

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in the Dales Centre, Stanhope on 6th July 2022

PRESENT:

Cllr Miss J Carrick Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr R Lawrie, Cllr P Turton

S Anderson Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Craig, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Mrs A Savory

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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 June 2022

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. **PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS** – After contacting DEFRA for guidance the Parish Council has to register as a third-party user. The on-line form was filled in by the deadline date of 22nd June 2022.
2. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2021/22** – The return was sent via email and an acknowledgement has been received.
3. **PLANNING PROCEDURE FOR NOTICE AT FROSTERLEY** – The neighbours of the planning application have been contacted direct by the planning officers. The level of publicity carried out did meet relevant statutory requirements but has been acknowledged that neighbour notification letters could have been sent to other properties bordering the site. The relevant site notice was erected on private land, but was in a position so that it was visible from the neighbouring highway. A number of different properties take their access at this point and the lane can also be freely accessed by others from the public realm. A record has been left on file and residents can set up email alerts about future applications in the area by registering on the Council's Planning Public Access Service.

4. **EASTGATE WARD VACANCY** – No requests have been received for an election so the Parish Council can now co-opt to fill the vacancy.
5. **COWSHILL & LANEHEAD WARD AND FROSTERLEY WARD** – There have been no applications for the ward vacancies.
6. **BURNHOPE RESERVOIR** – Northumbrian Water are planning a £1.8 million investment project at Burnhope Reservoir commencing shortly. The email with the details was sent to the councillors.
7. **ASHCROFT PLAYAREA MUGA-** The County Councils Highways Team having looked in more detail at the scope of the intended works are unable to assist. Surfacing Standards Ltd sent an outline budget cost who specialise in designing and specifying outdoor synthetic sports pitches. The email has been sent to all of the councillors with the costings attached. Discussions have been held with J Young to see if it is feasible to undertake play area and MUGA improvement works together. The next meeting is 26th July at 7pm in A Maddison's office. What are the councillor's thoughts on the costing? As we are not quorate no decision could be made. This will be discussed at the August meeting.
8. **BONDISLE ALLOTMENTS** – Complete Weed Control have visited the site and the areas are looking good with no visible JKW found.
9. **PLANTERS AT ST JOHNS CHAPEL** – Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that the planters have been planted.
10. **ALLOTMENTS** – Three new tenants have taken on plots at Crosshill. The work that S Makepeace has done has improved the plots. Branches have been cut back ,pick -up loads of rubbish has been removed, nettles and waist high grass has been cut down. The old shed is down at the Old Hall site. In the next few weeks another inspection will be done.

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Correspondence Received

1. Cllr Brewin had received a concern from a resident of The Batts, Frosterley regarding a letter from Northern Powergrid. The plan shows that an underground electricity cable is planned to go to a field not far from The Batts. There could be a possibility that it is for three dwellings but Cllr Brewin has seen no planning application for this. The clerk sent a copy of the plan to the planning department and any works other than the electricity then it must be reported.
2. A resident contacted the clerk that there was going to be a large funeral so D hunt was contacted to get the Highways Worker to sweep and weed the pavements in front of the Church and the Parish Hall.
3. A tenant from Crosshill allotments has mentioned that the water has stopped running. Its not from the main water pipe.
4. A new tenant from Crosshill allotments has asked permission to keep 15 hens and one cockerel which are being re-homed. The hen house will be approx. eight by four feet. The plot is at the top right hand corner of the allotments and previously had hens on. This will be discussed in August
5. We have received an email concerning the EV charging points. A visitor who once a month comes to Stanhope mentioned that the four charging parking slots are being used by parked cars, the same cars every month. The only way the EV will work is if the chargers are accessible. The EV charging point is on private ground.
6. A tenant from Westgate purchased a small rooted tree for Light up the Dale but at the moment it is in the allotment as the lady has moved away who allowed the tree on the property. The tenant would like to know what should happen to the tree as it is growing very well in the allotment but can't stay there.

