

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 6th October 2021

PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff,

Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr W Wearmouth, Cllr P Turton

S Anderson Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr R Lawrie

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To Receive Any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2021

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

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Matters Arising

1. **Frosterley Church** - The strip of land that Cllr Brewin wanted to know ownership of belongs to the Church.
2. **FOOTPATH FROM FROSTERLEY TO STANHOPE** – The work has been added to the work programme. The footpath has been sprayed .
3. **POST OFFICE COMMENTS** – Our comments were sent off via email to the Post Office.
4. **FROSTERLEY CAR PARK** – The request for a disabled bay will be reviewed by the team
5. **WEARDALE MUSEUM** – The speeding of vehicles near the Weardale Museum has been reported to the Police.
6. **POPPY WREATHS**- The poppy wreaths were ordered in June but D Wright has managed to fit the Parish Council up with six . I have ordered two from the Royal British Legion. D Wright knows that in future years we now need eight.
7. **LIGHT NUMBER 1516**- The matter has been resolved and is now closed.

8. **RIVERSIDE WALK – HORSES** – The footpath concerned is DCC adopted. Unless a Traffic Regulation Order or relevant bylaw prohibits equestrian use, it is not a criminal offence to ride on a footpath but it may be a civil offence against the landowner, you may be trespassing unless you have the permission of the landowner. This will be looked into further.
9. **MEMORIAL CRAWLEYSIDE** – An email has been received from Mr Gray from the bowls club wondering if an unveiling of the plaque is going to take place on Crawleyside. **Resolved:** It was agreed to hold an unveiling of the plaque in August 2022.
10. **PARKING ON HOOD STREET AND OUTSIDE THE BONNY MOOR HEN** – DCC are unable to assist as there are no parking restrictions ie yellow lines. When the Police have patrolled through St Johns Chapel there aren't any vehicles causing any obvious obstructions such as parking on dropped curbs or parking across pavements. The Police suggested that we ask DCC for some yellow lines outside the Bonny Moor Hen. There are clear parking issues in Stanhope on a weekend which they are working on.
11. **BONDISLE ALLOTMENTS** – As of 6th October 2021 no written reply has been received from the resident giving permission for CWC to go ahead. A phone call was received that no reply had been sent regarding a letter that had been sent by the resident but the clerk had not received any correspondence at all either by letter or email. The allotments have been treated by CWC but until a letter is received by the property owner giving permission for CWC to start the five year plan then CWC will not go onto the property.
12. **ALLOTMENT PLOT AT CROSSHILL** – A councillor mentioned that the plot should be strimmed back before the tenant gives the plot up. **Resolved:** It was agreed by the councillors that the plot should be strimmed by the tenant.
13. **DOCTORS SURGERY** – The doctors surgeries at St John's Chapel and Wolsingham are re-opening
14. **INSPECTOR TURNER NOVEMBER MEETING** – A list of questions should be sent to the clerk before the November meeting so that they can be sent to Inspector Turner.
15. **BULBS** – An email was sent off to Civic Pride to see if the Parish Council were eligible to apply for the bulbs but as yet no reply has been received. **Resolved:** Clerk to chase up
16. **TOUR OF BRITAIN** – Cllr Mrs Humble mentioned that there were many people watching the race but there was a commercial break when it came through Cowshill.

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Correspondence Received

1. DCC emails have been sent to all of the councillors.
2. John Hewitt has been formally appointed to the post of Chief Executive of Durham County Council.
3. Stanhope Hartwell Educational Foundation have sent a copy of the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2021
4. An allotment tenant from Willard Grove has reported some branches overhanging the gateway into his plot. He was wondering if it is possible to have them trimmed back. **Resolved:** It was agreed to ask S Makepeace
5. An allotment tenant from Crosshill has reported that the water has stopped running in the bottom plots. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff mentioned that due to the dry weather there are springs dried up in her ward. **Resolved:** Crosshill spring to be monitored over the coming months
6. A resident from Ashcroft would like to know who owns the tree at the bottom of his property as the branches are overhanging into his property. D Hunt has been contacted. The area concerned is owned by Bernicia Homes.
7. DCC is now consulting on the Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document between 24th September and the 5th November 2021. Once adopted this document together with the

County Durham Plan will be used to determine future planning applications for minerals and waste development in County Durham.

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Allotment Tenancy Agreement

The Allotment Tenancy Agreement was discussed.

1. How many hens per plot – Cllr Craig suggested that a reasonable number would be 10/12 hens. The councillors mentioned the Allotment Act of 1952 that enough hens should be kept to support a family of four so a maximum of six hens should be kept. The clerk mentioned her concerns about reducing the number to six. **Resolved:** It was agreed by the councillors that the number per plot should be six.
2. Date expected to comply by – **Resolved:** It was agreed by the councillors that the date to comply would be 2025.
3. Date no cockerels allowed on any of the allotment sites – **Resolved:** It was agreed by the councillors that the date should be 2030.
4. Additions to the Tenancy Agreement were read out and will be added to the draft agreement for approval at the latest by the December meeting.
5. The date when new agreement will come into place – **Resolved:** It was agreed by the councillors that the new tenancy agreement will come into force from 1st April 2022.
6. The rent was agreed to be increased at the April 2021 meeting to £25.00 with effect from April 2023. **Resolved:** The councillors agreed to increase the half plot rent to £14.00 with effect from April 2023.

