

STANHOPE PARISH COUNCIL 1ST JULY 2020

All meetings are cancelled due to coronavirus CDALC email no7, 26th March 2020

All items on the Agenda were sent to the Councillors for consultation via email

Public can see the consultation emails

CONTACTED:

Cllr D Craig Chairman

Cllr M Brewin, Cllr L Blackett, Cllr Mrs H Maddison, Cllr Mrs A Humble, Cllr W Wearmouth,
Cllr B Thompson, Cllr D Ellwood, Cllr Mrs S Thompson, Cllr Mrs A Hawkes, Cllr Miss F Graham,
Cllr Miss J Carrick, Cllr Mrs D Sutcliff

S Anderson clerk

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Apologies for Absence

Not applicable

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To receive any declarations of Interest from Members

None received

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Minutes of the meeting via email held on 3rd June 2020

Minutes were moved as a true and correct record by Cllr Mrs Humble and Cllr Mrs Hawkes and will be signed by the chairman when a meeting can be held

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Police and the Community

Nothing to report

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Matters Arising

1. FROSTERLEY RECYCLING – Detailed discussions have taken place between DCC's Traffic Management and the contractor with developing a specific plan for the Frosterley mobile service. A number of points are being considered including a new layout plan to ensure social distancing measures are in place for site users and the staff. The police will also be consulted on how to manage queuing. DCC are hopeful to get the service back up and running before too long. Clerk to ask for an update and it was suggested that an appointment system could be run.
2. FLY FIELD, FROSTERLEY – An email has been received concerning the Fly Field at Frosterley regarding damage and removal of a fence, creation of a new footpath and repair of a footpath on the owners property without permission. The email has been sent to all Stanhope Parish Councillors. We have not authorised any work. Email received and noted
3. MEMORIAL PLAQUE – The Memorial Plaque for Crawleyside is now finished and Scott Memorials have done a good job. I have checked with the planning department to make sure we don't need planning permission and we don't need it.
4. BOLLIHOPE BOTTOM – The rubbish has been dreadful at Bollihope and the matter has now been passed onto the enforcement team. Cllr Craig commented that Slitt Wood is as bad and also needs prosecutions.
5. PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – CDALC are still strongly advising no face to face meetings. In August we must get the AGAR approved so if we cannot hold a meeting then we will have to use Zoom. The Dales Centre are undergoing an inspection before they are given the go ahead to reopen, but they have had no guidance on meetings yet. An update has been received that the Dales Centre are able to hold meetings but with a maximum of six people. I have spoken to the Church Hall in Stanhope if the councillors decide they would like to hold a meeting in August we would need to contact them to book the hall. The area is large for social distancing for councillors and any members of the public, we would have to do a risk assessment. Cllr Thompson spoke to Rookhope Club who have also said we could hold a meeting in one of their rooms. The email received from CDALC has been sent to all the councillors. What are all your thoughts on this please? Cllr Mrs Humble commented that in principle it would be a good idea to meet formally. The venue must comply with social distancing rules and a risk assessment should be prepared. Cllr Miss Carrick is in favour of a meeting at the Church Hall / Rookhope Club as long as all the necessary precautions are in place as well as Cllr Craig, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Blackett, Cllr Mrs Sutcliff, Cllr Ellwood, Cllr Miss Graham, Cllr Mrs Thompson and Cllr Wearmouth. Cllr Mrs Hawkes felt it is probably prudent to follow the CDALC recommendations not to have face to face meetings yet along with Cllr Brewin , but she is happy to go with the majority view if meetings would also be quorate.

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Correspondence Received

1. Measures to enforce responsible dog ownership in public spaces will be set in place for another three years, following overwhelming support
2. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport introduces the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme with the aim of providing funding to support the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband to rural communities. DCC is working in partnership with Building Digital UK, which is part of DCMA, to provide faster broadband speeds to communities through the Digital Durham programme. Email sent to the councillors

