

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 16th October 2012
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, Carolyn Mahan, James Stuart-Mills and Steve Tordoff.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)
Andrew and Nicky Webster, Peter Webster, Edward Staveley.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Goddard declared an interest in the planning application at Quarry House, West Tanfield as she lives at the application site.

Councillors Bailey and Alston declared an interest in item 5 (Mines & Minerals rights on land owned by the Parish Council) as they are members of North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bryant due to his attendance at a P.C.C. meeting.

Apologies have also been received from District Councillor Margaret Atkinson, County Councillor Paul Richardson and P.C. Gareth Jones.

3. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF COMMUNAL AREAS OF LAND

James Staveley is asking his solicitor to provide answers to the queries raised by Councillors.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 Planning application accompanied by an environmental statement for northern extension to the existing limestone quarry to the east of Musterfield Farm and restoration details at Potgate Quarry, North Stainley.

The Parish Council agreed to submit further comments about these proposals in relation to the use of a mobile crusher unit and the impact of the proposals on neighbouring properties.

4.2 6.12.32.C.FUL 12/03480/FUL – Erection of two storey side and single store rear extension at 1, Cockpit Green, North Stainley.

It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

4.3 6.12.181.FULMAJ 10/05167/FULMAJ – Conversion and extension of farm buildings to form 2 holiday cottages and 1 workers dwelling with ancillary recreation space and change of use of land for siting 8 holiday lodges at Quarry House, North Stainley.

It was agreed that the Parish Council objects to this application as it considers it to be over-prolific development of the site given the setting, transport links and connections to utilities.

A detailed objection, based around why the Parish Council considers that the proposals do not accord with Policy TR4 of the Local Plan will be compiled and sent to Harrogate Borough Council.

5. MINES AND MINERALS RIGHTS ON LAND OWNED BY PARISH COUNCIL

It was noted that the Church Commissioners for England have applied to register ownership of the rights of mines and minerals under the Recreation Ground, the land under the former public conveniences and under the village hall and Jubilee Garden.

Information from North Stainley Estates suggests that the Staveley family may have given these rights to the Church Commissioners in payment of a fine in 1874.

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However, it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Land Registry and lodge an objection on two grounds:

- No evidence has been provided to validate the Church Commissioner's claim that they own these rights.
- The second reason for objecting is that all three areas of land are communal and owned on behalf of, and enjoyed by the residents of North Stainley. Whilst the Parish Council doubts that there are any minerals of value under the land it would be impossible for the Church Commissioners to extract them without destroying the very fabric of the community.

6. PLAY AREA

It was noted that the wooden steps and rope on the ramp of the multi-play unit require replacing.

The Clerk's suggestion of sourcing the parts from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd, at a cost of £88.26, and having them installed by the caretaker was rejected by Councillors.

Instead it was agreed to commission Playdale to supply and fit the parts at a combined cost of £288.26. The ramp will remain closed until after the annual inspection when it will be ascertained if any other works are required at the same time.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as being on 20th November 2012 at 19.30 hrs in North Stainley Village Hall.

8. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Management of informal fishing on ponds.
- Future of parish magazine.
- Proposals for new school.
- Issues with construction of houses on Watermill Lane.

Meeting closed at 21.08 hrs.

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

SIGNED:(Chairman)

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