

# NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013  
TIME: 20.07 hrs (After the Annual Parish Council Meeting)  
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall  
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), David Bryant, Steve Tordoff and James Stuart-Mills.  
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)  
District & County Councillor Margaret Atkinson

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bailey declared an interest in agenda item 7 (North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust) as she is a Trustee.

Councillor Stuart-Mills declared an interest in agenda item 4.1 (provision of a new school and allotment in North Stainley) as he is the parent of a child at the school.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Alston as he was on holiday.

### 3. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were approved and signed.

### 4. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETING

#### 4.1 Provision of a new school and allotments in village.

In view of the fact that there was no progress to be reported regarding the provision of a new school it was agreed that the Parish Council should proceed to hold discussions with James Staveley about alternative sites for the allotments.

### 5. MAINTENANCE

#### 5.1 Specification for maintenance of communal areas.

The previously circulated specification was approved, save for minor amendments about the maintenance of the banks of the small pond which will be cut six times a year and will not be planted with wildflowers.

#### 5.2 Tasks for inclusion on caretaker's list.

Items from the specification in 5.1 above will be included on the caretaker's list.

#### 5.3 Garden rubbish dumping on corner of Lavender Lane / Laurel Walk.

The Council noted the problem of people, thought to be Watermill Close residents, dumping their garden rubbish on the corner of Lavender Lane and Laurel Walk. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the residents whose properties adjoin Lavender Lane asking them to stop this practice.

### 6. HIGHWAYS

#### 6.1 Road safety on Watermill Lane.

Concerns about children playing on and around Watermill Lane were noted. The following points were agreed:

- John Skinner will be asked to remind junior cricket players about the danger of playing on the roads and it will be suggested that a P.C.S.O. attends a Sunday evening coaching session to discuss road safety with the significant numbers of youngsters who attend.
- North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust will be asked to consider including a road safety reminder in the village hall hire conditions.
- Investigations will be made in to the provision of a children playing sign.

#### 6.2 Progress re. provision of additional traffic calming measures / Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS).

The Clerk advised that she had not yet been able to progress this item.

It was noted that Sharow has now been selected to take part in the County Council's temporary VAS scheme and would not therefore be interested in a private scheme. Councillor Bailey and the Clerk are proposing to visit Julian Smith MP to discuss this matter.

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### 6.3 Highways fault sheet.

The following points were noted:

Ref.	Problem	Update
NS 1-12	Overhanging vegetation on Watermill Lane.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies from Highways North Yorkshire for felling PC's Silver Birch tree near pond.</li> <li>• Minor pruning works carried out to trees on Watermill Lane. Will now be inspected every 5 years.</li> <li>• Caretaker to be asked to carry out further works (light crown lift), including taking off suckers at base.</li> </ul>
NS 3-12	Potholes in 40mph zone near Golf Club.	19.3.13 – Signs of repairs breaking up, but do not meet current intervention criteria.
NS 2-12	Potholes, end of Watermill Lane.	20.5.13 – repaired.
NS 5-12	Speeding near Springhill School.	Repeater signs now installed to allow speed limit to be enforced.
NS 1-13	Condition and use of lay-by near Stonehaven.	28.3.13 – Existing defects meeting intervention criteria to be repaired by North Yorkshire County Council. There is a requirement for the area to continue as a lay-by and no money to change anyway.
NS 2-13	Blocked storm water drain nr. Springhill School, resulting in ponding.	To receive an additional clean to give Inspector clearer picture of overall condition – 4.4.13. Followed up 20.5.13
NS 3-13	Pothole and surface water and road degradation near Chimneysweeper Wood.	20.5.13 – Asked for outcome of Inspector's visit and timescale for any planned remedial works.
NS 6-13	Pothole at 30mph sign near Lightwater House.	Temporary repairs carried out.

### 6.4 Control of Himalayan Balsam in parish.

Councillor Stuart-Mills agreed to try and attend an event about the control of Himalayan Balsam being put on by the Nidderdale AONB on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

## 7. NORTH STAINLEY SPORT AND RECREATION TRUST

It was noted that the Trust continues the day-to-day management of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground.

