

# NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012  
TIME: 19.30 hrs  
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall  
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Carolyn Mahan, James Stuart-Mills and Steve Tordoff.  
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)  
County Councillor Paul Richardson  
James Staveley  
Richard Plummer and Elizabeth Watts (North Stainley Primary School)  
Frank Bailey, Chris and Val Grundy, Pat and Julie Sutcliffe and Keith Wagner

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mahan declared a personal interest in item 3 (provision of new school) as she is employed as a teacher by North Yorkshire County Council.

Councillor Bryant declared a personal interest in item 3 as a local landowner.

Councillors Goddard and Alston declared personal interests in item 4 as property owners on Watermill Lane.

Councillor Tordoff declared a personal interest in item 8 as he and his wife are members of the Harrogate Bridleway Association.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from District Councillor Margaret Atkinson.

### 3. FACILITIES IN NORTH STAINLEY

Richard Plummer and Elizabeth Watts spoke to the meeting about their desire to replace the existing, outdated building with a new school in North Stainley.

The proposals are at a very early stage; however the following points were noted / discussed:

- A new building capable of accommodating up to 80 pupils is required for a village of North Stainley's size. Proposals for a larger building (capable of accommodating 120 pupils) could attract increased Local Authority funding.
- Front Field (previously proposed as a site for allotments) has been identified as one of the possible sites for the new school, although alternative sites would be considered.
- The Church of England supports the principle of a new school and has agreed that it will either donate the value of the old site, or 10% of the new build costs (whichever is higher).
- James Staveley indicated that he is looking at further housing development in the village, which could potentially help to fund the provision of a new school.
- The school wishes to remain under Local Authority and Church of England control, rather than becoming an academy.

It was agreed that, to allow time for a site analysis to be carried out and whilst Front Field is still a possibility, the Parish Council's allotment project should be deferred.

### 4. OWNERSHIP OF COMMUNAL AREAS IN NORTH STAINLEY

James Staveley advised that he is in a position to rescind all the maintenance obligations on households on Watermill Lane which would have required them to contribute to the costs of maintaining the areas about to be transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council. This means that the Parish Council will be able to take over a clear title to the land.

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Mr Staveley updated the meeting on efforts to rid the smaller Watermill pond of nuisance weed and algae. He is proposing to use a UV dye which stops plants photosynthesising, however this can only be done once the flow from the ponds to the river has stopped. The Parish Council agreed that it is willing to take over ownership of the ponds, subject to receiving a guarantee from Mr Staveley that his involvement will continue until the weed problem is eradicated. North Stainley Estates' involvement will cease once the Parish Council receives confirmation from the Environment Agency that it considers the weed problem to have been solved. It was agreed that this is acceptable to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the relevant transfer documentation should be forwarded to the Parish Council within two weeks so as to allow it time to seek advice from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations prior to signing it at the next scheduled meeting in July.

It is expected that documentation to transfer ownership of the Village Square to the Parish Council (in its role as Custodian Trustee for North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust) will also be available at that time.

### 5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 6.12.37.AO.FUL 12/0187/FUL – Installation of 36 ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels at Canons Hall, 9 The Old Palace.

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

- 4.2 NYCC Application NY/2012/0205/MRP – Consultation on planning application for the application for determination of conditions - First periodic review of Old Mineral Planning Permission C2/12/22/K/PA dated June 1997 on land at Potgate Quarry, North Stainley, RIPON, HG4 3JN.

It was agreed that the Parish Council has no comments to submit in relation to this application.

### 6. CODE OF CONDUCT

It was agreed to continue with the existing code of conduct until such time as further guidance, information and training is provided on new codes as required by the Localism Act.

### 7. PLAYDALE INVOICE

It was noted that after the failure of one of the fixings the vertical cargo net on the multi-play unit in North Stainley play area has been replaced.

The remainder of the nets on this unit have been inspected and found to be safe for continued use, but it was noted that they are also nearing the end of their working life.

It was agreed that the invoice from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd for £1312.31 should be paid, but that the Parish Council should raise concerns that it has about the part which failed being unfit for purpose due to a design and manufacturing fault which leaves it prone to rusting, whilst being inaccessible for inspection.

### 8. DIVERSION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

An application to divert bridleways 15.102/9, 10 & 11 was considered.

It was agreed that the Parish Council supports the application as it will regularise and improve the existing situation.

### 9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as being on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 18.30 hrs in the side meeting room of North Stainley Village Hall.

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

- Vegetation overhanging pavement on Watermill Lane.
- Demonstration of website.
- Lightwater Valley postcode.

Meeting closed at 21.35 hrs.

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

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

**DATE:** .....