

# NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
TIME: 19.30 hrs  
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall  
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Jackie Donaldson, James Stuart-Mills (Councillor from item 3) and Steve Tordoff.  
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)  
James Staveley and Giles Rickards (North Stainley Estates)  
P.C.S.O. Sharon Wilson

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bailey declared a personal interest as she is a member of North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust.  
Councillor Goddard declared a personal interest in item 5 as she owns a house on Watermill Lane.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor Margaret Atkinson and County Councillor Paul Richardson.

### 3. CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR AND SIGNING OF THEIR DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AND AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

It was unanimously agreed that James Stuart-Mills of Mill House, North Stainley be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

### 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the last meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were agreed and signed, with one minor alteration to reflect the correct spelling of a surname.

### 5. OWNERSHIP / MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNAL AREAS IN NORTH STAINLEY

A discussion was held with James Staveley about his offer of gifting areas of land to the Parish Council. This includes the ponds and grassed areas around them and the green opposite Manor Farm located approximately half-way along Watermill Lane.

The Parish Council agreed that it is happy to take over the ownership of these areas, subject to further clarification about the various restrictive covenants which have been included in the deeds of many of the properties on Watermill Lane. These relate to maintenance obligations; however the clauses differ between properties. Mr Staveley agreed to obtain information on these clauses from his father's solicitor.

Mr Staveley also indicated his willingness to consider proposals for allotments in Front Field, provided they are fully funded, both in terms of initial infrastructure costs and the ongoing payment of rent.

A general discussion about the future relationship between North Stainley Estates and the Parish Council was held as both parties have the best interests of North Stainley at heart.

### 6. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

#### 6.1 Claim for Public Right of Way from the Shepherdies.

It was noted that formal confirmation that the claim has been rejected has been received from North Yorkshire County Council.

### 7. OIL PURCHASING CO-OPERATIVE

The Clerk reported her investigations into these schemes, which suggest that suppliers will offer at least a 5% discount for full tanker deliveries in one locality.

The important factor in such a scheme is having a co-ordinator willing to seek and collate orders from households then ring round for the best price per litre before placing an order on behalf of the group. There are companies who offer this service, but charge for doing so.

It was agreed that an article should be included in the next newsletter to see whether anyone locally would be willing to act as co-ordinator.

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### 8. HIGHWAYS

It was noted that proposals for spending the Parish Council's £9,000 of accrued funding on traffic calming measures have not yet been received from Highways North Yorkshire.

A discussion was held with P.C.S.O. Sharon Wilson who indicated the local Police force's support for this Parish Council's wish to install a vehicle activated sign (VAS). Ripon's Acting Inspector is proposing to raise this issue with Julian Smith MP at a meeting later this month. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr Smith reiterating the Parish Council's desire to be allowed to install VAS's.

Proposals for educating people stopped for speeding in a joint venture with North Stainley Primary School were proposed by P.C.S.O. Wilson and supported by Councillors.

### 9. NORTH STAINLEY SPORT & RECREATION TRUST

The following points about the current work of the Trust were noted:

- Negotiations have begun with Robert Staveley about taking over the ownership of the Village Square. A key part of this process will be to identify relevant covenants in the deeds of the neighbouring properties.
- One flat above the hall remains vacant.
- The Arts Society's pantomime takes place next weekend (27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January).
- The infrastructure of the community garden is virtually completed. Further planting will be required in spring.
- The Trust is looking to address the issue of dog fouling on the Recreation Ground by reinforcing the existing 'no dogs' signage. The possibility of extending the existing fence to secure the whole ground is also going to be looked into.
- An article is to be placed in the parish newsletter asking for people playing golf on the Recreation Ground to show care and consideration to other members of the public.
- The Trust's intention to fell a diseased chestnut tree near the scoreboard was once again noted.

### 10. PARISH CARETAKER

A number of tasks were agreed for inclusion on the list.

Councillor Bailey was again asked to speak the owners of The Fold about cutting back the hedge between the entrance to Dunkirk's field and Stonehaven.

Concerns about the possible tipping of asbestos in the guinnel at the end of the Shepherdies will be reported to Harrogate Borough Council.

### 11. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

11.1 Consultations on applications – none received.

11.2 Decisions and updates on applications, appeals and enforcement investigations.

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Planning Enforcement: 11/00429/TREES	Alleged works to protected tree by neighbouring property at The Old Vicarage.	No work done to protected tree, therefore no action required by planning authority.
6.12.130.H.FUL 11/04069/FUL	Installation of wind turbine on 20m high mast at land comprising OS Field 4125, Limekiln Lane, Sutton Grange.	Passed.
6.12.171.B.FUL 11/04408/FUL	Installation of external security lighting (revised scheme) at North Stainley Village Hall.	Passed.
Planning Enforcement: 11/00536/PR15	Alleged conversion of 2 buildings to dwellings at Breckamore, North Stainley.	Not conversion works, but repairs with no intention to convert. No further action to be taken.

11.3 The Localism Act.

The Localism Bill, introduced in December 2010, received Royal Assent on 16 November 2011. The Act sets out plans it says will give communities and local government greater powers and freedom from Whitehall. The Government estimates that many of the measures will come into effect in April 2012.

It was agreed that local training on this Bill should be arranged as soon as possible, as the real implications for Parish Councils such as this one are not yet clear.

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### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on items received including information about North Yorkshire Police's new non-emergency phone number which is '101'.

### 13. FINANCIALS

#### 13.1 Bank balances as at 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

- Santander Current a/c ..... £5207.66
- Santander Savings a/c ..... £50.00
- HSBC Current a/c..... £0.00
- HSBC Savings a/c..... £250.00
- Former Alliance & Leicester Current a/c (Ready for Closure) ..... £0.00
- Former Alliance & Leicester Savings a/c (Ready for Closure) ..... £0.00

#### 13.2 Payments made prior to, or at this meeting.

The following payments were approved and recorded:

- Yorkshire Water Refund (paid to North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust).... £20.86
- Iona Taylor (Clerk, November & December 2011)..... £550.11
- Walled Garden Scheme (Invoice 660 – Caretaker, October 2011) ..... £162.00
- Walled Garden Scheme (Invoice 668 – Caretaker, Nov & Dec 2011) ..... £331.20

#### 13.3 Monies received prior to, or at this meeting.

The following receipts were recorded:

- Yorkshire Water Refund (on former public conveniences water rates)..... £20.86
- North Yorkshire County Council (LEADER Grant)..... £176.80
- HM Revenue & Customs (VAT Reimbursement, 1/11/11 – 31/12/11)..... £272.20

### 14. NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings were confirmed as being on 21<sup>st</sup> February (planning) and 20<sup>th</sup> March (ordinary). Both meetings will start at 7.30pm and be held in North Stainley Village Hall.

### 15. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- The Localism Act.

### 16. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None.

Meeting closed at 21.07 hrs.

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

**SIGNED:** ..... (Chairman)

**DATE:** .....