

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 2nd November 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Miss Joan Carrick Chairman

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes,

Cllr P Turton, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr R Lawrie

Also present:

Mrs P Rowe and Mr A Percival – Weardale Museum

Mrs S Smart and Mr E Buchanan

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Craig, Cllr Mrs C Burdis

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To Receive Any Declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr Mrs Sutcliff and E Buchanan

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Minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2022

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

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Co-Option of Stephanie Smart Eastgate Ward and Eoin Buchanan Cowshill and Lanehead Ward

Stephanie Smart was co-opted onto the Parish Council as Ward Councillor for Eastgate and Eoin Buchanan was co-opted onto the Parish Council as Ward Councillor for Cowshill and Lanehead.

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Weardale Museum – Mrs P Rowe and Mr A Percival

The project will make an enormous difference to the Upper Dale and tourism. If the car park was at the Weardale Adventure Centre the trustees had concerns as it would have been on the wrong side of the road. Highways had concerns and what they recommended would have been very expensive and some trees would have had to be removed so discussions were stopped. The proposed car park is a small rectangle for 10/12 cars, disabled bay and car charging points. Highways have said that the pavement is adequate. Cllr Mrs Thompson voiced her concerns about how narrow the footpath is and that it is not safe for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

A structural engineer was called in and it was found that the building was at risk of collapse. The professional reports doubled the price of the project and priority works have now been completed.

Cllr Mrs Hawkes asked about the strategic overview. The chapel to be restored with lime, sustainable under floor heating, chapel will look like the original chapel, space to hold exhibitions and school projects, upstairs gallery to provide extra museum space for the tapestries with modern lighting, museum to focus on kitchen and Victorian bedroom, office and reception in new wooden building, Frosterley marble font will be a centre piece, a few pews will be left seating will be chairs, festival and funerals will be available. Completion is now possibly 2024. Cllr Miss Carrick thanked Mrs Rowe and Mr Percival for attending.

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Matters Arising

1. **ASHCROFT MUGA** – The recent application was approved by the WAAP and is with the Councils funding team for technical appraisal.
2. **HUNTSHIELDFORD BRIDGE**- A request to remove the wire from the bridge has been sent to DCC as the environment agency will only do work on watercourse maintenance for flood remit which is planned or if a serious flood blockage requires immediate attention.
3. **A689 SPEED LIMIT** - A letter was sent to the Crime and Commissioner but as yet no reply has been received.
4. **BRIDLE WAYS, ST JOHNS CHAPEL** – The councillor’s objections have been sent and have been acknowledged.
5. **CIVILITY & RESPECT** – Clerk is booked on four sessions, Cllr Miss Carrick and Cllr Mrs Hawkes have already done a session. The courses are full now and at the moment no more have been arranged.
6. **BARCLAYS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION** – After speaking to the Business Banking Team the email was genuine. They have said that in the future if any information is requested, they will send me a form. At this moment in time, we do not need to send any information to them as our information is up to date.
7. **PAVING STONES OUTSIDE CHATTERBOX CAFÉ, ST JOHNS CHAPEL** – The area concerned will be inspected shortly by J Hodges and any defects will be identified and repaired within 14 days of the inspection.
8. **MICROPHONE** – The Dales Centre do not have a microphone
9. **STANHOPE SWIMMING POOL** – Stanhope Swimming Pool has been listed as an Asset of Community Value under the Community Right to Bid legislation brought under the Localism Act 2011 and the Assets of Community Value. The asset will remain on the Council’s List of Assets of Community Value for five years unless the listing is reviewed by the Council and the asset is no longer considered to be of community value.
10. **ST JOHNS CHAPEL AMBULANCE STATION** – The reply has been sent to all of the councillors. The Weardale Station currently has two front line staff vacancies but there have been newly qualified paramedics allocated to these positions starting in January. There is also a vacancy on the Rapid Response rota at the station due to a member of staff being on secondment. The stations surrounding the area are fully staffed and it is hoped that the resource availability will be able to be increased as part of the Commissioner investment which would ultimately increase cover in the area.
11. **MEMORIAL PLANTER, CRAWLEYSIDE** – The planter is now ready and will be put into position shortly. It would be nice to arrange for a photo to be taken of Cllr Mrs Savory, Cllr Miss Carrick and Darren Hunt.
12. **DEFINITIVE MAP OFFICER, BRIDLE WAYS** – the invitation to attend the December meeting has been declined. There are over three hundred applications on file covering all parts of County Durham. When the applications are processed all the landowners will be consulted, local councillors and user groups so that all statutory processes will be followed. It would be impractical to attempt to discuss all applications in our area, recommendations for each

application when progressed is based on the strength of the submitted evidence and decided by the Highways Committee.