3. Planning committees will restart to determine some of County Durham's more significant applications which will be held remotely. An increased range of delegated powers have been given to planning officers to deal with a backlog of applications. They will be made in consultation with local councillors, with final decisions taken at director level.
4. Work to replace Witton Park Bridge, near Bishop Auckland, is set to begin 15th June 2020
5. Cllr S Henig has sent an update on council services and DCCs efforts to support the county during the pandemic.
6. Residents in County Durham can have their say on how social distancing is maintained as emergency measures are being implemented in towns centres and on countywide pavements and cycle routes.
7. Cllr Miss Graham has noticed that the footpaths in Stanhope need weeding more so around the Crosshill Flats area, the Back Lane and the entrance to the cemetery. D Hunt has been contacted
8. An email has been received on guidance for Risk Assessments relating to COVID-19. We will have a risk assessment done for Daddry Shield Toilets, the Bus Shelter in Stanhope Market Place. The email was sent to all the councillors and those that replied thought we should use S Armstrong who did the risk assessment for Westgate Play Park. The reports have been received and sent to the councillors. I have done all the necessary signage for Daddry Shield Toilets and the bus shelter in Stanhope. D Hunt has had the bus shelter power washed and disinfected. The allotments don't need a risk assessment, but notices are to be put up reminding tenants about social distancing and to wash hands. Mr Armstrong has mentioned other work that needs doing in the reports that have be sent which will be done by S Makepeace. Mr Armstrong has been asked to do the Risk Assessments on all our play park sites which are due to re-open shortly. The reports on the play parks have been sent to the councillors and to S Makepeace to have all necessary work done so that we can get the play parks open. All councillors that replied recommended that the work be done as soon as possible. A visual check needs to be done regularly on the play equipment as well as an annual inspection so that any work required can be carried out straight away.
9. The Police and Crime Panel for County Durham has confirmed Sharon Caddell as temporary Chief Executive of the Office of the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner (OPCVC).
10. An email was sent to all the councillors on the consultation for the LGA Model Member Code of Conduct. This to be discussed as an item on the agenda when a meeting can be held. Councils have until 17th August to send in comments
11. NHS County Durham CCG has sent an email regarding a survey around access to primary care using digital technology to speak to a GP. The report will be used to understand people's views on accessing their GP Practice during COVID , how the CCG can continue to make improvements to services and encourage more people to use digital clinical consultations with their health professional in the future. Survey ends 3rd July email sent to all the councillors
12. Information has been sent regarding the closure extension by a further 2 years of Footpath no 14 Ashes Quarry no1 and no2 footbridges, Stanhope
13. The Summer 2020 edition of the Warm Homes Newsletter has been sent to all the councillors.
14. People who have lost their job or are looking for new employment are being offered help in County Durham
15. The planters at Cromer Lea Frosterley have not been planted yet and are full of weeds. DCC have been contacted
16. A bench at Glebeside , Frosterley is covered in ivy which the community highways worker has been asked to tidy up
17. An allotment tenant has asked permission for a new 8ftx6ft shed on his plot at Willard Grove Allotments. Photographs have been sent of the shed/ greenhouse; permission granted

18. An email has been received regarding Stanhope Dene from a rock climber who cannot climb anymore. He has mentioned the banning of climbing, the new fencing and gate. He would like to know why the church commissioners sold the land without safeguarding access for people enjoying the Dene. He would like the Parish Council to enquire why access is now restricted for climbing and horse riding. The Parish Council cannot comment on restrictions to the use of private land and access to sports which are not currently permitted.
19. Information has been sent from the WAAP regarding Its in the Bag which is non-perishable food available to all school children and their families who live or attend school in Weardale. Email sent to all the councillors
20. An email has been received regarding A Pennine Journey asking us to support the campaign to have the long-distance footpath changed to a National Trail. Email sent to all councillors. Cllr Wearmouth supports this and would like to write to our MP. Cllr Craig commented that footpaths should not go through farmyards as these are places of work. Cllr Mrs Humble is in favour of supporting the proposed National Trail. Cllr Mrs Hawkes also supported the proposal as the Pennine National Trail passes through two areas in our Parish as does Cllr Blackett as there maybe more opportunities for bed and breakfasts.
21. Cllr Miss Carrick mentioned the weeds in front of the church, Stanhope. D Gillett has been contacted as weed spraying has taken place.

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Planning Matters

DM/20/01298/VOC

Variations of conditions 3 c) external timber doors and 3 e) natural slate roof covering of
Planning permission 3/2003/0937 to allow revised materials to garage
Browns House Barn
Hill End
Frosterley
Julia Norgate

DM/20/01105/VOC

Change of use from holiday accommodation to dwelling
The Paddock
Crawleyside
Mr & Mrs C Metcalf

A concerned resident contacted a councillor regarding this application but was assured that it was not an application for a new build. The application is for change of use to residential. The Stanhope Councillors have received comments regarding this application, so an objection letter has been sent. The Parish Council objected to this application in Jan 2012 and the same comments stand. Durham County Council need to look at their planning policy for holiday lets/residential applications

DM/20/01223/FPA

Conversion of existing farm building to offices and communal rooms and agricultural building to equestrian use, construction of 2no holiday cottages, installation of 10 no shepherds huts for holiday accommodation and associated works.
Sunny Bank
St Johns Chapel
Sunny Banks Farm Ltd

The councillors are to send an objection email and have asked for the application to go to Committee unless it is recommended for refusal by the senior planning officer.

