

# NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015  
TIME: 20.51 hrs  
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall  
PRESENT: Parish Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Dawn Levine, Steve Taylor and Steve Tordoff.  
Iona Taylor (Parish Clerk)  
District Councillor Margaret Atkinson  
John Chambers (North Stainley Petanque Club)  
Elizabeth Watts (Headteacher, North Stainley C of E Primary School)  
Richard Brown, Mike and Gina Porter and Paul and Jane Read

### 1. WELCOME

Councillor Bailey welcomed all those present to the meeting.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Councillor Margaret Goddard, Frank Bailey (North Stainley Arts Society), Linda Robinson (North Stainley Oil Club) and Neville Newton (50 Club).

### 3. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014, be approved and signed.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – none.

### 5. REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS 2014/15

#### *Councillors*

- Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Steve Taylor and Steve Tordoff have served as Councillors throughout the year.
- Dawn Levine was co-opted on to the Council at its September meeting following the resignation of James Stuart-Mills.

#### *Meetings*

- The Parish Council has met 9 times since the 2014 Annual Parish Council meeting.
- 5 of these meetings were ordinary ones when a full agenda of business was considered.
- 4 of these meetings were 'planning' meetings, convened to consider consultations on new applications or other urgent business.

#### *Planning and Development*

- A significant proportion of the Council's business this year has been related to proposals put forward by North Stainley Estate for the further development of North Stainley village. The Parish Council is aware of significant local interest in this issue. James Steveley, of North Stainley Estate, has attended a number of Parish Council meetings throughout the year and has met with Councillors to present his proposals. Representatives of the Parish Council have attended a number of meetings with community representatives and organisations in relation to the proposals. Councillors have also attended training sessions in relation to relevant legislation. The Parish Council has agreed that it remains neutral on these proposals until it obtains a mandate from the parish public on how it wishes to be represented. It will obtain this mandate by carrying out a survey of residents once a planning application is submitted to Harrogate Borough Council.
- The Parish Council has monitored developments with Harrogate Borough Council's Local Plan carefully. It has responded to consultations carried out by the Borough Council and has kept residents informed by way of its regular newsletter.

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- The Parish Council is currently consulting on possible sites to put forward for consideration as 'Local Green Spaces' a new designation created by the National Planning Policy Framework.
- The Parish Council is aware of Harrogate Borough Council's intention to place Tree Preservation Orders on a number of trees on Watermill Lane and has previously agreed that it objects to this proposal.
- The Parish Council has met with representatives of Hanson UK to discuss their plans to apply for an extension to their permission for extracting minerals at the Ripon Quarry near North Stainley.
- The Parish Council has considered 5 other planning applications during the year. Proposals ranged from an agricultural building, to a new roof, to extensions to dwellings and a ground source heat pump.

### *General*

- After the Council agreed to terminate the previous caretaker's contract during 2014, DTMS Ltd from Fellbeck has been appointed until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. They are contracted to carry out 8 hours of maintenance type works in the parish each month.
- The grasscutting through the village was carried out by Farm & Land Services in 2014. A new contractor, local firm MHS Countryside Management, has been appointed for 2015.
- The Parish Council has been selected, and agreed that it wishes, to take part in North Yorkshire County Council's Vehicle Activated Sign scheme once again in 2015. This will be at a cost of £4,400 over 4 years, met through grant funding previously secured from Harrogate Borough Council. The signs were displayed for three rotations during 2013 and 2014 and thought to be effective.
- The Parish Council continues to manage the children's equipped play area on Watermill Lane.
- The Parish Council has bought and installed two life buoys near the ponds on Watermill Lane.
- The Parish Council has responded to consultations carried out by Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council on a number of issues, including the future provision of libraries in the County.
- The Council has continued to support the work of Ripon Citizens Advice Bureau with a donation of £110.
- The Parish Council will work to meet the requirements of the new Transparency Code for Small Authorities by increasing the amount of information it displays on its website: [www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk](http://www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk)

## 6. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

### 6.1 North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust (including North Stainley Village Hall).

A report, including the following points, was received:

- The main event of the year was the Tour de France week at the beginning of July 2014. The Trust worked with the Tour de France Working Group and Parish Council to make the best use of their facilities. Villagers and their guests were given an enjoyable weekend despite lower than expected visitor numbers.
- The proceeds from the Tour de France event enabled a de-fibrillator to be purchased. It has been mounted on the outside of the hall.
- General hall hire is buoyant.
- The hall's kitchen has been upgraded to full catering standards to allow the school's lunches to be prepared in it.
- Superfast broadband is being installed in the hall.
- Maintenance of the hall is an ongoing task, with grateful thanks given to Frank Bailey who undertakes much of the work.
- The Trust's finances remain healthy, mainly due to the rental income from the four flats.
- The cricket club is thriving, especially the junior section.

