been sent the CCG briefing which has a full explanation of the current situation with the Extended Primary Care Access service provided across all of Durham Dales Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group. It is proposed that the hubs are reduced to one site so for the Dales it would be Bishop Auckland with outreach services for frail/housebound patients including home visits and pre bookable appointments. The CCG intends to carry out a 6 week public consultation starting in late October/early November. Meetings will be held across the DDES area where the proposals for change will be presented. There will be a meeting on Saturday 24th Nov between 10am-12noon at Wolsingham School
4. **FOOTPATH OFFICER** – The footpath officer will look at the concerns raised in Slit Wood and St Johns Chapel
5. **MOLES IN BURTREEFORD CEMETERY** – The cemetery will be assessed shortly to decide what treatment approach is needed and then there will be an undertaking of a course of visits to try to clear the issue
6. **COAL AUTHORITY AND ENVIRONMENT AGENCY** – Mr Regan from the Coal Authority and the Environment Agency are holding a drop in event at the Dales Centre on 21st November between 1pm and 7pm. There is a larger amount of information to share so they have decided to hold their event rather than attend the Parish Council meeting. All the councillors are invited to attend this.
7. **COWSHILL WAR MEMORIAL** – The work to the memorial has gone to plan and the finishing touches should be completed on Wednesday. The cleaning of the memorial has been done along with the lettering. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC as the railings and the soil are not done
8. **PRESENTATION ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING** – C Dillon has confirmed that she can attend the 6th March meeting 2019 to give the presentation on Neighbourhood Planning
9. **VILLAGE NAMEPLATES** – Cllr Shuttleworth has been approached by A Maddison re the Parish Council suggesting they might want to have nameplates in stone walls for the villages and looking for funding. Right now all the nameplates in the villages are the responsibility of DCC and should remain that way in perpetuity. It would be a further burden on the Parish to take these on with maintenance costs and insurance. Issues on 30mph signs are subject to Traffic Regulation Orders and can't just be moved. This was only an idea and no proposals had been put forward **Resolved:** Clerk to contact A Maddison

10. **SMIDDYBURN BRIDGE** - There has been no reply yet from the Inspectorate **Resolved:** Clerk to chase up
11. **ROOKHOPE LIGHTS** - Cllr Thompson would like more clarification on the street lights. The Parish Council have asked for costings to keep the lights if not on the wooden poles then on the new metal street columns **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
12. **STREET LIGHT ST JOHNS CHAPEL** – The light is in the middle of the footpath and mobility scooters and pushchairs cannot get past **Resolved:** Clerk to chase up
13. **FOOTBALL MATCH ENQUIRY** – Cllr Blackett reported that the other football team playing was Kirk Merrington **Resolved:** Clerk to advise of the team
14. **GULLY SUCKER** – The gully sucker has now been to Frosterley and Eastgate
15. **WEEDS AT STATION ROAD** – The inspector has been out and cannot find where the weeds are growing through the tarmac. **Resolved:** Cllr Mrs Hutchinson will contact the resident
16. **FROSTERLEY BECK** - The Beck has now been cleaned out

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Correspondence Received

1. The Westgate Allotment Association no longer exists so we have been informed that an inspection is needed as there are six plots where the tenants have not cultivated anything. The Westgate site will now come under our rules and the tenants will need a set of rules which could be sent out in February when the rents are collected **Resolved;** Clerk to send letters out after an inspection
2. There was a temporary road closure at Broken Way, St Johns Chapel to enable manhole cover and frame renewal works
3. The 11th edition of the Charles Arnold Baker publication is now available which costs £110.99 which includes delivery
4. WE have been sent a copy of a draft Order on the proposed stopping up of highway at 2 Briar Hill, Ireshopeburn. We have until 23rd November 2018 for objections to be received **Resolved:** Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Cllr Mrs Thompson
5. National Tree Week will run from 24th Nov to 2nd Dec 2018 completed forms need to be returned by 16th November 2018. A maximum grant of £150 is available for any groups wishing to undertake well -planned tree planting projects during National Tree Week **Resolved:** Clerk to forward to Cllr Miss Graham and Cllr Mrs Maddison
6. A resident from Bondisle has reported that a 2m length of wall of the allotment wall has come down and needs repairing **Resolved:** Clerk to ask S Makepeace to repair the wall
7. An allotment tenant has reported that vehicles are continuing to come into the allotments at Bondisle in wet conditions. He is suggesting for the Parish Council to put a galvanised pedestrian gate on so that the gate could be locked in the winter months but a small gate to allow access. The tenant is willing to fit the gate if the Parish Council purchases the gate. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to all the tenants that vehicles must not enter the allotments in wet conditions
8. DCC are currently running a few consultations and if we want to respond they are AAP Priorities for 2019/20 closing date 30/11/18, Planning, Digital Strategy and closing date 25/11/18 and Seaham Townscape Heritage Project Phase 2 closing date 30/11/18
9. The charge per elector for our area will be 16.99p per elector which is an increase of 1.9%

