

## STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting via ZOOM of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr W Wearmouth, Cllr L Blackett

Cllr B Thompson, Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes

Due to joining difficulties Cllr Miss F Graham, Cllr Mrs H Maddison, Cllr M Brewin were unable to take part in the meeting

Cllr D Craig - Chairman

Susan Anderson Clerk

### 10376

#### Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs S Thompson

### 10377

#### To receive any declarations of Interest from Members

None

### 10378

#### Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Minutes were moved as a true and correct record and will be signed by the chairman when a face to face meeting can be held.

### 10379

#### Police and the Community

PCSO Kirsty Smith from Crook NPT has moved up to join the Stanhope Team. PCSO Craig Dowson has left the team to progress his Police Career and is due to start his training in November.

Neighbourhood officers continue to work varied shifts to target suspicious vehicles and offer high visibility patrols in the area. Suspicious Vehicles sent in via the Rural Watch Whatsapp Group continue to be checked and warning letters sent. Officers are continuing this week to target youths and monitor incorrect usage of fireworks over Halloween and Bonfire Night. A group of youths were dispersed and sent home after been given advice on COVID regulations and drinking alcohol underage. A graph was sent on the Incident Types in Weardale for October.

### 10380

#### Matters Arising

1. **Dales Centre** – A meeting has taken place between Business Durham Managers and Public Health Durham and we are now allowed to use the meeting room. To accommodate the room set up there is a room limit of 9 people. Email was sent to the councillors.
2. **Flower tubs at St Johns Chapel** – These tubs have now been planted

3. **Crawleyside speed limit** – Due to the formation of the road the police PCSO's are unable to conduct Community Speed Watch due to needed specific conditions and risk assessments which this road would not be able to meet for the speed camera. Cllr Mrs Hawkes has spoken to PCSO Chloe Gilding who has written to DCC. It was suggested that a petition to get the speed limit reduced should be organised. Ideally from the top of the bank to the bottom the speed limit should be 30mph. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC
4. **Fly Field, Frosterley** – Correspondence has been received and noted
5. **Request for 30mph Hill End, Frosterley** – A reply has been received from DCC regarding the request for further signage. The full reply was sent to Cllr Mrs Maddison. DCC is required to comply with relevant legislation regarding speed limits and the associated traffic signage. In the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it provides that a road is subject to a 30mph speed limit if there is a system of streetlights unless there is an Order made to alter this limit. In the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 it states that a 30mph repeater signs shall not be provided on a road on which there is a system of streetlights and subject to a 30mph speed limit. Guidance to motorists arising from this legislation is given in Rule 124 of the Highway Code such that the presence of streetlights generally means that there is a 30mph speed limit unless otherwise specified.
6. **Rotten gate post, Crawleyside** – The post has now been replaced
7. **Extra Toilet Provision** – A second email has been sent requesting extra permanent toilet provision in Stanhope.
8. **Crosshill Allotments** – The allotments on this site will be monitored regularly
9. **Frosterley Play Park** – Cllr Mrs Maddison met with the DCC Official who deals with play parks. The meeting was very disappointing, and he did not offer an apology or a reason why the repairs took so long to do.

## 10381

### Correspondence Received

1. A resident from High Street, Stanhope whose land borders the old cemetery has concerns that some branches need cutting back that are overhanging onto their property. Olivers Tree Services have been contacted for a site meeting so a report will come back to the Parish Council and we can follow their recommendations. Clerk contacted the chairman
2. The BHS have put notices up in Wearhead about the possibility of old historic routes being listed as Bridleways. They have to provide evidence of the route and they have quoted from SPC minutes from the 1950's. The landowners will be contacted along with the Parish Council when or if highways think it is worth pursuing. This could be a couple of years down the line. If necessary we can get the minutes from the County Archivist. Comments from the landowners can be sent in now and will be held on file. DCC have sent a link to the applications in Stanhope Parish.
3. People across County Durham are being invited to have their say on the future of the area at a series of virtual events where residents will also be thanked for their good work during the pandemic. The Weardale Action Partnership Event will take place on Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Email has been sent to all the councillors
4. A request for a polytunnel on the Old Hall Site has been received. The application shows the size and location. Emails was sent to all the councillors. **Resolved:** Application approved
5. Historic England is currently assessing the Memorial to John Wesley to enhance the list entry on the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. Historic England believe that we are responsible for the monument. Mr Heatherington from the Weardale Museum has confirmed that the museum has never been maintained by them. Once the preliminary assessment has been carried out, we will be sent a copy of the report. We will be invited to

make any comments. **Resolved:** Clerk to find out who has maintained the memorial in the past.

6. An email has been received from a resident concerned about Ashcroft Play Park. There is a lot of graffiti around and the flooring and equipment is in need of some maintenance. Simon has been and inspected the play equipment again and all the photographs have been sent to the councillors. Simon feels that some damage has been done between the Risk Assessment Inspection and now. S Makepeace will price a new basket for the birds nest, this has been removed for safety reasons. The 12ft balancing beam log as it has a split in has been replaced with a new log.
7. Due to an unsafe footbridge structure at Boltsburn Mine on footpath 42 over Rookhope Burn, it will be necessary to temporarily close to pedestrian traffic a 50 metre length of this footpath from the meeting point with footpath 41 in a north easterly direction.
8. The County Durham Plan has been adopted by DCC on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. This covers the period from 2016- 2035.
9. Cllr Mrs Humble would like a litter pick from Cowshill to Killhope as there is a lot of rubbish laid about. Clerk has requested a litter pick to D Hunt.
10. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff would like the bridge inspecting at Coronation Crossing in Ireshopeburn has it has been hit by a vehicle. Clerk has reported this to DCC
11. An allotment tenant at Willard Grove would like permission to put a small 1 square meter pond to encourage toads and other slug eaters. This would be at the back of the plot away from the houses. The councillors decided after a discussion to refuse the application for a pond. **Resolved:** Application refused clerk to write to the tenant

