

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 17th April 2012
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Parish Councillors Glenys Bailey, Margaret Goddard, Ian Alston, James Stuart-Mills and Steve Tordoff.
Iona Taylor (Clerk)
County Councillor Paul Richardson and District Councillor Margaret Atkinson.
Karen Maddison (North Stainley C of E Primary School), Howard Morgan (North Stainley Arts Society) and Richard Plummer (50 Club).
Frank Bailey, Margaret Newby, Paul Reynolds, Paulette Senior and Andrew Webster.

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Glenys Bailey welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor David Bryant.

3. MINUTES

The minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 19th April 2011, were approved and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – none.

5. REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS 2011/12

The Parish Council has met 11 times since the 2011 annual meetings. These comprised of 6 'ordinary' meetings and a further 5 to consider consultations on planning applications and other urgent items of business.

Councillors are currently Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Jackie Donaldson (until May 2012), James Stuart-Mills and Steve Tordoff.

The vacancy created by Jackie Donaldson's decision not to stand for re-election is likely to be filled at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May.

Highlights of the year:

- A reduced number (12) of planning applications were considered during the year. These ranged from proposals for a building to house vintage cars in, to a wind turbine, to lights on the village hall to alterations to properties.
- The Parish Council has continued to press Highways North Yorkshire for additional traffic calming on the A6108 through the village. It now seems that the best of hope of additional measures will be a mobile vehicle activated sign, shared amongst other local villages.
- The Parish Council said farewell to Helen Robinson who had, until recently, served as Chair of the Council but who has now moved from the parish.
- The Parish Council is liaising with North Stainley Estates on a number of matters of mutual interest, with a view to taking over ownership of a number of communal areas in the village.
- The circular walk leaflet has (finally) been printed, with a copy being sent to each household in the parish as well as a supply being placed in a number of local outlets such as pubs, B&B's and Ripon Tourist Information.
- Responsibility for the emergency plan was handed over to Frank Bailey who has formed a committee to maintain the plan and act in the event of an incident.
- The Clerk and Councillors are continuing to monitor developments with the Localism Act 2011 which will affect a number of areas of the Council's work, including planning and standards.
- During the past year the Parish Council has met with representatives of both Potgate and Hanson's Ripon Quarries to discuss their proposals for planning applications to extend the quarries.
- The Parish Council has also responded to a number of consultations on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
- The Parish Council has worked to establish an oil purchasing co-operative and is delighted that Linda Robinson has volunteered to become co-ordinator for the scheme.

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- The Parish Council continues to contract the Walled Garden Scheme to carry out maintenance works in the parish, partially funded by a grant from the Yorkshire Dales Leader Scheme. Works carried out include maintaining the play area and local footpaths, reinstating damaged benches, litter picking and other works as identified by Councillors and members of the public.
- The Parish Council is looking to provide allotments in Front Field within the next year.
- The Parish Council continues to produce a newsletter after each ordinary meeting. This is distributed to each household on the electoral roll.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS / REPRESENTATIVES

Reports were received from the following organisations:

6.1 North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust.

The Trust continues to manage the Village Hall and Recreation Ground for the benefit of the residents of North Stainley and surrounding area. The Trust's main project during the year has been the construction of the Jubilee Garden, the finishing touches to which are being put in place for the forthcoming grand opening. Other developments have included changes to the Trust's committee (structure and personnel), demolition of the public conveniences and getting the community website up and running.

6.2 North Stainley C of E Primary School.

Karen Maddison addressed the meeting in her capacity as Vice-Chair of Governors, parent and Chair of the Finance Committee. The school is celebrating two years of Mrs Watts as Headteacher and is looking to the future, especially in respect of the school building and infrastructure.

The forthcoming car boot sales are fundraising events for the school and church.

6.3 The Tuesday Club.

Shirley Wagner submitted the following written report:

"We had another very successful year with 3 outdoor meetings; a meal out; Strawberry supper and a visit to a local nature reserve. We also had visiting speakers on a variety of subjects, all most interesting and entertaining. New members are always welcome."

6.4 North Stainley W.I.

Emma Griffiths, President, submitted a written report detailing a very eventful and successful first full calendar year of the group, with a varied, practical and fun programme having been undertaken. In addition to a number of activities such as creative writing, pot luck supper, quiz night and wine tasting a Macmillan Coffee Morning was also held in October 2011 which raised over £340. Another fun packed year is planned for 2012.

6.5 St. Mary's Church / Parochial Church Council.

A detailed annual report was submitted by the P.C.C. detailing a period of change as St. Mary's Church moves from being joined with West Tanfield and Well-with-Snape to a new merger with Ripon Cathedral. Barry Lumley has now been commissioned to serve as a minister by providing pastoral and spiritual care to the parishioners and their families. The dire financial situation of the Church was brought to the attention of the meeting and it was noted that parishioners must be aware that for the parochial parish and the church to remain solvent, and therefore viable, it will need to have raised at least £10,000 by Christmas 2012.

6.6 1st North Stainley Brownies.

The unit has had a successful second year with 23 girls attending each week. There has been an action packed programme with visits each week during the summer term and themed activities based around the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics. The 2011 summer holiday was to Ripon and combined activities there with a trip to Fountains Abbey. There have also been two successful Easter sleepovers in North Stainley Village Hall. The unit is grateful for the support of the Arts Society and the generosity of the 50 Club.

6.7 The 50 Club.

The Club's main purpose is to develop friendship and fellowship between members and their guests and to support village groups, activities and initiatives, particularly those involving children and young people to which more than £3,000 has now been given. There are now 63 full members and 3 business sponsors. The social programme for the year includes jazz music, BBQ and a talk on landscaping at Fountains Abbey.

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6.8 North Stainley Arts Society.

The Arts Society has had a very successful year, having put on two productions including the very successful pantomime, Cinderella, and has hosted productions put on by other groups. It is intended to hold more workshops during the year and the Society has also been responsible for arranging film nights in the hall. The Society also continues to add to and improve the already excellent facilities in the village hall.

6.9 North Stainley Baby & Toddler Group.

The group continues to meet each Thursday, including ones per month at West Tanfield to use the soft play equipment. Organisers are looking in to the possibility of paying someone to run activities for the older children each week. There is a steady stream of newcomers to the group.

6.10 District Councillor Margaret Atkinson.

Councillor Atkinson advised that she is continuing to represent rural interests in the District and sits on a number of committees. She advised that she is always available for people to contact if required and thanked North Stainley with Sleningford Parish Council for its support.

7. OTHER ORGANISATIONS / REPRESENTATIVES

- Gill Hall noted that a monthly quiz night takes place in the Village Hall. All are welcome to come and try this fun event.

8. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A number of forthcoming events were noted, including:

- Jubilee celebrations on 3rd June from 11.30am.
- Village Sports Day on 13th May.
- Open Gardens on 23rd and 24th June.

Meeting closed at 20.23 hrs.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council.

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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