

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 15th April 2014
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Parish Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Steve Taylor and Steve Tordoff.
Iona Taylor (Clerk)
District and County Councillor Margaret Atkinson
5 members of the public.

1. WELCOME

Councillor Bailey (Chair of the Parish Council) welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from James Stuart-Mills, Neville Newton and David Cleeves.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 16th April 2013, were agreed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – none.

5. REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS 2013/14

Councillors

The following have served as Councillors throughout the past year: Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, James Stuart-Mills and Steve Tordoff.

Steven Taylor of Roseberry Green was co-opted on to the Council at its meeting in July 2013.

Meetings

The Parish Council has met 7 times since the 2013 Annual Parish Council Meeting.

These comprised of 6 'ordinary' meetings and a further one to consider consultations on planning applications and other urgent items of business.

Planning and Development

- A large proportion of the Council's time during the past year has been devoted to ongoing communications with North Stainley Estate about proposals for further development in North Stainley, including the possible provision of a new school. A well attended Parish Council meeting was held in July 2013 at which James Staveley of North Stainley Estate outlined his initial proposals for a development scheme. The Parish Council has investigated whether a Neighbourhood Plan would be appropriate in this case and continues to monitor developments. The Parish Council has agreed that it will retain a neutral position on proposals, until the time is right for it to conduct its own survey of residents to obtain a mandate on how to proceed. The Parish Council has recently forwarded a petition, signed by residents concerned about the derelict appearance of the shop and garage site, to North Stainley Estate.
- The Parish Council has responded to consultations carried out by North Yorkshire County Council on the Minerals & Waste Joint Plan and by Harrogate Borough Council on the Local Development Framework / Local Plan.
- The Parish Council has considered 11 planning applications during the year, with proposals ranging from a horse manege, to solar panels, to extensions to properties and works to protected trees.

General

- In September 2013 the Parish Council was invited to take part in North Yorkshire County Council's Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign scheme. This means that a 'flashing sign' will be sited at different locations in the village three times over the next few months. The cost of participating in the scheme has been met through funding from Harrogate Borough Council. The Parish Council was delighted to be able to take part in the scheme, having campaigned for additional traffic calming measures in North Stainley for a number of years.
- Farm & Land Services Ltd from Knaresborough took up the post of parish caretaker in April 2013, carrying out 8 hours work in the parish each month. The Parish Council has been pleased with their standard of work in areas such as litter picking, footpath clearance and tree works.

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- The caretaker carried out regular maintenance on some of the communal areas of North Stainley which were transferred in to the Parish Council's ownership during 2013, including the areas around the village ponds. The Parish Council is continuing to monitor the specification for this area. It should be noted that the Parish Council is not responsible for the invasive weeds in the water.
- Farm & Land Services Ltd is also the Parish Council's grasscutting contractor, carrying out 16 cuts per year of the verges and some communal areas through North Stainley.
- The Parish Council has corresponded with Highways North Yorkshire about a number of road faults in the parish. The majority of these have been resolved through the Tour de France works programme.
- The Parish Council maintains the playground on Watermill Lane, with works this year having included a replacement swing seat and mole control. The spinner had to be removed as it reached the end of its working life. The site is inspected on a regular basis by the parish caretaker.
- The Parish Council has supported the work of the Oil Club and Community First Responders as well as Ripon Citizens Advice Bureau.
- The Parish Council responded to consultations by North Yorkshire County Council on proposals to reduce costs by cutting bus subsidies, which in turn has led to reduced service levels with effect from 1st April 2014.
- The Parish Council continues to receive regular updates on the work of North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust for whom it is custodian Trustee.
- The Parish Council has also received regular updates on proposals for when the Tour de France Grand Depart comes through North Stainley later in 2014.
- The Parish Council is corresponding with Harrogate Borough Council about the future of the litterbin on Watermill Lane.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS / REPRESENTATIVES ON THEIR ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

6.1 North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust

- The income from the flats helps with the Trust's financial position.
- Last year the Trust received more income than the expenditure which it incurred.
- Hall bookings remain buoyant, particularly due to the school's continued use of the facility.
- The dance classes are popular.
- There are currently 2 vacant flats.
- It is proposed that the hall and recreation ground will be used for the Tour de France celebrations.

6.2 The Tuesday Club

Membership of the Club is stable at around 16 – 20 ladies. 2013 was an enjoyable year with a variety of speakers and activities, including talks on the National Trust, a strawberry supper and a meal at the Staveley Arms. An equally varied programme is proposed for the forthcoming year.

6.3 North Stainley Cricket Club

The Club has now been established for over 200 years. During the 2013 season the Club fielded 3 senior teams and 8 junior teams beginning at under 7's.

The two Saturday teams finished mid-table whilst the evening league team won the Greaves Cup. There were other notable victories in the junior section which is particularly active.

Proposals to improve the wicket, to aid the junior section, are proposed.

6.4 North Stainley Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.)

The Reverend David Cleeves submitted a written report including the following points:

- He became a Foundation Governor of the school during the year. The church retains close links with the school, including assemblies and services in church.
- Three Lent lunches were held in the Village Hall, raising funds for the school and church.
- A number of other fundraising events have also been held.
- A coach trip to Lindisfarne was organised in August.
- A joint, and well supported, Remembrance Sunday service was held at Well.
- The run up to Christmas was a very busy time for the church. The attendance at all of the services over the Christmas period was most encouraging.
- No major repairs have been necessary to the fabric of the church building, however plans are in place to install a loop system.

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6.5 1st North Stainley Brownies.

The unit continues to thrive with 21 girls from all over the local area regularly attending meetings.

A wide variety of activities have been undertaken over the past year, including:

- Geo-caching at Fountains Abbey.
- Holding a cake stall to raise funds for Bunny Burrows animal rescue charity.
- Doing the rider badge at a local riding stables.
- Camping at the Giggles international camp near Skipton.

