

## STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.30pm

### PRESENT:

Cllr Miss Joan Carrick Chairman

Cllr D Craig, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr P Turton

Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs C Burdis, Cllr R Lawrie

Also present: Julian Haynes

S Anderson Clerk

### 10682

#### Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Mrs A Savory

### 10683

#### To Receive Any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

### 10684

#### Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

### 10685

#### Interviews for Cowshill and Lanehead Ward

The first candidate was interviewed at 6.30pm then the second candidate was interviewed just after 7.00pm. Following a discussion, a vote took place and the new Ward Councillor for Cowshill and Lanehead will be Eoin Buchanan. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to both candidates.

### 10686

#### Stanhope Swimming Pool – Julian Haynes

Cllr Miss Carrick welcomed Julian Haynes to the meeting. Julian gave a background into the history of the swimming pool and explaining that the lease is due to expire in 2023. The landlord is not keen to lease again and would like to sell. The Stanhope Swimming Pool are unable to purchase the pool at the asking price but have put an application in to Durham County Council to make the pool a Community Asset. The application will be decided in five weeks' time and if it is agreed it will give the Swimming Pool time to try and raise the money by applying for grants and fund raising. The Parish Council can help by supporting the application by writing to DCC. The Swimming Pool is an asset to the community from the top end of the dale, visitors and the holiday caravans. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC

## 10687

### Matters Arising

1. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR EASTGATE WARD** – The lady for co-option for Eastgate Ward is on holiday at the moment. She will be attending the November meeting.
2. **REQUEST TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON A689** – The reply received from DCC was that all speeding complaints need to be directed towards Durham Constabulary. The reply from Insp. Turner was sent to all of the councillors. All fatal collisions are investigated, and circumstances reviewed and none of the recent RTC's on the A689 would have been prevented had a lower speed limit been in existence. The setting of speed limits is governed by the Department for Transport document "Setting Local Speed Limits" which outlines criteria to be met. Speed limits must be credible otherwise compliance will be poor which may increase the risk to road users.
3. **NEAS** – A reply has been received which has been sent to all of the councillors. When an emergency call is received NEAS will always send the closest most appropriate resource. When available, other resources are positioned to dynamic stand-by-points waiting response to the next emergency. This is challenging due to the pressures placed on the ambulance service and the wider healthcare system. The Commissioners having recognised the increasing demand have invested in NEAS to increase resources in the Emergency Operations Centre and within the Community. Over the next three years additional staff will be recruited which will mainly be in the urban areas. This will hopefully prevent the need for our resources attending incidents outside of the area and to provide cover when the local ambulance is attending an incident. The question asked has not been answered. **Resolved:** Clerk to write again
4. **WEARDALE MUSEUM** – The Weardale Museum would like to attend a Parish Council meeting to share information and identify the councillors' wider concerns. They have noted the Parish Councillors concerns regarding the planning application. After contacting the chairman a representative will be attending the November meeting.
5. **STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT ST JOHNS CHAPEL**- An Order has been received authorising the Stopping up of the Highway of a part width of the unnamed highway adjoining no.10 Burn Foot at St Johns Chapel.
6. **MEMORIAL PLANTER, CRAWLEYSIDE** – After a site meeting it was suggested that the planter would be better half way between the two benches. The planter would make a better impact if it was six feet long and had a trellis on the back for the climbing rose to climb up it. Cllr Mrs Savory is going to put some money towards it so that the Parish Council will pay half.
7. **ASHCROFT PLAYPARK** – No update was available as the WAAP had not met since the meeting that was ended due to the announcement of the Queens death. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Angelina Maddison

## 10688

### Correspondence Received

1. DCC have received an application for the amendment of the Register of Common Land in relation to the registered rights of common. Objections to the proposed amendments should be sent to DCC forty days from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.
2. Northern Powergrid are required to install underground electricity cable in Registered Common Land. The works are required to provide a new electricity connection to a new

telecoms mast and Northern Powergrid is proposing to install an underground cable to this using a mini tracked excavator. The cable is 3m in length and should be completed in 3-4 days with minimal disruption to the Common. If there are any comments then they must be received within the next 21 days.

