

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 6th November 2019

PRESENT:

Cllr Miss J Carrick Chair

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr B Thompson, Cllr D Ellwood,

Cllr Miss F Graham, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs S Thompson

Also present:

Angelina Maddison- WAAP

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Craig, Cllr W Wearmouth, Cllr A Hawkes

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To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr Miss F Graham

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Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2019

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 December meeting

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Angelina Maddison – WAAP

Cllr Miss Carrick welcomed Angelina to the meeting to discuss Rookhope Play Park equipment. The councillors were handed a diagram of the intended new equipment which had been chosen by the community of Rookhope. After going through the procurement procedure, it will be Wickstead play equipment that will be installed in the New Year. The budget allocation is Stanhope Parish Council £7.5K, Weardale AAP £7.5K, Cllr J Shuttleworth £3.25K, Cllr Mrs A Savory £3.25K and DCC £2.5K. It was mentioned about planting bags of bulbs in the villages **Resolved:** Angelina will look at the costings

Cllr Mrs Thompson mentioned that the play park at Ireshopeburn needs updating and also Crawleyside and St Johns Chapel was also mentioned. This could be another project to work together on. It has been said how nice the children are in the dale that are using the skate park at Wolsingham. The older ones are showing the younger ones what to do **Resolved:** Angelina will take a few photographs of the play parks

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Matters Arising

1. **COWSHILL WAR MEMORIAL** - The request has been sent to DCC to have the wall of the War Memorial repaired. The wall will be repaired before Remembrance Sunday
2. **BENCH AT RIVERSIDE WALK, STANHOPE** - D Hunt has suggested that he can move a seat from the corner of Horn Hall onto the Riverside Walk. One of the benches next to the wall needs removing and it will be replaced at Horn Hall. **Resolved:** The councillors agreed to D Hunt putting the seat onto the Riverside Walk
3. **RIVERSIDE PLAYPARK** – The benches are all out of line since the new equipment has gone in. It would be nice to have them arranged around the new equipment; D Hunt would meet up to show exactly where they should go **Resolved:** Cllr Miss J Carrick will meet D Hunt
4. **TREE AT CATTLE GRID AT HILL END** – The tree has been reported again through the help desk
5. **GATE AT CRAWLEYSIDE CATTLE GRID** - The gate has been inspected again and DCC have commented that no immediate work is planned. The Parish Council will monitor the gate
6. **PARKING AT WESTGATE** – We have received another complaint regarding the parking. Cllr Craig has spoken with the PCSO
7. **ROOKHOPE PLAY AREA** – T Edwards from the WAAP wanted confirmation when we agreed the £7500 for Rookhope Play Area. The September minutes were sent
8. **NOTICEBOARDS** – Mr Hutchinson has sent an update and he will be in touch when he has an idea when the Noticeboards will be ready to be installed
9. **WOLSINGHAM SCHOOL FOI** - The required information has been received and noted
10. **TWO PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS WARD 6 AND STROKE REHABILITATION** – Due to the general election these two consultations have been paused and will resume on January 14th 2020
11. **WHITE LINES AND TUBS UP THE DALE** – Both jobs have been completed
12. **OVERHANGING BRANCHES AT SWIMMING POOL** – The swimming pool committee can cut the overhanging branches as DCC do not do it **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the Committee
13. **BINS ON FRONT STREET, FROSTERLEY** - Certain bins are still not been put back into the properties that they belong to. A small patio has been created in the play park for the bins to stand on **Resolved:** Clerk to report it again to DCC
14. **POSTERS FROM LAST MEETING NHS** – Cllr Mrs Thompson would like a poster to put up **Resolved:** Clerk to send one to her
15. **ROAD BETWEEN BURTREEFORD BRIDGE AND BURNHOPE HOUSE** - Cllr Mrs Humble and Cllr L Blackett commented that DCC have done a good job of the road
16. **WATER ON THE ROAD AT ROOKHOPE** – Cllr Thompson has been in contact with the highways inspector and the road should be done next week
17. **TOWN HALL, STANHOPE** – Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned the Town Hall as a point of interest and that any information from Addisons would be appreciated

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. A request has been received for another water tap at the Crosshill Site due to the overcrowded tap that is already there. A discussion took place if it was really needed, Ireshopeburn has no water on site **Resolved:** Clerk to write to the tenant that it was decided to wait until the spring and it would be discussed then
2. S Ragg has sent details of the Nations Toast to the Heroes of WW2 and the ringing of church bells as part of the nationwide Ringing Out for Peace on the 8th May 2020 – VE Day. This is to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