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Correspondence Received

1. Cllr Mrs Thompson reported that she contacted Simon the Highways Worker to cut back greenery from the signage on the road to the school in St Johns Chapel as it was overgrown and the signs were not visible.
2. A resident is very concerned about the motorbikes going down the dale from Stanhope to Frosterley. They are ducking and diving between the traffic and around the bends. They are concerned that a nasty accident could happen. The motorbikes are an on-going problem. Cllr Miss Carrick is receiving many complaints concerning the dangerous driving.
3. A resident from Crawleyside is concerned about some proposed extensions to a neighbouring property, as yet there has been nothing in the weekly planning applications.
4. Northumberland Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people Local Plan are calling for sites. If we wish to submit a site for consideration then the completed proforma should be returned by 11th November.
5. CDALC emails have been sent to all councillors. There is Financial Support available to create Warm Spaces across County Durham. The grant is for £1000. We have until 14th November to comment on the approach to community engagement of which the major theme is around the Area Action Partnerships.
6. The NALC and CDALC Affiliation fees will be 17.71p per elector for 2023/24.
7. Cllr Mrs Thompson would like the footpath officer to check missing sign from the entrance at Briar Hill, Ireshopeburn. This has been reported to DCC.
8. At St Johns Chapel Play Park there is a hole in the stone wall. This has been reported to DCC.
9. Cllr Mrs Savory sent this email. The COOP Community Fund which the Weardale Hospital are in the running for £5k is now live until April next year. Memberships cost a £1 and each time you make a transaction in St Johns Chapel, Stanhope or Frosterley stores you just show your card and ask for your vote to go to the Community Hospital. The hospital is ours and part of our community please support us and spread the word.

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County Councillor Update

The new building has been sold to the University for seventy million plus vat. County Hall will be used for the time being but as staff are able to work from home a smaller building will be looked for in the future.

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Planning Matters

DM/22/02581/VOC

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning consent ref:

DM.21.01357/FPA

Cross Street

Stanhope

DM/22/03053/FPA

Demolition of open fronted shed and construction of a dwelling house and change of use from commercial office to domestic garage (amended details previous planning consent

DM/22/00733/FPA

Stockley Burn Farm, Frosterley

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

DM/22/00460/FPA

Change of use and siting of 8 no. static caravans and associated landscaping
Stanhopeburn caravan park
Crawleyside

PLANNING APPROVALS FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

DM/22/00014/FPA

Restoration of abandoned house and outbuildings to form 1 no. residential dwelling
Building south east of
High Saugh Shields
Daddry Shield

DM/22/00909/FPA

Change of use of land to residential curtilage
Land North of Station House
Burnfoot
St Johns Chapel

DM/22/01212/FPA

18 ground mounted solar panels in field to rear
High Kitty Crag
Sidehead
Westgate

DM/22/01491/VOC

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to permission DM/21/027091/FPA
(restoration, conversion and extension of existing building to provide 1 no. residential dwelling with
Associated access, parking and landscaping)
Land and ruins to the North of High Fairhills
Huntshieldford
St Johns Chapel

DM/22/01515/VOC

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission 3/2012/0221
Hodgson Garage
Wearhead

DM/22/01935/FPA

Erection of polytunnel in our paddock to rear
19-21 Hood Street
St Johns Chapel

DM/21/04189/FPA

Conversion of an agricultural building into 1 no. residential dwelling
Horn Hall Farm
Stanhope

DM/22/00290/FPA
Replacement windows and doors
7 Market Place
St Johns Chapel

DM/22/00425/LB
Replace windows to front
Boulder Cottage
4 Newhouse
Ireshopeburn

DM/22/00638/FPA
Proposed additional 7 no,lodges
White House and Hagg Bridge Caravan Park
Eastgate

DM/22/00799/FPA
Erection of agricultural livestock building
Westernhopeburn Farm
Eastgate

DM/22/00974/LB
Stabilisation and repair to stone structure, area of demolition and rebuild using existing stonework
and repointing
Bonny Moor Hen
Front Street
Stanhope

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

DM/22/01456/VOC
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission DM/21/03686/FPA
amendment to rear elevation
Weardale Lodge
Lanehead

DM/22/01527/VOC & DM/22/01662/VOC
Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 5 (materials) attached to ref
DM/21/04195/FPA – DM/21/04196/LB
Market Cottage
Market Place
Stanhope