3. A request has been received from a tenant of Willard Grove Allotments who would like permission to keep four hens. **Resolved:** Permission granted for four hens
4. An email has been received from a resident who thought it would be nice that the Riverside Walk in Stanhope be renamed after our late Queen. The councillors felt that people would still refer to it as the Riverside Walk and also it belongs to DCC.
5. An email has been received on behalf of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to enquire if the Parish Council would be interested in having a sign at the Cemetery to let the public know there are war graves situated there. **Resolved:** The Parish Council are interested in having a sign. Clerk to write
6. The Hartwell Educational Foundation have sent a copy of their Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
7. Stuart Errington the Chief Fire Officer sent a letter of apology for not attending the memorial service.
8. CDALC has sent an email regarding the warm spaces initiative that will help people tackle the cost-of-living crisis by creating “spaces for the community to access warmth, social interaction and activities over the autumn and winter. DCC are enquiring as to whether any council is making their offices or other premises available as warm spaces over the coming months. They are hoping to compile a list of available warm space premises within the County and will include details in their list.
9. A consultation email has been received regarding North Grain Bridle Road, St Johns Chapel and Chapel Pasture Public Bridle Road, St Johns Chapel and Windyside Moor Public Bridle Road. The applications are Proposed Modification to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way to add a public bridleway. Views to be submitted by 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff asked the clerk to find out if these are new paths or diverted ones. The councillors are not happy with these applications. They are concerned that bikes and four-wheel drive vehicles would use them. Also, some of the fields have cattle in with young calves which can prove dangerous. It was mentioned that have DCC officials dealing with these applications actually walked the routes. **Resolved:** Clerk to write with the councillors concerns and also to invite a representative to a Parish Council meeting.
10. Northern Powergrid along with Richard Holden MP are holding two community meetings for residents to hear about improved measures being taken to prepare for any disruption caused by storms this winter following those that occurred last winter. Also, there will be an opportunity to learn about the £7.5 million charitable foundation which will be awarding grants to local organisations with a focus on improving energy resilience during emergency events as well as supporting charities combatting fuel poverty. The meetings are Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 6.00-7.30pm at Jubilee Centre, Dipton and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 6.00-7.30pm at Eastgate Village Hall.

## 10689

### Taking the Pledge

Civility means politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech, and in the written word.

Examples of ways in which you can show respect are by listening and paying attention to others, having consideration for other people’s feelings, following protocols and rules, showing appreciation and thanks, and being kind.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCCC) and One Voice Wales (OVW), believe now is the time to put civility and respect at the top of the agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

By our council signing up to the civility and respect pledge we are demonstrating that our council is committed to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to sign up to the civility and respect pledge. The statements were read out and ticked.

#### **10690**

##### **County Councillor Update**

No County Councillor update

#### **10691**

##### **Planning Matters**

DM/22/02046/TPO

Crown lift and tidy T1 Sycamore  
Woodbine House  
10 Front Street  
Ireshopeburn

DM/22/.02456/FPA

Stone porch to replace the existing porch to the south  
Westerclose Dale Farm  
Sidehead  
Westgate

DM/22/02523/VOC

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission DM/20/02203/FPA  
To amend the siting and reduce scale of storage building/domestic shed and workshop  
Land North West of 6  
Newhouse  
Ireshopeburn

DM/22/02525/PNT

Installation of 16.5 m communications, antennas ground-based apparatus and ancillary development  
Telecommunications Mast  
Meadows Edge  
Stanhope Common

DM/22/02664/FPA

Resubmission of DM/21/03609/FPA for two storey extension to southern elevation.  
Single storey extension to western elevation.  
With addition of non-opening first floor window to the western elevation and replacement of UPVC windows and wooden windows (discharge of condition 4)  
Spring House  
15 East Lane  
Stanhope

