

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held in Eastgate Village Hall on 6th November 2024

PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff, Cllr M Brewin, Cllr P Turton, Cllr R Lawrie, Cllr Mrs S Smart, Cllr E Buchanan,

Cllr D Craig, Cllr J Shuttleworth, Cllr Mrs S Thompson,

Cllr Miss J Carrick - Chairman

Susan Anderson – Clerk

Also present:

J Grant & D Harsley – Flood Resilience Community Engagement Officers

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Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Mrs C Burdis

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To Receive any Declarations of Interest from Members

None received

11008

Flood Resilience Community Engagement Officers- J Grant & D Harsley

Cllr Miss Carrick welcomed the officers to the meeting. They help the community put flood plans in place and a flood warden receives a text when the river reaches a certain height, an alert via telephone/email when the water floods the footpaths and a severe warning is issued in extreme circumstances. The flood warden has contact with the incident room team. There is no risk involved and is mainly a link to the community. A meeting will be arranged with the Community Resilience Group who already have an Emergency Plan in place. DCC provide sandbags that are already being stored at the Wolsingham Depot.

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Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2024

Cllr Shuttleworth asked for the comment to be taken out relating to both County Councillors “need to be more open”. In point 4 Correspondence Cllr Shuttleworth would like adding that the application was in Teesdale and not in Stanhope Parish. With these amendments the minutes were proposed by Cllr Brewin and seconded by Cllr Miss Carrick and were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.

11010

Matters Arising

1. **JOINING MEETINGS BY ZOOM** – Cllrs cannot join Parish Council meetings by ZOOM which was checked with CDALC. Following the Rt Hon Angela Rayners speech there is a consultation which ends on 19th December. The consultation regards Enabling Remote Attendance and Proxy Voting at local authority meetings. The councillors feel that they prefer in person meetings. You need to be able to get the feel of the meeting which you only get by face-to-face meetings. For confidential discussions you need to know who is actually in the room. Then there is the problem with internet connections. **Resolved:** Clerk to write
2. **BONDISLE ALLOTMENTS** – Complete Weed Control visited the allotment site on 10th October and everything is looking good with no visible JKW. The site was treated to keep a sterile site ready for next year.
3. **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK, BRIDGE END, FROSTERLEY** – The site was visited and there are some works going on that are in breach of planning control. The Planning department will work with the developer to get an application submitted for the scheme.

11011

Correspondence Received

1. A resident from Coronation Avenue would like to know who owns the land next to her property. She would like to discuss buying a small stretch next to her property. The land concerned provides vehicle access to the allotments at Willard Grove. The deeds for the allotments are held with Hodgson & Angus. **Resolved:** The councillors will not sell any part of that land. Clerk to write to the resident.
2. Cllr Mrs Smart brought it to the clerks' attention that a tree had fallen down on the sewage pipe over the Rookhope Burn. This was reported to Northumbrian Water. The tree has been removed which was a large sycamore tree.
3. Cllr Mrs Thompson asked the clerk to report a blocked drain just before the Ambulance Station at St Johns Chapel. This was reported to DCC who have referred it to the gully maintenance team. Also the layby opposite the turn in to Rose Hill farm the potholes are massive so Cllr Mrs Thompson asked the clerk to report them to DCC. The potholes have been added onto the works programme. All the drains are now sorted.
4. The neighbourhood Warden had received a report of some fly tipping between Willard Grove and Coronation Avenue. D Hunt removed the pushchair for us within hours of the report.
5. A new tenant from Crosshill Allotments would like permission for 8ftx6ft shed and a greenhouse not exceeding 10ftx6ft. **Resolved:** Permission granted

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County Councillor Update

Cllr Shuttleworth is in contact regularly with the councillors so this item to be taken off the agenda.

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Planning Matters

DM/24/02195/LB

Repairs to rotten timber, beams, and joists.

Replacement of dilapidated staircase to 2nd floor. Repair and repointing 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.

