

## STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in Eastgate Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr D Craig, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr P Turton,

Cllr Mrs C Burdis, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr R Lawrie

Cllr Miss J Carrick – Chairman

Susan Anderson – Clerk

### 11020

#### Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs S Smart, Cllr E Buchanan

### 11021

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

None received

### 11022

#### Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

### 11023

#### Matters Arising

1. **ACCESS TO WILLARD GROVE ALLOTMENTS** – The resident was wondering if a note could be added that if anything changes could she be contacted. **Resolved:** Clerk to write that the decision will not change
2. **CHERRY TREES, EASTGATE** – The cherry trees by the bus stop have been inspected and will be cut back in due course.
3. **FENCE AT THE BOTTOM OF PARAGON STREET** – The fence has been inspected and it has been added onto the works to do list and will be done in due course.
4. **HAMSTERLEY PLANNING APPLICATION** – All emails received from Cllr A Rutter from Woodland Parish Council have been sent to the councillors. He has advised that any council wishing to send comments have to ask the planning officer for an extension.
5. **ASHCROFT PLAYPARK** – The End of Defects SSL visit took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. The painting of the yellow tops to the fenceposts by EB Sports has not been done so Mr Bennett

is suggesting that the £150 is deducted from the final outstanding figure. We have received the Operation & Maintenance Manual for the Pitch Floodlighting.

#### **11024**

##### **Correspondence Received**

1. A resident reported a raised flag at the seating area by Castle Gardens, Stanhope to DCC. The County Council are looking into the ownership of the area as it is not theirs. Cllr Shuttleworth had this is in hand and will be repaired.
2. CDALC would like nominations for past chairmans to go into the draw to attend the Royal Garden Party. **Resolved:** It was agreed to nominate Mrs A Humble
3. The new on-line Weardale Gazette would like the minutes sending. **Resolved:** It was agreed to send the approved minutes
4. There has been a report that the gate onto the bridge in Ashes Quarry has been welded so that there is now no access across the bridge. The previous gate had been bent for some reason. The bridge is closed due to rotten planks. Walkers are asking when the bridge is going to be repaired. The bridge is privately owned.
5. It has been reported that there are three trees down in Shittlehopeburn which are across the footpath. You have to crawl under two and the third you have to scramble around. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to the footpaths officer

#### **11025**

##### **Planning Matters**

DM/24/01376/FPA

Erection of storage building  
Greenfoot Caravan park  
Stanhope

DM/24/02784/FPA

Partial conversion of garden room into habitable room to provide  
Additional reception room/bedroom and shower room. Removal of  
Polycarbonate sheet roof to rear to created flat roof terrace, lower cill  
to rear first floor window to access rear garden. Inclusion of solar array to rear of property.  
High Puddingthorne Cottage  
Lanehead

DM/24/03005/FPA

Conversion of redundant outbuilding into  
a self-contained holiday cottage  
Chester House  
Side Lane  
Westgate

## Planning Permission Granted

DM/24/02195/LB

Repairs to rotten timber, beams and joists replacement of dilapidated staircase to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor repairs and repointing of internal stone walls. Repairs and re-plastering of internal stone walls. Repairs and re-plastering of ceilings. Insulation of building – roof- space and external walls. Removal of paint on external north facing wall. Removal of 80's fire and fireplace and installation of wood burning stove with air ventilation in original fireplace. Removal of airing cupboard to allow direct access to the master bedroom.

Bishop Butlers House  
Front Street  
Stanhope

DM/24/02692/PN56

Prior notification under class Q for the change of use from agricultural building to 1 no dwelling house (C3) and associated works;  
Land North East of Horsley House  
Eastgate

### 11026

#### Finance

1. The budget figures have been sent to all councillors. Everything is going up so an increase of £5000 is needed. **Resolved:** Due to the increase in all services, it was agreed to increase the precept to £54,000.
2. The Great North Air Ambulance would like our continued support and generosity as we usually donate £500. **Resolved:** Agreed

### 11027

#### CDALC

No update

### 11028

#### AAP Report

A presentation took place by a group called the 5 w's who hold craft sessions which helps people with anxiety and isolation. This is held in Harehope Quarry, Frosterley by a retired academic couple. The AAP is going to turn into a local network and Tow Law will be in with Weardale. There will be two county councillors to cover the area. The local network will be based in Crook but the staff will come out to see people in the dale.

### 11029

#### Accounts for Payment

MAKEPEACE MOTORS DADDY SHIELD

£1668.00

JRB ENTERPRISE DOG BAGS	£540.00
S ANDERSON SALARY	£903.28
S ANDERSON HM REV	£20.96
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£13.40
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
EASTGATE VILLAGE HALL	£30.00
GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE	£500.00

S ANDERSON SALARY/EXP/HOME AS OFFICE FOR JAN

PAYMENT DUE FOR ASHCROFT PLAYPARK FINAL SIGNOFF – let chairman know when it comes in so that it can be paid.

#### DIRECT DEBITS

7<sup>TH</sup> NOV ANGLIAN WATER £79.89

14<sup>TH</sup> NOV ANGLIAN WATER £22.85

14<sup>TH</sup> NOV ANGLIAN WATER £37.70

18<sup>TH</sup> NOV VODAFONE £44.50

4<sup>TH</sup> NOV COMM CHARGES £9.70

26<sup>TH</sup> NOV E-ON ASHCROFT £235.81

Accounts moved

#### 11030

##### New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Thompson mentioned how lovely the lighting of the Christmas Tree was in Stanhope. She also mentioned that all of the shop holders have made such a good effort with their decorations.
2. There is a Patient Participation Group meeting which Cllr Mrs Thompson and Cllr Shuttleworth will be attending. Cllr Mrs Thompson will mention the difficulty in getting an appointment to see a doctor. The minutes of the meeting will be sent.
3. Cllr Shuttleworth mentioned that after the elections all Parish Councillors should have DBS checks done. This will keep everyone right.
4. Cllr Craig had a very near miss with a blue light ambulance coming into Westgate. These villages are not meant for two cars passing especially if one is a pick-up with a trailer on.  
**Resolved:** A letter to go to Joy Allan, the Chief Constable, and the Ambulance service just to make everyone aware and to be cautious through the villages.

5. Cllr Blackett reported light number 613 near the gas works that it is covered with ivy and needs cutting back. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth to deal with this
6. Cllr Turton mentioned that there is a sign by Newlandside Quarry that reads a Reclamation Project. Hargreaves are still working up there. Heights Quarry now is down to eighteen men.
7. Cllr Brewin brought up the Northumbrian Water roadworks in Frosterley. This is the third time in the same place that works are taking place. This is due to the previous work not being re-instated properly. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth will deal with this
8. Cllr Miss Carrick thanked everyone for this year and that there is no meeting in January.

**11031**

**Clerks Business**

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Eastgate Village Hall commencing at 7pm

-----Signed-----Date