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Planning Matters

DM/18/02866/AD

Advertisement consent for non-illuminated fascia and projecting sign

Front Street

Frosterley

Mrs H Maddison

Cllr Mrs Maddison and Cllr D Ellwood declared an interest

DM/18/03025/FPA

Conversion and extension of existing garage/annex to 1no residential dwelling with associated amenity space and parking

Allerton Court

Stanhope

Mr D Dixon

DM/18/02391/FPA

Two storey side and rear extensions

1 White Kirkley

Frosterley

Mr S Wood

DM/18/02948/AD

Notice Board

St Thomas Church Hall

Stanhope

Stanhope Parish Council

DM/18/03214/FPA

Change of use from kennels to domestic use

High Rigg

Wearhead

Spence & Dower LLP

PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVALS

DM/18/01820/FPA + DM/18/02470/LB

4 dwellings and extension to existing car park

(revised scheme to DM/14/1130/FPA retrospective)

The Mews

Stanhope

S Robson/Arrandene

DM/18/02315/lb

Listed building consent for external and internal works part retrospective

Pine Cottage and Lock – Up

Lanehead

Peter Wood

DM/18/02590/LB

Replacement of existing concrete coping stones with natural stone, creation of new steps, installation of guard rail.

Cowhill War Memorial

DCC

DM/18/01476/FPA

Change of use of land to residential curtilage enclosed by boundary wall and new vehicular access (retrospective)

Crag Stile

Lanehead

A Lees

DM/18/02143/FPA

Removal of existing timber windows and installation of new white upvc window comprising 8 new vertical sliding sash windows and 4 new casement windows

7 Weardale House

Stanhope

Mrs Marriott

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General Data Protection

Nothing to report

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Parish Council Website

New councillor details to be added

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Finance

The bank reconciliation figures were handed around and agreed

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AAP Report

The meeting will be 22nd November at the Dale Centre commencing at 2pm

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CDALC Report

Cllr Ellwood is attending the AONB meeting representing CDALC and will also be on the WAAP representing CDALC. He is attending Witton le Wear Parish Council to introduce himself as the CDALC representative

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Accounts for Payment

County Durham Association of Local Councils

Purchase of Good Councillors Guides

£61.89

DCC Aug Hire of meeting room

£60.00

BT Clerks Phone Bill	£172.32
DCC Community Highways Worker 2018/19	£14,750.94
Npower Ashcroft Play Area	£31.29
NWG Business Public Conv Daddry Shield	£44.42
Northgate Systems	£24.00
NWG Business Allotments Willard Grove	£43.32
Paul Irwin Grass Cutting Ashcroft	£150.00
Oliver's Tree Services	£456.00
NWG Business Old Cemetery	£28.56
S Anderson salary	£708.07
HM Rev PAYE	£16.20
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
S Anderson Expenses	£23.25
TOTAL	£16605.26

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Blackett would like to report that the white lines at Shaftwell Head need painting urgently. Also the white lines from Parkhead to Blanchland need painting **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
2. The 30mph sign at Wearhead is flashing and needs repairing **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
3. The 30mph sign at Frosterley coming in from Stanhope is flashing and needs repairing **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
4. Cllr Mrs Humble and Cllr Thompson would like to know if Newtown House is opening as a Care Home again and if it is who has bought it. Why are London Investors involved and will it be an elderly care home **Resolved:** Clerk to ask the question to DCC as a FOI request and also to write to S Timmiss
5. Part of the Old cemetery wall is falling down at Burtreeford and the hedge in the new part of the cemetery needs reducing in height and trimming **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
6. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff commented that the Daddry Shield toilets need closing for the winter **Resolved:** Clerk to arrange for the toilets to be closed
7. Cllr Mrs Hutchinson mentioned that the wiring is now completed and the road from the Village Hall down to the main road needs re-surfacing **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
8. The road from Station road head to Hagg Bridge needs re-surfacing as the side of the road is now giving way
9. The bridge has not been repaired after a wagon hit it. It would make sense to repair it now before the road is re-surfaced **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC

10. Some retaining walls have been reported to DCC for repair and the gully sucker cleaned numerous drains out
11. Cllr Mrs Thompson would like the branches cutting back in the play park at Ireshopeburn
Resolved: Clerk to report to DCC
12. The drain at Stoney Path is blocked with straw **Resolved:** Clerk to report to D Hunt
13. The road at Lane Hill needs re-surfacing **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
14. Cllr Murphy mentioned the Commemorative weekend that he has organised at Stanhope Workingmen's Club
15. Cllr Miss Graham would like an update on Stanhope Town Hall **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
16. An invite to be sent to Phil Hodgson to attend the February meeting to discuss transport
Resolved: Clerk to invite to February meeting
17. Cllr Miss Carrick would like a salt bin at Cowgarth Hill which has been requested **Resolved:** Clerk to chase up
18. There are moles in Crawleyside Play Park that need catching **Resolved:** Clerk to organise
19. Some of the seats have been painted up the dale and some of them haven't been **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt
20. The planters and the seats need tidying in front of the church **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at the Dales Centre commencing at 7pm

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