

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in Eastgate Village Hall on 3rd May 2023

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs S Smart, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr D Craig, Cllr Mrs C Burdis, Cllr R Lawrie, Cllr M Brewin,

Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr P Turton, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr E Buchanan

Cllr Miss J Carrick – Chairman

Susan Anderson – Clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs A Hawkes

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To Receive Any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2023

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

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Weardale Renewables – Roy Williams

Apologies were sent Mr Williams could not make the meeting

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Matters Arising

1. **CRAWLEYSIDE BLACK AND WHITE RAILINGS** – The area has been inspected and has been passed onto the Traffic Section.
2. **ASHCROFT MUGA**- DCC have been in contact with a check list regarding the MUGA. As we have Surfacing Standards managing the project, they were more than happy that the required Health and Safety would be in place. We will be receiving written confirmation of the approval soon. After chasing this up DCC need more information so Surfacing Standards have been contacted to send the specifications.
3. **DALES CENTRE CAR PARKING** – The tenants pay for the car park space within their service charge and the Dales Centre have no way of knowing when they are not in use so cannot permit other people to park in them. The four hours only in the public parking is for the benefit of the retail tenants to help the flow of traffic for their sales.
4. **SPEED LIMIT REPLY** –Insp Turner referred us to the speed limit query which he answered on 22nd September 2022 outlining the criteria required by the Department of Transport to lower the speed on a A category arterial road. He suggested that the Parish Council contacts

Cumbria County Council Highways Department to find out why they have a 40mph restriction. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Cumberland County Council

5. **ACCIDENT AT WESTGATE ON A689-** The officers attending would have made a professional assessment at the time considering the circumstances and whether they suspected if the driver was impaired or not. The Traffic Sgt on the scene carried out the correct procedures.
6. **RIVERSIDE PLAYPARK** – Unfortunately DCC are continuing to chase up the parts from the manufacturer who have had significant delays. The equipment will be reinstalled as soon as possible. The councillors were not happy with the reply as the holiday season will soon be starting.
7. **PLANTERS AT FROSTERLEY** – Cllr Brewin mentioned the planters and he would like three for The Green at Frosterley.
8. **THE TOILETS AT ST JOHNS CHAPEL** – The toilets are still not repaired at St Johns Chapel
Resolved: Cllr Shuttleworth will deal with this
9. **FAST CHARGE POINTS** – The fast charge points are going to be in the Dales Centre and not on Front Street, Stanhope.
10. **TOILET PROVISION** – there has been no reply to the request of some more toilets in Stanhope

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Correspondence Received

1. A large tree at Bondisle Allotments has been reported that it is rotten in the bottom and the tree has no leaf on it. As it is on the edge of the conservation area this will have to be reported to Savills. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Savills
2. An email has been received from Hedgehogs R Us who are trying to make the whole of the UK hedgehog friendly. The email was sent to the councillors.
3. An email has been received from Richard Holden MP regarding the Coronation of Their Majesties the King and The Queen. All Parish Councillors are invited to leave a legacy beyond the Coronation weekend in their local towns or villages through the application of funding. The National Lottery grant awards between £300 and £10,000 to improve the places and spaces that matter to communities, amongst other criteria. A zoom meeting was held on Friday 28th April that the clerk joined. After discussing with the Chairman, we came up with the idea of the top area of land at Crosshill Allotments. This could be made into a lovely Nature Reserve with bee and butterfly friendly shrubs and seats with plaques on of all our villages in Stanhope Parish. As we own the land it would make things easy. Cllr Shuttleworth suggested that we contact the allotment holders first at Crosshill. Cllr Mrs Smart mentioned the railway line and that it would make a good cycle path. Cllr Shuttleworth reminded the council that it would open up liabilities for the parish Council and it's up to Sustrans to take that on. Cllr Lawrie suggested planting daffodils in all of the villages.
4. Cllr Miss Carrick and the clerk met at Bondisle allotments to inspect some new fencing that had been put up. The small area used to be a tip and covered with large brambles. This had been tidied up and had improved the area greatly, the fencing was approved. Another tenant has wood chippings tipped for communal use it was suggested that they were tipped at the other end of the track.
5. An email has been received regarding a resident who contacted 111 and was told it would be quicker if a neighbour could get her hospital. She isn't complaining about the 111 service or the NHS it was the fact that there were 2 ambulances at St Johns Chapel Station. The email was sent to the councillors. As the Parish Council do not know any of the medical details it is really up to the resident to take this up with 111 as they put the request through for an ambulance and also the North East Ambulance Service.