Councillors comments were the access roads on both directions, the size of the development, saturation of holiday lets, new build houses, detrimental to the area, start of something bigger, not a Weardale farmer wishing to diversify, agricultural land being lost. Comments were received by two councillors who agreed to the objection but felt that someday we will have to go along with some sort of development.

DM/20/01279/FPA

Erection of agricultural building

Low Redburn Farm

Rookhope

Ian Potts

DM/20/01458/FPA

Two storey extension to NW elevation roof replacement, installation of roof lights and alteration of existing door and window

15 High Street

Stanhope

Susan Gittins

DM/20/01540/FPA

New timber garage adjacent to existing house

Burnbrae

6 Hood Street

St Johns Chapel

Mr V Urbanski

DM/20/01521/FPA

Conversion of a barn to

Dwelling (resubmission)

Land & Barn to the

North West of High View

Wearhead

Mr & Mrs Fairless

DM/20/00942/FPA

The Parish Council has received a copy of a notification letter regarding the recent appeal against the enforcement notice issued for unauthorised development at land to the north of High Fairhills, Huntshildford, St Johns Chapel. Cllr Craig commented that Fairhills needs comments.

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Finance

1. St Johns Chapel Town Hall would like to apply for the £500 Village Hall Grant money. Clerk will send the grant money
2. S Makepeace has sent the two quotes for the play park fencing at Westgate Play Park. The bowtop fencing is £8,773.80 plus vat and a post and 5 rail fence with rabbit netting is £2680.00 plus vat. The majority of the councillors thought the second option would be fine.

10328**AAP Report**

Nothing to report

10329**CDALC Report**

Nothing to report

10330**Accounts for Payment**

JRB ENTERPRISE DOG BAGS SPLIT ORDER	£279.60
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St JOHNS CHAPEL TOWN HALL GRANT MONEY	£500.00
SCOTT MEMORIALS MEMORIAL PLAQUE CRAWLEYSIDE	£312.00
MAKEPEACE MOTORS ALLOTMENT WORK, NOTICE BOARD	£588.00
S ANDERSON HOME AS OFFICE	£35.00
S ANDERSON EXPENSES	£68.48
S ANDERSON SALARY	£728.89
HM REV	£23.01
TOTAL	£2792.98

Cheque for £30,000 from the precept received has been sent to the Scottish Widows Account from the current account

10331**New matters for discussion**

1. Weeding is needed to be done around the Church/Village Hall and the bus stop at Cowshill.
2. The war memorial at Cowshill also needs weeding
3. There is a wasps nest in the play park at Ireshopeburn that needs removing. This has been reported to D Hunt.
4. Visit Durham seem to have significant input into the development of tourism in the Dale as evidenced in the Sunny Banks planning application. Later on in the year an invite should be sent to them to attend a Parish Council meeting, but in the meantime we could ask for some information about themselves and their views on tourism in the Dale. Another councillor thought this was a good idea

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Clerks business

1. Cllr Miss Graham has inspected the Stanhope Allotments and the following plots need letters going out. Three plots in Bondisle, three plots at Crosshill with one tenant having to get off as plot not cultivated and it was the same last year. Willard Grove needed two letters.
2. Cllr Mrs Thompson has inspected the Ireshopeburn Site.
3. Cllr Craig has inspected the Westgate Site.
4. A resident is concerned about the bottom allotment plot at Crosshill that is over grown and a self seeding tree is growing. This plot is not let as it has an electric box on it. This will be tidied up by our highways worker.
5. It is two years since we had a tree inspection done in our allotments, play parks and the old cemetery. I would like to arrange for Olivers Tree services to come and do the inspection again. The councillors who replied agreed for the clerk to arrange an inspection.
6. The old cemetery will need an inspection of the head stones doing so I would like to arrange for S Makepeace to do the inspection, as again it is two years since the last inspection. The councillors who replied agreed for the clerk to arrange an inspection.

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