The unit is grateful to the 50 Club for a grant which will pay for a special tutor to attend and help the girls to produce commemorative artwork to celebrate the Tour de France.

6.6 50 Club.

Neville Newton, Leader of the 50 Club, submitted a report containing the following information:

"The North Stainley '50 Club' is a 'village community support club', which has been in existence since December 2009, and meets on the first Thursday of every month. The club currently has 86 members and growing. We welcome new members, particularly those who move into the village and want to meet others in a social environment.

The 'raison d'être' of the club is to support village projects and groups and individuals, particularly the children and young people. During the past year we have provided financial support to four impressive young people who are going on a World Challenge adventure to South America and we wish them well. We have provided financial support to our excellent Primary School and other community groups, such as our impressive junior cricket training and a number of very talented young people who work hard in school or sporting activities.

In conclusion, we were proud to receive a Duke of York's Community Initiative Award in October, having been recognised as 'deserving an award for our excellent work in our own community' and we thank those community group leaders and our Primary School, Head Teacher, and parents of talented young people, who supported our application."

6.7 North Stainley Arts Society

Frank Bailey submitted a report containing the following information:

"The last twelve months have been successful in both attracting new members and the number of Productions. Our membership is now around 100 and is made up of family and individual members.

In June of last year we presented the play 'Ladies Day' most of the cast were from the village, we had full houses on both nights. We decided not to do a pantomime at the end of 2013, instead the concept of 'All the Little Things' a children's review was born and created by Suzanne Maisey. 20 children from the village aged between 7 and 15 danced, sang and performed in sketches. Excellent reviews for both nights and great audiences. As always excellent support from our adult members, in lighting, sound and staging, plus Mums and Dads to help at rehearsals and on show nights.

Bad Apple Theatre entertained us just before Christmas with 'The Mice who Ate Christmas'. We have also run a season of monthly films showing a wide genre of cinema.

For this year 'Blood Brothers' the play, is in production and on stage in May. Due to public demand we are planning a Pantomime, title unknown at this stage, but it will go on in January 2015.

North Country Theatre are booked to come in November with a play about the First World War, a moving but amusing tale of a Yorkshire Regiment in that war

The Arts Society is also involved in developing several art projects leading up to the Tour de France."

6.8 North Stainley Oil Club

There are now 47 members of the Club which placed deliveries for oil in January, February, April, July, September and November.

The best price for each delivery was quoted by Tate Oil and apart from minor incident when delivery took place without the Co-ordinator being information of delivery day there appeared to be no concerns with arrangements.

The schedule of deliveries for 2014 will follow the pattern established in 2013. Any help recruiting new members would be appreciated as the greater an order, the lower the price.

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North Stainley Petanque Club

Matt Blyton, Chair of the Club, submitted a reported containing the following information:

"The North Stainley Petanque Club was founded in 2012 and we have a terrain (playing area) at the rear of the Staveley Arms in the village. Despite being fairly new, the club successfully hosted a competition at Lightwater Valley in May 2013 involving 25 teams of three from all over the UK.

Membership declined a little over the past winter months for a variety of unexpected reasons such as people moving out of the area and we are therefore looking to increase our numbers.

The club is registered with the EPA (English Petanque Association) and we are therefore covered by their insurance. We can offer "Come and Try" sessions to anyone who is interested, at no cost and with no obligations - we have sufficient spare boules for their use. Amongst our members we have an ex England International player, Matt Blyton, who is also currently one of the England Junior Squad coaches and two members selected for the 2014 National Junior Squad (Annabelle and David Blyton respectively). We also have total beginners - a club truly for all."

6.9 North Stainley Quiz Night

Quiz night continues to prove a popular night out for the "regulars" but it would be great to see a few new faces. Donations have been made this year to the "Grand Depart" and to local students who are fundraising to go on a World Challenge Trip. There is money in the pot if any organisations would like a helping hand. The quiz continues to meet on the last Thursday of the month with doors opening at 7.30 for an 8pm start.

6.10 Community First Responders.

Chris Bailey explained the purpose of the group, which is linked to the ambulance service, and the way in which it works. The main purpose of the group is to attend medical emergencies until an ambulance arrives. This is becoming increasingly important in view of the declining number of local ambulances.

The group is actively seeking to recruit new volunteers to bolster the 5 current members.

The de-fibrillator for the Village Hall has not yet been received as training is required prior to its installation.

6.11 District Councillor's Report

- Margaret Atkinson has been a District Councillor for 12 years and is Cabinet Member for Public Protection & Rural Affairs.
- The District continues to see a reduction in crime with anti-social behaviour being down 10%.
- Harrogate Borough Council is not increasing Council Tax for a fifth year. It continues to look at further savings, such as amalgamating its offices in to one building.
- The new waste collection service policy has been delivered, and even though there were many teething problems it has achieved a saving of over £700,000.
- The Borough Council's Sites and Policies Document has been submitted for inspection, but because the District doesn't have a 5 year supply of housing a number of planning applications for houses are being passed.

6.12 County Councillor's Report

- Margaret Atkinson has been a County Councillor for a year, representing the Masham and Fountains Ward.
- North Yorkshire County Council is having a difficult time, trying to save over £160million and has therefore raised its share of the Council Tax. To implement these savings a number of services are having to be cut, such as loss making bus routes.
- The County Council has been successful in obtaining more Government funding for road repairs, but this is inadequate for the amount of roads in North Yorkshire.
- BT are working to deliver superfast fibre broadband in North Yorkshire.

7. **REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS / REPRESENTATIVES – none.**

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

Meeting closed at 20.18 hrs.

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

SIGNED: (Chair of the Parish Council)

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