

Minutes of Meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council Council held in the Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 18th January 2018

Those Present Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman
Cllrs Boylan, Fitzpatrick, Sharp, Wilson, Bushby
C Miller (Clerk), County Cllr V Jones

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th November 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th January 2018

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda

- Clerk had emailed British Telecom regarding public telephone box cleansing and possibility it would close, and would follow this up.

5. Planning Matters: Amended Application received: 17/01950/OUT, land west of Stannerton House:

Applications Approved: Mr W Crichton, land north west of 25 The Oval, one No dwelling; 17/04040/FUL: Dr K Duffield, North Lough Farm Cottage – construction of two storey rear extension to provide additional bedrooms and study; 17/04649/FUL: Mr & Mrs Nicholson, construction of single storey rear and two storey side extension, Herondale, 22 Grange Road, Stamfordham - supported

6. Benches

Replacement benches could be of recyclable material, however wood is more appealing. Prices had been secured, and benches that require replacement to be confirmed. Clerk to provide photographs of recyclable benches in Rothbury.

7. Financial Matters

Expenditure Authorisation:

D Stanley 184	£89.79
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To discuss request from Ponteland Town Council for bus service subsidy

Annual request had been received from Ponteland Town Council regarding the PC subsidising the Saturday Evening Bus Service 74, and it was agreed to contribute £400 to the service. Improvements to rural issues regarding transport could be available in the future.

8. County Councillor's Report

- Tree had been trimmed at Grange Road.
- Planning permission had been granted for Ponteland school/leisure complex.
- Community Chest funding open for community groups to apply.
- County Council budget being finalised, despite year on year cuts to council, funding sources have increased to the council, with balancing available to budget with no major cuts.

9. Correspondence

- Northumberland County Council – Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PHA) Consultation
- Acknowledgement of grant received from Great North Air Ambulance
- North of Tyne Devolution – Governance Review Consultation – devolution to bring in 20million per year over 30 years, with Northumberland to receive education funding

- Ross Keady – pizza van service within the parish – it was agreed the Parish Council would support this service
- CPRE – newsletter

10. Proposed closure of Stamfordham Surgery, 12 Grange Road

The Parish Council regret the decision the surgery is to close on 31/3/18. PPG meeting scheduled for 14/2/18 where questions can be asked regarding future arrangements. Correspondence had been received from person attending the surgery who was confused to the issue being of NHS funding and finding insufficient doctors to stay with the practice, as the list of doctors at the practice had increased recently. They believe the surgery is a wonderful service and well appointed, with these comments echoed even by patients from Ponteland who choose the practice as their preferred option. It is certainly an important village amenity worthy of any support that can be mustered with the authorities responsible and would be happy to promote its continuity. However, the Parish Council agreed it was ultimately the White Group's decision to close the surgery.

11. Annual Review of Risk Assessment

It was agreed the Risk Assessment was acceptable for the current needs of Stamfordham Parish council

12. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent

- Parking along North side of concern with vehicles parking at an angle, which would lead to churning up the grass verges, with some vehicles causing an obstruction. It is becoming habit forming, and it was agreed an article should be placed in the Communicator, with Cllr Sharp to compile with the addition of photographic evidence.
- No road signage reported for Stamfordham at Dalton road end, at T junction, turning left at Limestone Lane, which is within Ponteland Town Council. County Cllr Jones to report.
- Accident had occurred at school with refreshment of road signage required.

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th March 2018 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 820pm