6. CDALC have sent a list of training sessions which have been sent to the councillors. Cllr Miss Carrick would like to do the chairman's training and Cllr Turton will do the Community Engagement course. **Resolved:** Clerk to book the course
7. The Notice of confirmation for the public path diversion of footpath43 has been sent with a copy of the Order and relevant plan.

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Social Media

A discussion took place on the pro's and con's of having a facebook page. A vote took place with five against and four to have it.

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Civility and Respect

Deferred to June meeting

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County Council Update

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, the Link cash machine in the Co-op wasn't working. Cllr Shuttleworth and Cllr Mrs Savory are to speak to Barclays regarding a cash machine.

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Planning Matters

Cllr Shuttleworth declared an interest

DM/23/00938/FPA

Ground mounted solar PV system of 28 solar panels of 2 arrays of 14 panels adjacent to school playing field

Burnfoot

St Johns Chapel

Low Carbon Team

DCC

DM/23/00897/FPA

Conversion of former agricultural building to habitable accommodation.

Little Allercleugh

Ireshopeburn

DM/23/01002/PNA

Erection of 1 no. general purpose agricultural building for the storage of machinery and hay

New Meadows

Sidehead

Westgate

10783**Finance**

1. Rookhope Village Hall annual grant money £500.00. Cllr Shuttleworth applied for this at the last meeting but it was missed off the finance. Cheque was issued on 13th April 2023 after contacting the chairman.
2. Bank reconciliation figures for 31st March 2023
3. St Andrews Church Westgate would like to apply for the £300 annual church yard maintenance grant. **Resolved:** Agreed
4. Barrington Hall, St Johns Chapel would like to apply for the Annual Village Hall grant money of £500.00 **Resolved:** Agreed
5. The PCC of St John the Baptist Church would like to apply for the Annual Churchyard maintenance grant of £300. **Resolved:** Agreed

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The AGM is coming up shortly.

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Nothing to report

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ROOKHOPE VILLAGE HALL PAID	£500.00
E-ON NEXT ASHCROFT PLAYPARK PAID	£15.03
BT CLERKS PHONE BILL PAID	£85.39
WAVE DADDY SHIELD CONVENIENCES	£55.33
GEORGE F WHITE – ALLOTMENTS AT IRESHOPEBURN	£20.00
NPOWER – CONTINUOUS PUBLIC LIGHTING	£2969.70
NPOWER – CONTINUOUS PUBLIC LIGHTING	£419.36
EASTGATE VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION	£30.00
SMITH OF DERBY-WEARHEAD MEMORIAL CLOCK	£271.20
SMITH OF DERBY-WESTGATE MEMORIAL CLOCK	£271.20
SMITH OF DERBY-FROSTERLEY VILLAGE HALL CLOCK	£271.20
NORTHGATE SYSTEMS	£48.00
WAVE WILLARD GROVE ALLOTMENTS	£63.16
WAVE OLD CEMETERY STANHOPE	£14.98
S ANDERSON SALARY	£861.04
HM REV	£14.22
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£75.99

S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
TOTAL	£6020.80
SCOTTISH WIDOWS (PRECEPT MONEY)	£45,000.00

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New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff would like to report some potholes at the Town Hall, St Johns Chapel.
Resolved: Cllr Shuttleworth to sort this out.
2. Cllr Mrs Sutcliff mentioned the grass cutting near to the Barrington Hall which is unbelievable, very uneven with bits missed. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth to deal with this.
3. Cllr Mrs Thompson would like to report a dropped manhole on the A689 just passed Loves Folly. Also, this area may be worth inspecting as there seem to be few dropped man hole covers. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
4. Cllr Mrs Thompson was wondering when the new public footpath signs will be put up in Ireshopeburn. **Resolved:** Clerk to find out

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Clerks Business

Nothing to report

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 6th June 2023 at Eastgate Village Hall commencing at 7pm

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