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70th Anniversary Beacons

Cllr Craig has spoken to M Tellright regarding permission to hold the lighting of a beacon in the quarry. Mr Tellright is more than happy to allow the Parish Council to light a beacon on bare ground in the quarry. This will take place on 2nd June 2022 at 9.15pm. **Resolved:** It was agreed that the event would be private and Cllr Brewin to enquire about a piper.

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County Councillor Update

Nothing to report

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Planning Matters

Cllr Miss Carrick declared an interest

DM/21/02979/FPA

Conversion of barn into a

Residential dwelling

Barn North West of

Hawkwellhead Plantation

Ireshopeburn

DM/21/03110/FPA

Two storey side extension and replace conservatory

With single storey extension

6 Church Row

Crawleyside

DM/21/03156/FPA
Convert barn to dwelling
Barn to the East of
Laneside Farm
Wearhead

DM/21/03187/FPA
Use of existing static caravan site for 12 month of the year
White House and Hagg Bridge Caravan Park
Eastgate

DM/21/03248/FPA
Change of use from office to holiday accommodation
Little Allercleugh
Ireshopeburn

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED

DM/21/02584/FPA
Change of use of land for the siting of
10 seasonal touring caravans, parking, landscaping and
Associated infrastructure
Cragside Caravan Site
Eastgate

PLANNING APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

DM/14/00976/VOCMW
D. Number and Applicant Location Proposal DM/14/00976/VOCMW Indigo Pacific Site Services Ltd
Newlandside Quarry Snape Gate Road Stanhope Durham DL13 2PJ Variation of Conditions 1
(Approved documents), 3 (matters requiring subsequent approval), 4 (timescales for submission of
schemes), 5 (timescales for submission of schemes), 6 (notice of commencement of development), 7
(timescale for completion), 8 (works required for site preparation), 10 (vehicular access), 11
(prevention of mud/dirt on highway), 15 (ecological restrictions and mitigation), 18 (storage of
materials), 19 (restoration if early cessation), 20f (removal/prevention of weeds), 21 (buildings, plant
and machinery) and 34 (removal of fixed equipment, machinery and buildings) of Planning
Permissions reviewed by MRA/3/7

DM/21/00757/FPA
New entrance door to front second floor
Rear extension and replacement roof terrace
4A Market Place
St Johns Chapel

DM/21/01631/LB

Replacement of all existing timber windows with
Double glazed 14mm soft wood windows finished in paint colour Lime White
Snowdrop Barn
Cowshill

DM/21/00520/FPA

Conversion 1st floor extension to existing storage building/ barn to 2 bedroom holiday cottage
Land and building to the
South of 11 Market Place
St Johns Chapel

DM/21/01302/FPA – DM/21/01303/LB

Extension to the south elevation
St Johns Church
Rookhope

DM/21/01397/FPA

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and replacement garden shed
Old Coach House
Cowshill

DM/21/01621/FPA

Change of use of existing store area to 2no B&B units
Fairfield House
Stanhope

DM/20/01728/FPA & DM/20/01729/LB

Conversion of redundant barn to create 1 no residential dwelling
Ludwell
Eastgate

DM/20/01806/LB

Proposed refurbishment and alteration to farmhouse
Ludwell
Eastgate

DM/20/02199/FPA

Restoration and remodelling of museum and chapel to form a Heritage Centre.
Single storey visitor centre building, creation of car park to south.
(amended car park plans 22.03.2021)

DRC/21/00454/FPA
Discharge of conditions 4 (window and door details)
5 (means of enclosures)
6 (hardsurfacing) and 7 (external lighting) of planning permission
DM/21/00454/FPA
Sidehead Farm
Westgate

DM/20/03536/FPA
Temporary approval for events tipi and use of site/land for private events/functions,
Including ancillary storage units, guest parking, signage, lighting and security/CCTV
Four events per annum for a temporary period
Stanhope Castle

DM/21/00264/FPA
Demolition of cow byre, conversion of barn to dwelling, new window in gable end of adjoining
cottage
Sunny Bank Farm
St Johns Chapel

DM/21/00454/FPA
Change of use from garage to holiday cottage
Sidehead Farm
Westgate

DM/21/00764/FPA
Temporary siting of caravan, container and security fencing
During dwelling construction
Stotsfieldburn Farm
Rookhope

DM/21/00940/FPA
Single and two storey extensions to front and rear and widen existing vehicular
Access and hardstanding
30 East End
Stanhope

DM/21/00936/FPA
Erection of 3 no wigwam log cabins for self catering holiday accommodation
The Beeches
Frosterley

DM/21/01214/FPA
Demolition of agricultural buildings and replacement with 1 no steel portal framed building
Middle Green head
Stanhope

