

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 17th June 2014
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Steve Taylor and Steve Tordoff.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none.

2. APOLOGIES- none.

3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

3.1 3.1 6.12.34.B.FUL 14/02106/FUL – Erection of single storey and first floor extensions and installation of door (revised scheme) at Danlea, North Stainley.

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

4. REPORT FROM RECENT MEETINGS RE. DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH STAINLEY

It was noted that three meetings have been held since the last Parish Council between representatives of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), the Parish Council, North Stainley C of E Primary School and James Staveley.

Councillors Bailey and Tordoff and the Clerk, together with Elizabeth Pollitt (Chair of the School Governors) and Richard Plummer (Vice-Chairman of the School Governors) had met with Suzanne Firth, Strategic Planning Manager at North Yorkshire County Council's Education Department. The following key points from that meeting were noted:

- NYCC's Officers are supportive of the project to provide a new school in North Stainley.
- NYCC has no policy per se about providing new schools, each case is considered on its merits.
- There is no suggestion of shutting North Stainley School.
- NYCC has no policy about the size of any new schools which are to be provided in the County.
- NYCC officers acknowledge that North Stainley School has outgrown the existing building and the building isn't as fit for purpose as they would like, but it isn't top of their priority list as there are greater problems at other schools.
- NYCC is currently preparing to allocate £39million of capital funding for schools in September of this year. This is the allocation for 2015/16 and 2016/17.
- There is currently no commitment to any funding from NYCC, but Officers would hope that they might be able to make a contribution of about £1million pounds to a new school in North Stainley if a viable proposal could be put forward.
- The cost of a new school is estimated to be £1.75 - £2.75 million.
- Harrogate Borough Council planners are also generally supportive of the proposal to provide a school in Front Field. They have been consulted by the NYCC education department.
- NYCC highways department have no strong objections to the proposal for a school in Front Field as they consider that an entrance through The Staveley Arms could be made viable through the use of roundabouts.

At the request of Richard Plummer, Councillor Bailey and the Clerk then met with him and James Stuart-Mills to discuss NYCC's position and how best to proceed given the September funding allocation deadline for NYCC. It was agreed that a further meeting should be convened with James Staveley.

The final meeting was attended by Councillors Bailey and Tordoff, James Stuart-Mills, the Clerk and James Staveley. The following points, discussed at that meeting were noted:

- James Staveley is in the process of securing funding for the development project.
- James Staveley is prepared, no matter what other development there may be in the village, to commit to giving Front Field free of charge for the provision of a new school.
- Councillor Tordoff reported on the Neighbourhood Planning workshop that he had recently attended. It was generally agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan is not appropriate for North Stainley, but that subject to the outcome of the inspection of Harrogate Borough Council's Housing Allocations DPD a Neighbourhood Development Order may provide an a suitable mechanism for progressing development proposals.

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- James Staveley indicated that, if the DPD is thrown out by the Inspector, he would consider submitting an outline planning application to Harrogate Borough Council on the basis that it is unlikely to be refused, even if it had to be taken to appeal. This would cover all aspects of the proposed development in North Stainley (commercial, community and residential) but exclude the school.

The meetings generally agreed the following action points:

- James Staveley needs to proceed to conduct his community consultation as soon as possible. It was noted that a distribution mechanism had been offered to James Staveley but, for a variety of reasons, this has not yet been progressed.
- The school governors need to facilitate discussions between James Staveley and NYCC so that a viable proposition can be put together to try to secure funding in September.
- The school governors need to put together proposals for the new school building.

After considering the above information, the Parish Council agreed that there is little else that it can do at this stage. In order to progress the community consultation about further development in North Stainley needs to take place and the school needs to develop its proposals for a new building.

The Parish Council is however well informed about all aspects of current proposals for development in North Stainley. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with other stakeholders as appropriate.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as being on 1st July 2014 at 7.30pm in North Stainley Village Hall's side meeting room.

6. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

6.1 Nomination of North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trustee.

It was noted that Mal Lee has agreed to serve on North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust and is happy to be nominated by the Parish Council. This will be formally agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

6.2 Vacancy on the Parish Council.

It was noted that James Stuart-Mills has resigned from the Parish Council. Harrogate Borough Council has been informed and will instigate the necessary procedures to fill the vacancy. It is likely that the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a new member after the 2nd July.

It was agreed that the Parish Council's thanks to James Stuart-Mills should be recorded and a letter to this effect be sent to him.

6.3 Santander cheques.

It was noted that Santander have recently refused to pay a cheque for £417.60 to Farm & Land Services Ltd. It was returned to the Parish Council marked 'drawer deceased'. Initial communications with Santander have not yielded any information about the reason for this, but the bank has launched an investigation, the results of which should be available at the next Parish Council meeting. In the meantime a replacement cheque has been raised.

6.4 Tour de France.

The Parish Council will consider and agree any final arrangements and emergency measures at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.14 hrs.

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

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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