

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 5th September 2018

PRESENT:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs H Maddison, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr Miss J Carrick,
Cllr Mrs K Hutchinson, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr Miss F Graham

Susan Anderson Clerk

Also Present

DR Dendle, V Watson – Weardale Practice Partners
K Fatkin, G Robinson – Patient Participation Group Members

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr B Thompson

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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 August 2018

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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Weardale Practice

Cllr Craig welcomed everyone to the meeting. V Watson gave a presentation on the challenges facing The Weardale Practice and the need to engage with the patient population to better understand both their current experience of the services provided and the improvements they would like to see. The Practice has 5.5 fulltime GP's, 4 nurses, 2 health care assistants, 0.5 pharmacists, 1 emergency care practitioner which is new to Stanhope, 7.5 practice support team and 7200 patients are registered. One in four people do not need to see a GP and it is choosing the right person. Emergency Care Practitioners can prescribe prescriptions and the Practice nurse and the nursing team can deal with many cases. The practice is looking at on-line services, text messages, patient newsletters and are working with neighbouring practices. There is a twelve question survey developed in conjunction with the Patient Participation Group and aims to gauge patients' attitudes and opinions across three main themes, The Practice Workforce, Access to services and Types of services provided. The survey asks participants to scale their responses on range of issues such as expectations of treatment and consultations, preferences and understandings of different staff roles they may encounter, less traditional forms of technology-driven consultations, and the importance of additional non-core services. Questions were then taken by the councillors

Matters Arising

1. **Spoil Heaps in Frosterley Cemetery** – Cllr Mrs Maddison had a site meeting and the heap cannot be removed as the trees started to come over, so the decision was taken to leave it to avoid any damage to headstones. Cllr Mrs Maddison is to take advice on this
2. **Riverside Toilets, Stanhope** – The toilets are cleaned seven days a week but the lads will look at them regularly
3. **Garden Close Seating Area** – The seedlings have been removed from the seating area
4. **Tree suckers at Coronation Avenue, Stanhope** – The suckers have been removed from the roadside tree
5. **Seat Opposite Barclays Bank, Stanhope** – This will be looked into as to why it was removed, and an update will follow
6. **Speeding Vehicles between Stanhope to Eastgate** – PC Crampsie has sent some information from the traffic management department which were temporary surveys. In May 2012, 2707 vehicles per day with an average speed of 43.9mph & 85%ile of 51.8mph. 22 vehicles are travelling above 65mph. This survey was at a farm between Stanhope and Eastgate. In Eastgate in 2011 the average speed was 34.6mph & 85%ile 40mph. The other was in 2008 near to the junction to Rookhope where the av.speed is 30.5mph and 85%ile is 37.8mph. The 2012 data is probably still a good indicator as there has been no increase in vehicle volume resulting for either new housing estates or new businesses moving into the area. Fixed data for the period 6th to 13th June reveals 2118 vehicles per day, Av speed 49.5mph, 85%ile-58.9mph, 65mph -132 which equates to 6% non-compliance, 70mph – 74 which equates to 3% non-compliance, 75mph – 41 which equates to 1.9% non-compliance. This doesn't meet the benchmark 15% figure for additional enforcement but PC Crampsie will ask the motorcycle unit to visit as part of their summer campaign. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact PC Crampsie for him to provide us with regular updates
7. **Wolsingham School** – The Chair of the Governing Body has confirmed that he has not resigned.
8. **Cowhill War Memorial** – An update has been received that the application for Listed Building Consent was submitted a few days ago. Hopefully work will commence on the site from late September onwards
9. **Smiddy Burn Bridge** – A resident has sent an email which was read out in full. The resident fails to see how Croglin Estates believe that they can proceed to prohibit access and carry out the work described as the planning meeting in March that will impeded access without reference to the Secretary of State as they would be in breach of Section 38 **Resolved:** Clerk to send a copy of the letter to the Secretary of State and to Croglin Estates
10. **Vacancy for Stanhope Urban** – The notice from County Hall is displayed if there is to be no election then we can co-opt so we can advertise in the Weardale Gazette **Resolved:** Clerk to advertise in the Weardale Gazette if necessary
11. **Planning objection reasons** - Mr Blakey will be attending the October meeting to explain what constitutes a 'material consideration' and also a colleague who is involved in Neighbourhood Plans
12. **Kenneths Bridge** – The scheme to replace Kenneths Footbridge is now substantially complete with the footbridge now open to the public. The bank stabilization and site reinstatement work is nearing completion and expected to be complete mid-September though DCC will need to return to the site later in the year to complete landscaping work
13. **Fly Tipping, Frosterley** – The fly tipping has now been removed from the lay by
14. **Mine Adits, Stanhope** – The councillors would like to know why Savills were allowed to cover up the mine adits without a bat survey being done **Resolved:** Clerk to write to DCC

