

WARK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Anne Hutchinson

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Draft Minutes Meeting held at Stonehaugh Community Hall 29th July 2021

Attendees: Edward Jeffrey(vice Chair), Judith Weir, Steven Batey, Phil Leadbitter, Anne Hutchinson (Chair)
County Councillor Nick Morphet

Apologies: Lisa Charlton, Robert Batey

- **Notification of other Business**
None

3 Declarations of conflicts of Interest

None

4. Approval of minutes 16th June 2021

- Minutes approved
p. Phillip Leadbitter. 2nd Steven Batey

5. Issues raised by members of the public

- Items from Stonehaugh Parish Assembly
- Need bus service from Stonehaugh, was it possible for residents and visitors to use school; transport.- Cllr Morphet would investigate
- Lineacres road needed repairs
- South road needs repairs.

6. Report from County Councillor Nick Morphet

Cllr Morphet reported

- There was help available from NCC to help with Neighbourhood Plan.
- NCC had a scheme to help finance Electric Charging points this was discussed and it was decided to investigate the possibility of electricity charging points at Wark and Stonehaugh. Suggestions was to install one near to the Wark Public Toilets and site near to Stonehaugh Activity Centre if electricity could be made available, or Stonehaugh Community Centre.
- Councillors will explore what is available

7. Planning Applications

Plans for Crossridge Barn -Withdrawn

Plans for Pinfold -Approved

8. Highways Issues

- **Local Transport Consultation** -Requests for improvements and maintenance for Lineacres to Bridge House and South entrance from Ward Lane to Stonehaugh. C Cllr Morphet agreed to contact Highways.
- Include upgrade of Council Road U5057 from Jocks Close to Scotch Coulthard- at present Local residents have a grace and favour right to use an alternative Forestry Road (Grindon Green to Hindley Steele) However if the said road was upgraded it would be a direct route from The Sill to Kielder via Stonehaugh and encourage visitors to visit Stonehaugh.
- No through Road sign at Whygate Bridge, is incorrect this road is maintained by Forestry England but is an unclassified Council Road. Seek to have the sign removed.
- Community Speed Watch Clerk is waiting for information from Bellingham Parish Council
- Mobile Activated Speed Indicator – consider buying one for use at Wark and Stonehaugh,- using money from reserves for new roof @ toilets and no longer required
- Sign post at Dean Burn Crossroads- directs traffic to Kielder and Bellingham- this is a single-track road and not suitable for large vehicles including Caravans and Mobile homes –C Cllr Morphet will investigate Cllrs suggest either removing the sign or adding information indicating road not fit for caravans etc p Anne Hutchinson, 2nd Edward Jeffrey There isn't a sign at Dunterly to direct traffic back to Stonehaugh

9. Stonehaugh Issues

Wild Flower meadow was discussed and it was decided it would mean extra work and as previous attempts had been unsuccessful, there would also be a need for volunteers to prepare, sow the seed and maintain the land. No volunteers were forthcoming

- **Tree planting** was discussed but no final decision was reached
- **Celebrations for Queens 70th Jubilee** It was decided to investigate what type of beacon would be appropriate County Cllr Nick Morphet would make enquires
- **Squirrel Watch** – Volunteers needed - Steven Batey is the local organiser
- **SAC and Nature Reserve and Allotments** - Clerk has requested a quote from Richard Charlton to quote for installing water. will need a second quote so will contact Shaun Rogerson.
- **Substation- Offer** has been increased to £1200- Agent is negotiating an increase in rent or possible sale.

10. Wark Issues:

- Wark Monday Club is recruiting new members. Ladies are welcome
- Wark Public Toilets have been inspected by Edward and Phil, and found to be satisfactory and are now open to the public original toilets are now closed.

11. Correspondence:

- Green Rigg Trust is open for applications – clerk will submit an application for a new mower
- Request for a donation -Victim Support
- Request for a donation Sport Tynedale
- Donations will be allocated at November meeting

Representative on Green Rigg Trust – Judith Weir p. Anne Hutchinson 2nd Steven Batey

12. Financial Matters

Accept Payment Schedule p Edward Jeffrey 2nd Phillip Leadbitter

WPC Payment Schedule 29 July 2020

Cheque	Name	Amount	Goods	Approved
30/06/1904	Wark Town Hall	30.00	PC Meeting	
1644	C&L Reid	367.94	Maintenance Composting Toilet x2 website 1-hour, Misc. Goods SAC	
1645	PKF Littlejohn	48.00	Reminder	
1647	Came & Co	1164.49	insurance	
1648	St Michael's	50.00	Donation	
1649	Playdale	90.60	Play area Inspection	
1650	CIA	60.00	Accounts	
1651	R Wilkinson	350.00	Grass cutting	
1652	Monday Club	350.00	Donation for grass cutting. Wark	
1653	Monday Club	111.65	Wark Mower Petrol	
1654	Liam Reid	20.84	Petrol for Genie SAC	
1655	M Stoker	79.99	Toilet Maintenance	
1656	N Reid	80.19	S Toilet maintenance	
1658	Computer Shop	145.00	Epsom Printer	
1659	HMRC	0.20	PAYE M Stoker	
1660	S Jeffrey	3.00	Postage Election Document	
1661	A Hutchinson	450.50	Reimbursement Carrs, HW, phone, mileage, Internet	

Please note Correction from 20/05/21

1642 T Hutchinson	488.58 Reimbursement Charlton	Wrong cheque number
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Accept Internal Auditors- Report not available

13. Reports from Representatives to other bodies

- Judith reported the Town Hall AGM was due Weir would represent WPC p. S Batey 2nd Phillip Leadbitter. Letter to Town Hall committee to confirm.
- Edward Jeffrey reported that the Town Hall had undergone a deep clean
- Judith Weir would continue to represent the Parish Council. p. Steven Batey 2nd Anne Hutchinson' Clerk will confirm appointment

14. Other Business

- Risk assessment. - Any one working on Parish Land must complete a Risk Assessment.
- Meeting closed @ 9.10pm
- Next meeting Wednesday 6th October