46 Front Street
Stanhope

DM/24/02617/FPA

Demolition of existing farm buildings and erection of new agricultural storage building
Land North East of Horsley House
Eastgate

DM/24/02516/FPA

A multipurpose agricultural building, predominantly used for housing livestock (cattle and Sheep) but it will also be used for storage of winter fodder and agricultural machinery

West house

4 Ling Riggs

Ireshopeburn

DM/24/02692/PN56

Prior notification under class Q for the change of use of an agricultural building to 1 no dwelling house (3) & associated works

Land north east of Horsley House

Eastgate

DM/24/02777/FPA

Proposed porch

Black Rigg

12 Lanehill

Ireshopeburn

PLANNING APPROVALS

DM/24/02111/FPA

Dormer windows for front and rear

4 Dene Hill

Frosterley

DM/24/02130/FPA

Construction of concrete road to replace existing gravel farm track

High Houze Farm

Huntshieldford

St Johns Chapel

DM/24/02261/FPA

Replacement of roof covering- provision of solar panels to front and rear roofs

Rose Cottage

Front Street

Frosterley

11014
Finance

1. Active Council will be setting up our Domain Name and the Domain Name with Existing Website. The cost is £126.00 which includes the £100 government grant money. The cost will be £45 annually. The new address will be stanhope-pc.gov.uk.

11015
CDALC
No update

11016
AAP Report

The only thing to report was the Co-op presentation. Every time you use the Community Connect Card it is votes for St Johns Chapel Town Hall this year and the chance to win £5000.

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Accounts for Payment

WJP SOFTWARE LTD – ACTIVE COUNCIL	£126.00
BT CLERKS PHONE BILL _ PAID	£81.44
PAUL IRWIN – GRASS CUTTING ASHCROFT PLAYPARK	£180.00
S ANDERSON SALARY	£903.08
HM REV	£21.16
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£13.60
J CARRICK POPPY WREATH	£28.00
D COATES ELECTRIC BOX ASHCROFT	£140.00
EASTGATE VILLAGE HALL	£30.00
TOTAL	£1558.28
<u>DIRECT DEBITS</u>	
BANK CHARGES	£9.10
VODAFONE	£44.50
EON NEXT	£29.07

ACCOUNTS FOR RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER

2/10/2024	NORTHERN ELECTRIC WAYLEAVES	£172.09
30/10/2024	VAT REFUND	£400.59
TOTAL		£572.68

Accounts moved

11018

New Matters for Discussion

1. Cllr Mrs Thompson mentioned the toilets at St Johns Chapel that they need a coat of paint. **Resolved:** The toilets will be painted next year
2. Cllr Mrs Smart has pointed out that the cherry trees by the bus stop need cutting back as they are very near to the telephone lines. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to Openreach
3. Cllr Shuttleworth mentioned that the Parish Council needs to maximise the precept this year. The County Council need to make cuts and are looking at what can be cut. They won't know until 19th Dec which is too late for setting our precept.
4. Cllr Craig mentioned a speeding motorbike through Westgate they need to realise that the road is a county road not a race track.
5. Cllr Turton thought about writing to the MP regarding the new heritage tax laws and the challenges for farmers. It is not in our remit to get involved in this.
6. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned to the councillors that there will be a swimming pool meeting at the Church Hall, Stanhope on Wednesday 13th Nov commencing at 7pm.
7. The wooden fence at the bottom of Paragon Street, Stanhope needs repairing. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to DCC
8. The water meter by the Village Hall, Eastgate has still not been unearthed after the road was tarmaced. **Resolved:** Cllr Shuttleworth will deal with this
9. Due to the lack of a dentist in Stanhope Northern Smiles at Crook are taking patients on but there are limited spaces.
10. While during a recent visit to Prague it was noticed that they use paper dog poo bags and the bins don't have any plastic bags in just a plastic container.

11019

Clerks business

The play park electric box has been fitted with a smart meter but there wasn't a good enough signal to set the meter up. E-On will be back in touch to try and get it connected up.

Meeting closed at 19.58pm

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 4th Dec 2024 at Eastgate Village Hall commencing at 7pm

.....Signed.....Date