15. **Funeral of a past councillor** – Three of our councillors who had served on the Parish Council went to the funeral of Mr I Jones. Cllr Mrs Hutchinson, Cllr L Blackett and Cllr D Craig attended along with retired councillors F Walton and N Pattinson
16. **Briar Hill Road, Ireshopeburn** – The road at Briar Hill has not been reinstated properly which we did report last month **Resolved:** Clerk to chase up

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Correspondence Received

1. The Great North Air Ambulance have sent a thank you letter for our donation after they attended a Parish Meeting. Mr Mawson sends his sincere gratitude
2. The current DCC Woodland Management Plan runs from 2013 to 2033 and Senior Forester is now in the midst of thinning out the woodlands in the central part of the county. The objectives in thinning woodlands are to reduce three monocultures, increase wildlife spaces, to restructure the woodland layers, to allow for more shrubs and ground flora, and to enhance access where possible. With a third less of pine trees there is space for hardwood species to regrow in the gaps. Hardwoods are much more resilient to fires and anti-social behaviour
3. There will be a temporary road closure on Saturday 8th September to allow the Stanhope Silver Band to march from 10.15 to 11.15am.
4. Steve Ragg has sent some information that local parish and town councils would support a single code of conduct that could be to be used by all local authorities, according to research conducted by NALC. Currently different codes of conduct are in use across local government, but 90% of those councils questioned would fully support a code of conduct that is the same and mandatory for all local authorities
5. An allotment tenant at Ireshopeburn mentioned an untidy plot. A local councillor went and inspected the plot concerned
6. A letter has been received from a concerned resident of Front Street, Stanhope on the proposed expansion of Heights Quarry. Back in 1963 when planning was originally granted, very little or any consideration was given to the impact of vehicle noise and vibration, as it was an unknown quantity. When complaints are made via DCC concerning noise and vibration, they always fall back to the default position of no restrictions were imposed in original planning. The health and wellbeing of residents seems to be of no consequence. We now have the opportunity to alleviate present position with pending planning application. This maybe the last opportunity up to 2042. Vehicle movements have an adverse impact upon our local amenity and this pending application gives an opportunity to correct which was obviously an omission in 1963. There was a discussion and the councillors commented that the application is to extend the working life of the quarry and is not expected to increase output. **Resolved** : Clerk to write
7. A letter has been received concerning the parking problems on Union Lane, Graham Street and Martin Street, Stanhope. The parking in these areas has become a huge problem due to people parking because of the restrictions on the Front Street. Also mini buses and several holiday let premises are adding to the burden on parking spaces. The council should consider 'residents only' parking areas as the congestion is getting worse. The councillors suggested contacting the police first **Resolved:** Clerk to contact the Police

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Planning Matters

DM/18/02143/FPA

Replace timber windows with upvc

7 Weardale House

Stanhope

Mrs Marriott

DM/18/02315/LB

Listed building consent for external and internal works (Part Retrospective)

Pine Cottage and the Lock Up

Lanehead

Peter Ward

DM/18/01682/FPA

Detached timber BBQ hut and detached timer shed

Pity Mea Cottage

Stanhope

Phil Horne

DM/18/01820/FPA

Retention of four dwellings and extension to existing car park

The Mews

Stanhope

S Robson/Arrandene

DM/18/02045/FPA

Infill Bridge

Road Bridge over dismantled Stanhope and Waskerley Railway

Crawleyside

Highways England

Historical Railways Estate

DM/18/02444/FPA

Replace windows and doors with upvc

8 Kirk Rise

Frosterley

Mr & Mrs Brown

DM/18/02470/LB

Erection of 4 dwellings (retrospective)

The Mews

Stanhope

Arrandene Ltd

DM/18/02483/MIN

North-Western extension to Heights Quarry for the winning and working of 6.97 million tonnes of limestone, extension of time to 2046 and restoration of the site to a mix of habitats, pasture land, woodland and public access

Heights Quarry

Westgate

Aggregate Industries UK Ltd

Resolved: Clerk to write a letter of support

A complaint has been sent regarding Java Barn, Copthill, Cowshill to the enforcement officer concerning the static caravan

DM/18/02597/FPA

Erection of an agricultural general purpose building

High Liathe

10A Hill End

Frosterey

Martyn Moss

DM/18/02590/LB

Replacement of existing concrete, coping stones with natural stone, creation of new steps, installation of guardrail

Cowshill War Memorial

Cowshill

DM/18/02524/TPO

Removal of tree

Unthank Farm

Stanhope

T Dobson

DM/18/02578/FPA

Retention of screening bund

Boltsburn Garage

Rookhope

B Bowman

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General Data Protection – Adopt Policies

