

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Meetings

The Parish Council has met 11 times since the 2012 Annual Parish Council meeting. 6 meetings were ordinary meetings when a full agenda of business was considered. The other 5 were for planning or other urgent items of business.

Councillors

The following Councillors served throughout the year:

Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, James Stuart-Mills and Steve Tordoff.

Carolyn Mahan served as a Councillor from May to December 2012.

Paul Reynolds was co-opted on to the Council at its meeting in March 2013.

Planning & Development

- The Parish Council has considered 12 planning applications since May 2012.
- Proposals ranged from house extensions to solar panels to works to protected trees.
- The Parish Council had no objections to an application for 106 holiday lodges at Lightwater Valley, but did make a number of comments about the proposal – particularly relating to highways aspects.
- The Parish Council made comments about the potential impact on neighbouring properties of proposals to extend Potgate Quarry.

Provision of New School / Allotments

- Richard Plummer, Chair of Governors at North Stainley C of E Primary School has attended meetings twice during the past year to advise the Parish Council about proposals which are being drawn up for the provision of a new school in the village.
- The Parish Council had drawn up and approved plans and documentation for the provision of allotments in North Stainley, but has agreed to put the project on hold, pending the outcome of a site survey which will help to determine the location of a new school.
- The Parish Council continues to monitor and discuss these and other proposed developments in the village.

General

- The Parish Council has taken over the ownership of a number of the communal areas in the village, including the ponds in the centre of the village.
- The Parish Council has played a prominent role in efforts to secure further traffic calming measures through North Stainley. Representatives of this Council attended a County Council Working Group meeting to make a representation about the provision of Vehicle Activated Signs in villages. Unfortunately North Stainley was not selected to take part in the initial phase of a scheme to located temporary signs in villages, but Councillors have agreed to investigate other options.
- The Parish Council managed the creation of a formal recycling area at the rear of the Staveley Arms, funded by donations from Lightwater Quarries and LEADER.
- The Parish Council continues to be responsible for the maintenance of the play area and has incurred significant expenditure on replacement parts during the past year. The site is inspected monthly by the caretaker and annually by an external firm. Weekly inspections, by a nearby resident, are about to commence.
- The issue of dog fouling in North Stainley was considered by the Council but has improved in recent weeks.
- The Parish Council considered the issues raised by the Church of England's registration of Mines and Minerals Rights under communal areas in North Stainley.
- Farm & Land Services Ltd has recently been appointed as the Parish Caretaker. Anyone who knows of any jobs that need doing should contact the Clerk.
- The Parish Council has employed a local firm of accountants to implement a payroll system and register with HMRC for PAYE.
- The Parish Council adopted a new Code of Conduct in June 2012, but is awaiting further training and information about the Localism Act which will guide it further in this area.
- The Parish Council continues to correspond with Highways North Yorkshire about a number of highways faults.

Please note the Clerk's new contact details:

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