3. The Civic Carol Service will be held on Sunday 1st Dec 2019 in the Town Hall, Spennymoor at 2.30pm for a 3pm start.
4. The County Training Partnership has commissioned a Planning Consultant to give an overview of the Planning Process including details of how to respond and object to planning applications. This will be held on 26th November at County Hall, Committee Room 2 from 6-8.30pm **Resolved:** Cllr Mrs Humble will attend this
5. Details have again been sent regarding the two public consultations, Stroke Rehabilitation and Ward 6.
6. An email has been received from a resident at White Kirkley that the road is in a bad state of repair. This has been reported to DCC for the Highways Inspector to look at.
7. With the grass cutting season now over can all councillors think of any jobs they would doing so that we can pass them onto Darren for Simon to do.
8. CDALC has sent a reminder about the Climate Change Consultation which closes shortly. Email was sent to all councillors
9. A resident has reported a stone slab missing off a bridge in Stanhope Dene leading down to The Mill. This has been reported to DCC which has been passed onto the Bridges Section for the repair work to be done.
10. A Rural Community Led Housing Event will be held on Thursday 7th November between 4.00pm – 6.00pm at the Dales Centre, Stanhope. The event has been organised by Community Homes on the Map, a partnership which aims to support individuals and groups to explore the concept of community led housing. **Resolved:** Cllr Miss Carrick will attend
11. Communities Secretary launches most ambitious heritage preservation campaign for 40 years. Communities across England are encouraged to nominate heritage assets which make their community what it is. The ten counties that will receive an allocation of the funding will be announced in due course. The planning system recognises three types of heritage asset- those which are of international importance, those which are of national importance and those which are important locally. Locally important heritage assets are identified by local planning authorities and neighbourhood plan forums based on locally-set criteria. These experts will work with the government 's new independent local heritage advise.
12. The Town Mayor, Cllr Elizabeth Wood invites us to attend her Civic Dinner on Friday 24th January 2020. Tickets are priced at £26 and a form has to returned by 19th December 2019
13. Durham Community Action in conjunction with Coalfields Regeneration Trust invites the Parish Council to a workshop being held on 13th November at Blackhall Community Centre
14. Durham Community Action are holding courses for anyone with connections with Community Buildings or be running a community building.
15. Nominations are invited to attend the Royal Garden Party in 2020. Recognition is for past service as Chairman of Parish Council
16. National Tree Week will run from 23rd Nov to 1st Dec 2019. Completed application forms should be returned by 15th November 2019.
17. S Ragg would like to know if there are any councillors or clerks who would be interested in filling one of three directly elected positions on the NALC Smaller Councils Committee. If anyone is interested, then you will have to act by the end of this week.
18. Information has been sent from S Ragg on guidance for councillors during Purdah. The email was sent to all councillors
19. At the recent AGM of CDALC presentations were given about climate change. A workshop will be organised, and details will follow
20. Further allocation of Pocket Parks Funding is available. Grants are available to support renovation of parks that have fallen into disrepair. Any application will need to ensure that they have at least 30% match funding achieved. Closing date for full applications is 31st Dec
21. The next smaller Councils Forum meeting will be held at 14.00 on 21st November and hosted by Horden Parish Council.

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Memorial Plaque – Crawleyside

It was discussed about a Memorial Plaque commemorating the people who lost their lives on Crawleyside from Blackhall Bowls Club. The councillors thought a plaque on the wall opposite where the accident happened would last a lifetime. **Resolved:** Cllr Thompson will ask permission from the owner of the wall

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Planning Matters

DM/19/03145/FPA

Replace timber windows with UPVC

High Watch

Lanehead

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

DM/19/03386/FPA

Change of use of land to residential curtilage enclosed by boundary wall and new vehicular access (retrospective) together with the erection of two storey extension to side

Crag Stile

Lanehead

DM/19/01395/FPA

Conversion of barn outbuilding to single family dwelling house

Bushey Flatt Farm

Stanhope

DM/19/02414/FPA

First floor extension to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to holiday let and replacement of gas and septic tank

High Rowantree Farm

Ireshopeburn

DM/19/02655/FPA & DM/19/02656/LB

Change of use of a redundant agricultural barn to residential use, the creation of a residential curtilage, demolition and partial demolition of redundant buildings and associated works and infrastructure

Stotsfield Farm

Rookhope

DM/19/02709/FPA

Erection of wind turbine

Scutter Hill

Westgate

DM/19/02483/FPA
Single storey rear extension
Hill House Farm
Westgate

DM/19/02869/FPA
Two storey side extension
Dyke House
Brotherlee

DM/19/01409/FPA
Change of use to garden and small holding, new access, gates and walls. Two storey extension to side, new shed and kennel to rear
Bank Foot Cottage
Westgate

