

**Those Present** Cllr Trevelyan, Chairman  
Cllrs Boylan, Fitzpatrick, Sharp, Wilson, Scratcherd  
C Miller (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Bushby

**2. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes, not otherwise on the Agenda**

Clerk had re-contacted S Roberson regarding B.T. public telephone box and who had confirmed a consultation had been carried out and this may be one of the structures scheduled for removal. S Roberson to contact a colleague in BT payphones and ask them to carry out maintenance or early removal. Clerk had information with objections to removal made in September 2016 by the Parish Council, as mobile telephone coverage is inadequate. Clerk to chase up once again.

**4. Planning Matters: Applications received:** 18/00204/FUL: Mr Talbot, Eachwick Lodge – alterations to rear of property to include erection of two storey extension to allow relocation of existing staircase and single storey glazed extension and dormer window; **Applications approved:** 17/04649/FUL: Mr & Mrs Nicholson, Herondale, 22 Grange Road – single storey rear and two storey side extension

**5. Benches**

Cllr Boylan had inspected the benches with one bench totally rotten and others redeemable. Bench at top end of green had a loose base, and it was agreed a handyman should be engaged to carry out repairs.

**6. Financial Matters**

Expenditure Authorisation as follows:

19.2.18	206	D Stanley 187	48.97
19.2.18	207	Stam V Hall	25.00
15.3.18	208	D Stanley 188	47.79
15.3.18	209	C Miller	486.92
15.3.18	210	HMRC	104.00

**To discuss/agree additional grasscutting 2018-19 at the rate of £756.18 plus VAT**

It was resolved the grasscutting service from County Council would continue

**Thanks received from Ponteland Town Council regarding contribution towards Bus Service 74**

**7. County Councillor's Report**

County Cllr not present.

**8. Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**9. Post 16 School Transport – Consultation Document for discussion/comment**

County Council are to introduce free school transport for post 16's, further to an initial registration fee from pupils.

**10. Speeding traffic concerns through Harlow Hill/installation of interactive speed camera**

County Cllr had met with Highways safety officer and is quite happy to cover the cost of an interactive speed camera, subject to the Parish Council taking over maintenance of the equipment. Further information is awaited relating to speed surveys to see if the road meets the criteria.

**11. To receive/discuss information relating to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

New regulations are coming into force 25/5/18 which will entail the Parish Council having to record every piece of information which includes personal details. The Clerk had carried out a data audit, and distributed forms to Cllrs who would also need to complete. Each council will have to appoint a Data Protection Officer, which may not be able to be the clerk. NALC are to provide training which Clerk would attend.

#### **12. Other business admitted by the Chairman as urgent**

- Article in communicator seemed to have brought results regarding inconsiderate parking, but there are still one or two vehicles causing problems.
- Concern was raised over the state of Stamfordham road, with potholes problematic due to an extremely large pothole causing damage to two vehicles, one being Cllr Sharp's and who had subsequently rang 101 and reported the incident to the police, with complaint forwarded to Highway's Agency. Hole had been filled in the next morning. County Cllr is to carry out a site visit with the aim for a major repair to be carried out. It was resolved to write officially about this with Clerk to ask County Cllr Jones for a contact.
- Solar panel speed sign is not working.
- No gritters had been in the parish until the third day of recent snowfall, apart from an odd tractor with snowplough, and one day two gritters had been in convoy, however Cllr Sharp commented at times the road surface is so cold, grit does not work.
- Fence opposite Jubilee Cottage had disappeared, which had created dangerous drop and which is now a safety issue, Chairman to speak to person about this.
- Condition of grass outside of old police house in an unacceptable state due to vehicles driving on the village green, however it was thought this would be temporary and be made good in the future.

#### **13. To confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which commences at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.