DM/21/01327/FPA

Change of use of open space to residential creation of vehicular access and boundary fence
Land adjacent to
44 Bondisle Way
Stanhope

DM/21/01357/FPA

Proposed demolition of exiting single storey brick extension to rear elevation and construction of
new single storey extension
1 Cross Street
Stanhope

DM/21/01400/FPA

Field Shelter
Far Place
Sidehead

DM/21/01465/FPA

Conversion of agricultural building to holiday accommodation
Stone Carrs
Westgate

DM/21/01707/VOC

Removal of condition 6 of planning permission 3/2001/0390
(Change of use and extension for former agricultural buildings to business and residential use and
associated works), to remove business use restriction to allow full residential occupancy of the
building
The Byre House
Copthill

DM/21/02607/FPA

Machinery storage building
Brotherlee Holiday Home Park
Westgate

DM/21/00444/FPA

Replace existing detached garage with two storey extension with attached garage
7 Hood Street
St Johns Chapel

DM/21/01485/FPA

Replace roof, installation of rooflights and replace roof to out building.
12 Hylton Terrace
Rookhope

DM/21/01841/FPA

3 hard standing static caravan pitches and associated drainage works
High Bishopley Caravan Site
Frosterley

DM/21/02242/FPA – DM/21 02243/LB

Demolition of existing conservatory and outbuildings and erection of new extension and outbuildings
Castle Lodge
Stanhope

DM/21/02530/LB

Internal alterations
16 Stanhope Castle

DM/21/01505/FPA

Remove part of wall, creation of vehicular access and hardstanding
Land adjacent 1-3 South View
Eastgate

DM/21/01634/FPA

Partial conversion of garage to habitable room and associated works
Stanhope Grange
Crawleyside

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Finance

1. St Thomas' Church Hall would like to apply for the £500 grant money. **Resolved:** Agreed
2. St Thomas' Church would like to apply for the £300 grant money for the churchyard maintenance. **Resolved:** Agree
3. St Thomas Heatherycleugh would like to apply for the £300 Annual Churchyard Maintenance Grant. **Resolved:** Agreed
4. The Great North Air Ambulance would like us to consider giving them a grant again. They also are planning to hold some councillor open days in the Spring so that we can see first hand what they do. If this is something we would like to attend then we have to register our interest. **Resolved:** It was agreed to donate £500
5. Cllr Miss Carrick declared an interest. A letter has been received from Light Up The Dale for a request of £1500 for Crawleyside. **Resolved:** Agreed

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AAP Report

Cllr Mrs Humble reported that a Task and Finish Group had been recently held and the next meeting will be on 14th October 2021. The meeting was held by Zoom and activities held during the summer were mentioned, playground activities, electric vehicle points and feed back from the shows.

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Accounts for Payment

CDALC	£19.20
E-ON NEXT Ashcroft Play Park	£11.17
S ANDERSON SALARY	£791.66
HM REV	£7.54
S ANDERSON SALARY	£134.98
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
DCC HIRE MEETING ROOM SEPTEMBER	£45.00
TOTAL	£1044.55

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Humble mentioned that now with a change in the political make-up it might be good time to ask DCC if they would consider a green bin collection up the dale. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC.
2. Cowshill needs a spruce up as only the War Memorial has been tidied up. The grass needs strimming and weeds need pulling out at the bus stop, the village hall, the church and near to the Cowshill Hotel. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt
3. The byway Seeingsike Road which runs from Sidehead, Westgate to Middlehope Lodge needs surveying by DCC. It is in need of repair as it unsuitable to walk on due to 4x4's. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
4. Cllr Wearmouth would like the footpath kerbs looking at up from the swimming pool. There are dropped kerbs which are disjointed. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC.
5. The switch on of the Christmas Lights at Eastgate will be held on 27th November 2021 at 6pm.
6. The residents of Eastgate would like some flower beds on both sides of the road by the bus shelter. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC
7. Cllr Brewin reported that some houses on Front Street, Frosterley have had their cellars flooded. Northumbrian Water have had a bowser in at Kirk Rise and he feels the drains have had it which is why the flooding has occurred. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to Northumbrian Water.
8. Cllr Miss Carrick is the Parish Council Representative for the Hartwell Foundation. There were two places and there is now a vacancy. **Resolved:** It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Humble would also be a representative for the Parish Council. Clerk to contact the secretary.
9. The school sign by the vets on Cowgarth Hill has been knocked over and taken away so DCC should be aware of it. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
10. There is some broken fencing by the footbridge on Unthank side. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC.
11. Cllr Miss Carrick has noticed there are weeds growing in the gutters on the roadsides. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to D Hunt
12. The cobbles need weeding in front of the church in Stanhope before Remembrance Day and the weeds need pulling out of the Dales Centre wall. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to D Hunt.

13. Cllr Craig mentioned that he had a calf at the three shows for the children to have selfies with. A donation was given and the total is £475 which is to be given to the children's hospital in Newcastle.

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm

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