A request from the Trust to consider taking over the ownership and maintenance of the Jubilee Garden was considered. It was resolved that the Parish Council should refuse this request and that it stands by its original decision on the garden taken at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010, which was minuted as follows:

*"The Trust has therefore agreed that it will seek to progress proposals to turn the former 'bowling green' site into a community garden..."*

*The Parish Council agreed that it is ambiguous about this decision and has reservations about the provision of a garden given its previous experiences with areas such as Lavender Lane. The Parish Council agreed that it will not give any commitment to future financial support or maintenance of the proposed garden at this time and that the Trust should give very careful thought prior to proceeding with the proposals."*

## 8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### 8.1 Consultations on applications.

It was resolved that the Parish Council has no objections to application 6.12.81.E.FUL 13/01744/FUL for the erection of a single storey side extension and repositioning of an access ramp at Ripon City Golf Club.

### 8.2 Updates and decisions on applications, appeals and enforcement investigations.

Ref.	Proposal	Outcome / Update
6.12.181.FULMAJ 10/05167/FULMAJ	Conversion and extension of farm buildings to form 2 holiday cottages and change of use of land for siting 8 holiday lodges at Quarry House, West Tanfield.	Passed
13/00218/LB	Listed building application for replacement window at Middle Parks Farm.	Passed

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6.12.172.A.FUL 13/006085/FUL	Erection of first floor rear extension at 24, Watermill Lane.	Passed
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### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on items received, including:

9.1 Minerals and Waste Joint Plan.

It was agreed that the first consultation on this revised plan should be considered at the next planning meeting in June.

9.2 Membership of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA).

It was noted that the Associations have changed the basis of their calculations for working out members' subscription rates. This has not had a negative impact on this Council though.

9.3 Annual bulb offer.

It was resolved that the Council should accept Harrogate Borough Council's annual offer of bulbs and that crocuses should be requested.

9.4 Commuted Sums Policy training.

A forthcoming training event, provided by Harrogate Borough Council, was noted. Any Councillor interested in attending should contact the Clerk.

### 10. FINANCIALS

10.1 Financial report.

It was resolved that the following report be approved and recorded:

<i>Bank Balances as at 21/5/13:</i>		
Santander Business Current a/c - ****7955 (Day to Day Banking)		£9,850.48
Santander Business Reserve a/c - ****8255		£50.00
HSBC Current a/c - ****9511		£100.00
HSBC Savings a/c - ****2358		£250.19
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£10,250.67</b>
<i>Payments to be approved and recorded:</i>		
<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	
RCL Walled Garden	Caretaker, March 2013 (Invoice 1144)	£198.00
HMRC	PAYE (January 2013)	£45.67
HMRC	PAYE (February 2013)	£18.90
HMRC	PAYE (March 2013)	£64.05
HMRC	PAYE (April 2013)	£16.20
Iona Taylor	Clerk, April 2013	£74.32
Glenys Bailey	Expenses	£7.00
Farm & Land Services	Grasscutting (Invoice 3833)	£406.80
Farm & Land Services	Caretaker, April 2013 (Invoice 3830)	£162.00
Farm & Land Services	Caretaker, April 2013	£162.00
Iona Taylor	Clerk, March 2013	£287.67
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,442.61</b>
<i>Receipts to be recorded:</i>		
<i>Received From</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Harrogate Borough Council	Precept, 1st Part	£4,475.00
North Yorkshire County Council	LEADER Instalment	£66.00
North Yorkshire County Council	Grasscutting Reimbursement	£616.42

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TOTAL

£5,157.42

10.2 Membership of YLCA.

It was resolved that the Council should renew its membership at a cost of £253.

11. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS - none.**

12. **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meetings were confirmed as being on 18<sup>th</sup> June (planning) and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (ordinary).

13. **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING – none.**

14. **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – none.**

Meeting closed at 21.09 hrs.

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

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

**DATE:** .....