7. A resident from Frosterley rang about permission for a small stall selling crepes and waffles on the Market Place, Stanhope on an evening. The contact details for DCC were given to the couple.
8. CDALC emails have been sent to the councillors.
9. A thank you letter has been received from James Fenwick thanking the councillors for such a warm welcome and their kindness. The letter was read out to the councillors.
10. A request for a skip at Willard Grove has been asked for.
11. An enquiry has come in via the website asking how and when the energy rebates will be received. Also, how much should it be and does it take into account the many people who are not on mains gas but oil which has trebled in price. Some information maybe on a website.
12. A resident from Crawleyside is concerned that the new owners of a neighbouring property are intending extending their property at the front and rear. Concerns are being raised regarding the amount of light that will be blocked. As yet no planning application has been received. The email was sent to the councillors.
13. There will be a road closure on the A689 from Monday 25th July for up to 5 days between Nentsberry and Nenthall for resurfacing work. The closure will be in place between 8.30am and 5pm each day. Travel toward Alston on the A689 from Weardale will be affected.
14. An email has been received from Fusion Business from Consett who would like to make the Parish Council aware of funding available to businesses and organisations as well as Village Halls. If there is any interest Mr Sams is willing to attend the August Parish Council meeting to explain further. The email was sent to the councillors.

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Social Media

This will be put onto the August Agenda for discussion.

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Crawleyside Memorial

This will be put onto the August Agenda for discussion

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County Councillor Update

Cllr J Shuttleworth and Cllr Mrs A Savory sent their apologies

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Planning Matters

DM/22/01456/VOC

Variation of condition (approved plans)

Pursuant to planning permission DM/21/03686/FPA

Amendment to rear elevation

Weardale Lodge

Lanehead

DM/22/01491/VOC

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to permission
DM/21/02709/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 3/2021/0221
Hodgson Garage
Wearhead

DM/22/01527/VOC

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 5 (materials) attached to ref
DM/21/04195/FPA
Market Cottage
6 Market Place
Stanhope

DM/22/01662/VOC

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and 5 (material) attached to ref DM/21/04196/LB
Market Cottage
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DM/22/01638/FPA

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and proposed two storey extension
4 Stone Houses
Stanhope

DM/22/00217/FPA

Detached garage and vehicular access
Coach House
Horsley Hall Hotel
Eastgate

DM/22/01616/FPA

Extension of gable end to existing outbuilding and erection of stand-alone plant enclosure following
removal of existing shed.
Weardale Lodge
Lanehead

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 builders

Yard south of

Shittlehope Farm

Stanhope

DM/22/01651/FPA

Renovation of property and loft conversion

14 Graham Street

Stanhope

PLANNING APPROVALS

DM/21/02979/FPA

Conversion of barn into a residential dwelling

Barn North West of

Hawkwellhead Plantation

Ireshopeburn

DM/22/01049/FPA

Demolition of existing garage and workshop to be replaced with garage, workshop and car port.

Wear Lodge

Stanhope

DM/21/03232/FPA

Conversion and extension of existing building to from 1 no. dwelling demolition of existing timber building, access, package treatment plant and associated works

Land South East of Lea View

Brotherlee

DM/21/03500/FPA

Change of use of ground floor to gym, dance studio, (class E (d) and 4 no. residential units (class C3) first and second floors

Stanhope Town Hall

Stanhope

DM/22/00103/FPA

Use of residential property for part of the year as single holiday let (Sui Geneis)

The Curatage

Front Street

Stanhope

DM/22/00443/FPA

Change of use of open space to residential and detached single storey garage

Sparkes House

Front Street

Wearhead

DM/22/00300/FPA
Single storey extension
High Pinfold Cottage
Daddry Shield

DM/22/00418/FPA
Canopy to front and rear
Browns House Barn
Hill End
Frosterley

DM/22/00733/FPA
Demolition of open fronted shed and construction of a dwelling house and change of use from commercial office to domestic garage
Land adjacent to Stockley Burn Farm
Frosterley