The Inventory of Personal Data Captured, Stored and Captured was agreed

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Parish Council Website

Under attractions we need more content such as Killhope, Eastgate Sheep Show, High House, Weardale Adventure Centre, Stanhope Ford, Slit Wood, Fishing. Weardale Dialect,

In the Photo Gallery remove content coming soon **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Northgate

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Finance

1. Heatherycleugh PCC would like to apply for the annual churchyard maintenance grant
Resolved: It was agreed to send £300
2. Heatherycleugh church have had to fell some trees along the boundary of the churchyard as they were in a dangerous condition. They were hoping that the Parish Council would give a one-off additional grant to assist in covering the cost. **Resolved:** The councillors declined as it would set a precedence
3. OLivers Tree Services have inspected the trees and the following work is required in the Old Hall Allotments crown lift 8 trees 4m over the grass verge £200, Daddry Shield Play Area remove epicormic growth , prune to clear the building by 3m £90, Ireshopeburn Allotments crown lift two trees £90, Burtreeford Play Area poison stumps £90 **Resolved:** The councillors agreed the quotes for the tree work apart from the tree stumps as they are not in the play park
4. The budget confirmed for the Riverside Play Equipment is £20K the AAP Board have ringfenced the £20K subject to a finalised Area Budget. Stanhope Parish Council £20k on approval of items and costings and a additional £5k has been verbally suggested on approval of items and detailed costings. The designs return date may be 5th October 2018
5. St Johns Chapel PCC would like the Parish Council to consider if they would make a grant towards the rebuilding of part of the churchyard wall. An estimate of £600 to rebuild the wall with stone and mortar has been done. The PCC has recently had to spend a considerable amount for work on the trees in the churchyard which overhang the footpath and main road **Resolved:** The councillors declined the request
6. S Makepeace has sent a quote for £125 to dig the beck out at Frosterley **Resolved:** The quote was agreed
7. Other years we have always decreased the fixed assets figure slightly but Mazars have pointed out that the figure should have been the same as last year. To amend the annual return will occur a £40 admin charge. Or we can accept a qualification matter for this issue.
Resolved: It was agreed to amend the return

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AAP Report

Nothing to report

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CDALC Report

Report for next meeting

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Accounts for Payment

NWG Business Old Cemetery	£12.43
NWG Business Allotments Willard Grove	£50.57
Ward Bros Plant Hire	£166.00
Heatherycleugh PCC	£300.00
DCC Planning Dept	£66.00

D Craig Chairmans Allowance	£250.00
Weardale Publishing stationery	£27.48
Paul Irwin Ashcroft Grass Cut	£150.00
DCC hire of meeting room July 3.5 hours	£70.00
NWG Business Public Conv Daddry Shield	£63.64
S Anderson Salary	£708.27
HM Rev	£16.00
S Anderson Home as Office	£35.00
S Anderson Expenses	£16.29
TOTAL	£1931.68

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Brewin mentioned that the gully sucker has not been up and cleaned the drains out in Frosterley **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC again
2. On The Green at Frosterley there is a bench that needs the grass cutting underneath and around it **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
3. Cllr Ellwood mentioned the bench on Crawleyside that it is rotten and needs re-planking **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
4. Cllr Blackett would like to report pole number 743 at Briar Hill, Ireshopeburn is rotten **Resolved:** Clerk to report
5. There is a light pole in the middle of the footpath at the top end of Hood Street, St Johns Chapel and prams and wheelchairs cannot get passed **Resolved:** Clerk to contact
6. Cllr Craig asked are DCC handling there own planning application when they move from County Hall in Durham
7. Cllr Mrs Humble would like the layby west of Killhope Wheel where the mobile phone mast is tidied up and the spoil levelled out so that four cars can park there in the winter months **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
8. The basketball net as yet has not been renewed in Burtreeford Play Area **Resolved:** Clerk to contact S Makepeace
9. The grass needs strimming at Lanehead between the Old School and the Old Chapel **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt
10. On the A689 at Copthill the self-seedlings need taking out **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt
11. The flower tubs up the dale have had all the flowers removed early and are now empty which is a total waste of money as the flowers were still flowering **Resolved:** Clerk to contact DCC
12. Cllr Mrs Hutchinson mentioned the old red brick building on the roadside past the entrance past Heights Quarry is in disrepair. **Resolved:** Cllr Craig will contact the manager of Heights
13. Cllr Miss Graham would like the escape lane weeding as it looks untidy **Resolved:** Clerk to contact D Hunt

- 14. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that the finger post opposite the Hen is facing in the opposite direction and needs realigning **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
- 15. There are a block of lights off from West Terrace up to Stanhopeburn pole numbers 177 to 182. Also light number 97 at the bottom of Paragon Street. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
- 16. Cllr Craig has made an observation that the main A689 through Frosterley is uneven and noticeable in a tractor **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at the Dales Centre commencing at 7pm

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