DM/22/01616/FPA

Extension to gable end of existing outbuilding and erection of stand alone plant enclosure following removal of existing shed

Weardale Lodge
Lanehead

DM/22/01638/FPA

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and proposed two-storey extension

4 Stone Houses
Stanhope

DM/22/01651/FPA

Renovation of property and loft conversion (amended description to include Velux with balcony to rear roof space)

14 Graham Street
Stanhope

DM/22/01787/VOC

Variation of condition 2 of DM/21/03493/VOC to change boundary treatment to north, south and west boundaries from post and rail fencing to a 1.2m high stone wall revise site layout and reduce number of workshops from 8 to 6

Site of former builder's yard South of
Shittlehopeburn Farm
Stanhope

DM/22/02376/LB

Change of use from barn to holiday let accommodation

Island House
East Blackdene
St Johns Chapel

DM/22/02428/VOC

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission DM/22/01456VOC to allow for amendments to the proposed design

Weardale Lodge
Lanehead

DM/22/014656/FPA

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

1 Huntshildford
St Johns Chapel

DM/22/02046/TPO

Crown lift and tidy to T1 sycamore

Woodbine House
10 Front Street
Ireshopeburn

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Equality and Diversity Policy

Policy was adopted with a minor alteration, chief executive changed to clerk

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Finance

Bank reconciliation figures for the end of September and the quarterly budget figures were approved. The setting of the precept and the budget will be on the December Agenda under Finance.

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AAP Report

The summary of the WAAP Board meeting was circulated to the councillors at the meeting. Agricultural Shows, Art Workshops, Warm Spaces and the Small Grants Fund were discussed. There was a Budget Update on potential applications including Towns and Villages Funding and Welfare Reform. Neighbourhood Budget updated on projects that had received funding. There is an issue of speeding on Crawleyside Bank and Countywide Partner issues were discussed. Next meeting will be 1st December 2022.

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CDALC Report

Cllr Mrs Hawkes attended the AGM at County Hall which was well attended. Civility and Respect was discussed and Community Leadership was identified and Neighbourhood planning. The importance of a Parish Council having a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years.

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Accounts for Payment

E-ON NEXT ASHCROFT PLAYPARK -PAID	£20.30
DCC HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	£61.88
BT CLERKS PHONE BILL – PAID	£89.56
WAVE – PUBLIC CONV DADDRY SHIELD	£30.57
WAVE – OLD CEMETERY, STANHOPE	£9.17
S ANDERSON SALARY	£815.36
HMRC	£8.63
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£121.22
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
CORNERSTONE SUPPORTED HOUSING AND COUNSELLING LTD	
CLLR MRS SAVORY PAID £75 LEAVING REMAINDER FOR SPC	£75.00
MAKEPEACE MOTORS TOILETS DADDRY SHIELD	£1524.00
MAKEPEACE MOTORS GRASS CUTTING OLD CEMETERY	£1514.83
MAKEPEACE MOTORS FOOTPATH CLEARANCE	£2016.00
MAKEPEACE MOTORS ALLOTMENT WORK	£2322.00
TOTAL	£8,643.52

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff mentioned the shop theft at St Johns Chapel and that photographs were caught on the cameras. Apparently the Police could not come up to the shop for a week. The councillors wondered how many police staff were at the Stanhope Office. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth to contact the Police.
2. Cllr Buchanan would like to know who is responsible for closed churchyards as Copt Hill churchyard is not kept. **Resolved:** Clerk to find out
3. A group of residents would like to know how do you go about getting a road adopted. The councillors commented that the local authority should be contacted.

4. Cllr Blackett mentioned that drainage work has eventually started at Wear Villa.
5. Wearhead School has fibre broadband and if there are enough residents who would like fibre then it could be put in. **Resolved:** Clerk to find out
6. Cllr Turton attended the Northern Powergrid meeting at Eastgate Village Hall. **Resolved:** Report to be sent to the clerk to be circulated.
7. Cllr Brewin would like to report footpath 3 behind the church at Frosterley. There are tree roots on the footpath. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
8. Cllr Mrs Hawkes mentioned two footpaths that are closed off at Cowshill. Cllr Blackett said that both are closed for a reason with on-going problems.
9. Cllr Miss Carrick would like to report that the ground is lifting by the first Lime Tree near to the Lime Tree Gallery. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
10. Cllr Miss Carrick brought the Poppy Wreaths for all of the villages to the meeting.

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 7th December 2022 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm.

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