## 10382

### Planning Matters

DM/20/02707/FPA

Single story extension with balcony  
22 Graham Street  
Stanhope

DM/20/03006/FPA

Two storey extension  
Laneside Farm  
Wearhead

DM/20/02412/FPA

Double garage and log store  
The Forge  
Newhouse  
Ireshopeburn

### PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

DM/20/00920/FPA

Change of use from D2 field centre to a single dwelling  
Lanehead Old School Field Centre  
Lanehead

DM/20/01458/FPA

Two storey extension to NW elevation roof replacement, installation of roof lights and alteration to existing doors and windows  
15 High Street  
Stanhope

DM/20/02174/LB

Internal and external alterations including refurbishment, repairs and improvements. Single storey rear extension, alteration to part of the means enclosure, removal of wo external structures loose box and greenhouse  
Bonny Moor Cottage  
St Johns Chapel

DM/20/00990/FPA

Proposed extension and improve highway access  
Riggside  
St Johns Chapel

DM/20/01610/FPA

Change of open space to residential curtilage with boundary fence and retention of hardstanding  
46 Bondisle Way  
Stanhope

DM/20/01592/FPA

Use of existing static caravan site for 12 months of the year  
Leisure Caravan Site  
Stanhopeburn  
Stanhope

DM/20/01818/FPA

Retention of goat shelters and hardstanding  
Briar Hill Cottage  
Ireshopeburn

DM/20/01813/FPA

First floor front extension  
Camperdown  
Frosterley

### **10383**

#### **Finance/Budget**

1. Cllr Mrs Humble, Cllr Mrs Hawkes, Cllr Mrs Sutcliff, Cllr Craig and Cllr Thompson agreed for the clerk to apply for a license for the meetings that are to be held by Zoom.
2. The Bank Reconciliation figures ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were sent to the councillors.  
**Resolved:** Figures were agreed
3. The budget figures have been sent to all of the councillors based on the precept staying at £48,000.00. The councillors discussed the Community Highways Worker, the churchyard maintenance grants, the village hall grants, Ashcroft Play park and the small grant applications. The sums allocated for the small grant applications will be discussed at the December meeting which are discretionary. Cllr Ellwood is against the football club receiving

a grant and Cllr Thompson mentioned that the car parking needs sorting at the Weardale Museum. We need to find out if the Community Centre received the £10,000 from DCC.

**Resolved:** It was agreed by all the councillors not to pay the Village Hall grants next year as they had received £10,000 this year. The money will be spent on Ashcroft Play park. The budget was agreed and the precept to stay at £48,000.

4. We have received a request for a donation towards Durham Cathedral. Email was sent to the councillors.
5. Cllr Wearmouth would like to see every councillor place a wreath on Remembrance Sunday at the memorials in their wards. **Resolved:** This was agreed by all the councillors
6. The clerk is having problems with the broadband speed which has affected the emails in outlook. Northgate have had to try and solve the email problem in outlook. The broadband would not allow ZOOM to run so it caused problems for the meeting. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact BT again and to look into satellite broadband.

**10384**

**AAP Report**

Nothing to report

**10385**

**CDALC Report**

Nothing to report

**10386**

**Accounts for Payment**

BT Clerks Phone Bill	£93.41
Olivers Treee Services Ltd	£276.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath	£20.00
Anglian Water Toilets Daddry Shield	£27.79
Npower Business Ashcroft Play Park	£31.54
Paul Irwin Grass cutting Ashcroft	£150.00
S Anderson Salary	£720.49
HM Rev PAYE	£31.41
S Anderson Expenses ZOOM	£143.88
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
WAVE Old Cemetery, Stanhope	£13.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1542.60</b>

## ACCOUNTS FOR RECEIPTS

Wayleaves

£176.02

### 10387

#### New matters for discussion

1. Cllr Wearmouth would like the Parish Council to congratulate the organisers of the poppy memorials in St John's Chapel, Wearhead and Stanhope.
2. Cllr Thompson mentioned the thank you letter that was sent to the steward of Rookhope Club for the use of the room. We are very welcome to use it again.
3. Cllr Thompson would like to know when DCC will replace the bus shelter in Rookhope.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
4. Cllr Ellwood mentioned the memorial plaque on Crawleyside, this is now on the wall.
5. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff would like to say a very well done to the people all over the dale on the poppy displays.
6. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that there is a problem with plants being pulled out in front of the church and other planters.
7. Cllr Mrs Humble would like the clerks salary putting on the December Agenda.
8. The bridge at West Blackdene in the middle support there is a tree growing from it that needs removing. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
9. At Holmepool Daddry Shield to Huntshieldford there is a huge crack with a self-seeding tree growing out of it. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
10. Cllr Wearmouth mentioned that the Eastgate Christmas Lights will be lit on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020. There will be no band and no fireworks and no set light up time.
11. The glass in the bus shelter notice board still has not been replaced. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC.
12. Cllr Ellwood said that the plans for the light up the dale Christmas Trees might be scuppered as with the restrictions it is classed as non-essential work. They are doing their best to try and sort the problem.
13. Cllr Miss Graham is concerned about the anti-social behaviour in Stanhope especially in the Market Place. She would like this highlighting to the Police and also if there is any possibility for CCTV pointing towards the Church. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to the Police
14. There has been some damage to the toilet around the riverside. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC.
15. There is a lot of dog mess along the Riverside Walk, Stanhope. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC

### 10388

#### Clerks business

Nothing to report

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**Date of next meeting is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 by ZOOM commencing at 6.45pm for a 7pm start**

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