DM/22/02612/FPA

Two storey extension to lounge and first floor bedroom and side extension to provide enlarged kitchen and utility with first floor bedroom above

Crowberry Farm  
Westgate

DM/22/02798/VOC

Variation of conditions 2(approved plans) for design alterations, discharge condition 3) written scheme of investigation), 4(windows and doors) and 5 (materials) pursuant to planning permission

DM/21/00520/FPA

Land and Buildings to

The South of 11

Market Place

St Johns Chapel

DM/22/02790/FPA

Partial demolition of existing two storey byer to be rebuilt into 2 storey extension to dwelling.

Conversion of existing single storey byer to incorporate into dwelling and accompanying refurbishment works

Fairhills

Huntshildford

St Johns Chapel

## 10692

### Finance

1. The Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) for 2023/24 is NIL, this year it was £158.00.
2. Great North Air Ambulance would like the Parish Council to consider making a donation towards the running costs. The Great North Air Ambulance are also launching Clothing Champions campaign, asking Community Hubs to become central donation points.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to send a donation of £500
3. All Saints Church, Eastgate would like to apply for the Annual Churchyard Maintenance Grant of £300.00. **Resolved:** Clerk to send a cheque for £300

## 10693

### AAP Report

Nothing to report

## 10694

### CDALC Report

Cllr Mrs Hawkes reported that there was a brief update from the larger council. The financial report was healthy. The agenda for the AGM was gone through, Cllr Mrs Hawkes will be attending the meeting. This will include a presentation from NALC on the future of Parish Councils. CDALC could not sign up to the Police and Crime Commissioners pledge as it was felt it was political.

## 10695

### Accounts for Payment

Paul Irwin grass cutting	£180.00
Durham County Council Hire of Meeting Room	£50.63
S Anderson salary	£815.36

HM Rev	£8.63
S Anderson expenses	£16.32
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
All Saints Church Eastgate PCC	£300.00
E-On Next	£16.08
JRB Enterprise Ltd	£597.60
Great North Air Ambulance	£500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2519.62</b>

### ACCOUNTS FOR RECEIPTS

Northern Powergrid Wayleaves	£169.38
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#### 10696

##### New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Sutcliffe mentioned that the footpath from Hood Street to Broken Way needs the branches trimming back. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
2. At Huntshieldford Bridge there is fencing down the river and the wire is round the pillars of the bridge which will be causing it to wear away. **Resolved:** Clerk to report it to DCC
3. Cllr Mrs Burdis mentioned that the bollard by the Village Hall needs straightening up and the path laying back down as someone ran in to it. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
4. Cllr Craig mentioned the reply concerning the speed limit on the A689 which he would like reducing to 50mph. He would like a letter to go to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Joy Allen. **Resolved:** Clerk to write
5. Cllr Craig mentioned that the local Ambulance crew are delighted that the Parish Council are supporting them.
6. Cllr Craig would like a letter of congratulations to go to the Fire Station for the recent competition that they won. **Resolved:** Clerk to write
7. The Lithium Project will shortly be putting a planning application in at Ludwell. Anyone who is interested in seeing the site at Ludwell are more than welcome which would be into November now.
8. Cllr Mrs Thompson reported that the road at Heights Quarry entrance is flooded again and needs reporting to highways. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC
9. Cllr Turton would like the black and white safety barriers inspecting down from Weatherhill. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC
10. Cllr Mrs Hawkes reported that she and Cllr Mrs Thompson had attended the Patient Participation Group meeting at the doctor's surgery.
11. Cllr Miss Carrick would like to report that the paving stones outside Chatterbox Café need repairing. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
12. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned about the possibility of a microphone for the meetings and also to arrange the tables so that we are all closer together. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the Dales Centre.

**10697**  
**Clerks Business**  
Nothing to report

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**Date of next meeting is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at the Dales Centre, Stanhope commencing at 7pm.**

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