DM/19/02082/FPA
Two storey rear extension at number 6 Britton Hall and new access from existing highway from A689 for 5&6 Britton Hall
5&6 Britton Hall
Westgate

DM/19/02408/AD
Illuminated advert
Horn Hall Farm
Stanhope

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Parish Council Website

Nothing to report

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Finance

1. Ireshopeburn Institute would like to apply for the £500 village hall grant money **Resolved**; It was agreed to send £500
2. County of Durham School Benevolent Fund would like us to consider giving them a donation. The fund provides needy families with up to £35 towards the cost of a pair of shoes and a winter coat for school children
3. Bank Reconciliation figures up to 30th September 2019
4. Stanhope Sports and Social Club were wondering if the Parish Council could assist in helping them to purchase a Christmas Tree with lights. The cost being £320. The Club allow the free use of their concert room to any organisation that requires to raise funds for charitable purposes. The club has also donated to Stanhope Silver Band, the MS sponsored walk and

they donate annually to Light Up The Dale. Cllr Miss Graham declared an interest **Resolved:**
It was agreed to donate £50 and for the Club to contact Light Up the Dale

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AAP Report

No report

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CDALC Report

A slide show was presented to the meeting which was poorly attended

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Accounts for Payment

DCC Hire of meeting room for September	£60.00
Weardale Publishing Advert	£18.60
JRB Enterprise Ltd	£537.60
BT Clerks Phone Bill	£120.71
Paul Irwin – Grass cutting Ashcroft	£150.00
WAVE Daddry Shield Toilets	£57.37
WAVE Old Cemetery, Stanhope	£12.56
WAVE Allotments, Willard Grove	£55.16
DCC Hire of meeting room for October	£50.00
S Anderson salary	£725.23
HM Rev PAYE	£28.47
S Anderson Expenses	£29.28
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
Makepeace Motors grass cutting Old Cemetery	£1377.12
Makepeace Motors Daddry Shield Toilets	£1302.00
TOTAL	£4559.10

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Humble was pleased to see that the highways worker had done a litter pick between Eastgate and Westgate.

2. The car park sign still hasn't been renewed by the bridge at Cowshill **Resolved:** Clerk to report it again to DCC
3. Cllr Mrs Humble mentioned that the clerk's salary cheque needs signing for January when there is no meeting
4. The back road from Ireshopeburn to Hartehope the roadside ditches need digging out. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
5. Cllr Brewin mentioned that there is a van parked on the footpath opposite the Frosterley Inn after 5pm. The van is parked right across the pavement with no consideration to people who have a mobility scooter **Resolved:** Clerk to report the problem
6. The bench on The Green at Frosterley needs tidying up underneath it. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to D Hunt
7. The footpath between Frosterley and Stanhope could do with a tidy up. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to D Hunt
8. Cllr Blackett and Cllr Miss Graham mentioned that Simon our Community Highways Worker is taking part in Movember. The councillors as individuals sponsored Simon. The councillors thought it would nice if we had a photo to put on our website **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Simon
9. Cllr Thompson cannot read the work sheets that are sent through any suggestions would be welcome **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
10. Cllr Ellwood has had a reply back from the AONB regarding an art installation in Weardale. Any ideas or a location in the dale would be welcome as the AONB are open to suggestions. A councillor mentioned Bollihope bottoms or Ashes Quarry **Resolved:** Clerk to write
11. Cllr Mrs Thompson would like a sight meeting at Ireshopeburn with J Hodges **Resolved:** Clerk to arrange a meeting
12. The whole village of Ireshopeburn from top to bottom needs a good tidy up .**Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt
13. The trees in Ireshopeburn need cutting back since the new lights have been put in as the area is dark **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
14. Cllr Ellwood would like to know when the orange street lights will be replaced, is there a programme of works organised **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
15. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff would like footpath 20 at Island House East Blackdene inspected as the path is under water. It could be a Northumbria water problem but DCC should inspect it first. **Resolved:** Clerk to report it to DCC
16. There is a ditch that needs digging out down the road from Huntshildford at St Johns Chapel. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to D Hunt and Cllr Mrs Sutcliff will show the problem area
17. Cllr Miss Graham would like to report two streetlights off next to the solicitors and down the bank on the wall **Resolved:** Clerk to report the lights to DCC
18. The road markings at Ashcroft still have not been done. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact L Mowbray again
19. Cllr Miss Carrick would like the school hedge and tree trimmed back now that the birds will have flown **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the school

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th December 2019 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm

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