DM/22/00362/FPA
Erection of detached double garage.
Allerton Court
Stanhope

DM/21/03762/FPA
Erection of two single storey 2 bedroom semi-detached dwellings
School House
Crawleyside

DM/22/00287/FPA & DM/22/00288/LB
Creation of 2 new ground floor windows, alterations to first floor windows and door
Whitestone Cottage
Wearhead

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED

DM/22/00475/PNT
Lattice tower with antennas and dishes, equipment cabinets, meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto to be installed on
Land at Fell House Cottage
Land to the East of
Fell House Cottage
Rookhope

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1. The Bank Mandate Form has been received with two previous councillors being taken off and Cllr Mrs Hawkes being added on as a signatory. The form has to be signed by the chairman, Cllr Miss Carrick and a councillor, Cllr D Craig.
2. Eastgate Village Hall would like to apply for the £500 Village Hall Grant money.

3. Ireshopeburn Institute would like to apply for the £500 Village Hall Grant money.
4. Wearhead Village Hall would like to apply for the £500 grant money.
5. Westgate Village Hall would like to apply for the £500 grant money.
6. Cowshill Village Hall would like to apply for the £500 grant money.
7. St Thomas Heatherycleugh would like to apply for the £300 churchyard maintenance grant.
A quote has been received for necessary tree works for £820.00 and a second quote is expected. The churchwarden would like to know if the Parish Council could assist with the cost and also the cost of the other works suggested by The Northumbrian Arborist. To be discussed in August.
8. Stanhope Methodist Church would like to apply for the £500 village hall grant money
9. St Johns Chapel Town Hall would like to apply for the £500 village hall grant money.

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AAP Report

There was no report.

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Accounts for Payment

E-ON NEXT ASHCROFT PLAYPARK	£15.75
DCC MEETING ROOM HIRE FOR JUNE	£28.13
JRB ENTERPRISE LTD DOG BAGS	£648.00
ALLEN SYKES INTERNAL AUDIT	£252.00
EASTGATE VILLAGE HALL	£500.00
IRESHOPEBURN INSTITUTE	£500.00
WEARHEAD VILLAGE HALL	£500.00
WESTGATE VILLAGE HALL	£500.00
WARD BROS PLANT HIRE LTD	£240.00
COWSHILL VILLAGE HALL	£500.00
ST THOMAS HEATHERYCLEUGH	£300.00
STANHOPE METHODIST CHURCH	£500.00
S ANDERSON SALARY	£815.36
HM REV	£8.63
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£47.25
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00

ST JOHNS CHAPEL TOWN HALL	£500.00
J WOODHALL	£25.00
GF WHITE IRESHOPEBURN ALLOTMENTS	£20.00
TOTAL	£5,935.12

ACCOUNTS FOR RECEIPTS

NETWORK RAIL	£2.53
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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Lawrie mentioned the Resilience training that he attended along with Cllr Miss Carrick and Cllr M Brewin. It was felt that it was going to be too much for the Village Halls to cope with data protection. An overarching plan would be best so Laura is going to re-jig the paperwork. Cllr Lawrie deals with data protection every day. This is for information purposes.
2. Cllr Brewin would like the gutter cleaned out that runs parallel with the road down The Batts at Frosterley. This will be taken to the August meeting.
3. There is an unoccupied house at Frosterley with signs of vermin.
4. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned that the suckers on the Lime Trees at Frosterley need trimming off and the trees need a trim on the roadside at the bottom of Ashcroft.
5. The road sign opposite the Grey Bull is in two pieces.

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Clerks business

Nothing to report

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45 PM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST 2022 AT THE DALES CENTRE, STANHOPE COMMENCING AT 7PM

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