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### 6.2 North Stainley C of E Primary School.

Elizabeth Watts, Headteacher, submitted a report containing the following information:

- The school now has 62 pupils on roll – a 50% increase over the past 5 years.
- North Yorkshire County Council has given extra funding for teaching staff until the end of the summer term.
- The provision of school lunches was reviewed and are now cooked in the newly upgraded Village Hall kitchen. This has led to an increase in the number of pupils having lunches.
- The before and after care clubs have proved successful and are now making a profit.
- A number of pupils' achievements were noted.
- The school continues to work with others locally and engages with other local organisation and activities in the community.
- Additional residential trips have proved popular.

### 6.3 St Mary's Church, Parochial Church Council.

A report, submitted by Brian Kealy, which included the following points was considered:

- St. Mary's Church continues, as it has for 170 years, to care for all the inhabitants of the parish of North Stainley.
- The church is open daily.
- The church was especially pleased to have been able to play a major part in the 2014 Tour de France celebrations.
- The church has celebrated a number of other events during the year, including commemorating the start of World War 1.
- The church continues to be involved with the school. In addition to weekly assemblies in church, special services for the school are held at key points of the year.
- A word of caution was noted. More people come to church at festivals such as Harvest Festival or Christmas than come each week as regular worshippers. This means that a great deal falls on the shoulders of a few. If the church is to continue to as a real presence in the village then others need to join in and play their part.

### 6.4 1<sup>st</sup> North Stainley Brownies.

Iona Taylor (Brown Owl) reported that the unit continues to thrive with 25 girls regularly attending. The unit is looking forward to its outdoors, summer programme.

### 6.5 50 Club.

Neville Newton (Club Leader) submitted a report containing the following points:

- The North Stainley '50 Club', which is a 'village community support club', has had another good year. It has 69 full members and 14 associate members.
- The Club continues to enjoy an excellent meal at each of its monthly meetings, as well as a variety of entertainment.
- The Club has supported a variety of causes during the year, including Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Macmillan Nurses, North Stainley Brownies, the Baby & Toddler group and the junior cricket teams. This is in addition to support given to individuals for their various projects.
- Should anyone know any village projects or good causes or talented children or young people or anyone, young or old, who would benefit from the club's support, please contact Neville or Sheila Newton on 635152.

### 6.6 North Stainley Arts Society.

Frank Bailey, Chair, submitted a report containing the following points:

- The Arts Society has sustained a healthy presence in the community over the past 12 months, starting with the children's review 'All the Little Things'. This was followed by Blood Brothers and Jack and the Beanstalk.
- There have also been productions by touring groups.

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- The Society continues to present film nights on the last Saturday of the winter months.
- The Society has invested in a number of items of equipment over the year, including curtains and microphones.
- Members are thanked for putting the effort in to make the Society's productions a memorable and worthwhile experience for all who come to see them.

### 6.7 North Stainley Oil Club.

Linda Robinson (Club Co-ordinator) submitted a report containing the following points:

- The Club now has 54 members.
- There were 5 scheduled deliveries in 2014.
- The largest delivery was 19,500l.
- The lowest price achieved was 32.95p/l.
- It is becoming increasingly difficult, due to the takeover of smaller companies by larger distributors, to obtain a variety of quotations.

### 6.8 North Stainley Petanque Club.

John Chambers reported that the Club continues to meet behind the Staveley Arms, despite the pub's closure. It will continue to meet there for the foreseeable future.

Sessions are held on Sunday afternoons and some week day evenings. Competition and club events are held.

New members are welcome to come and try the game.

### 6.9 North Yorkshire County Council.

County Councillor Margaret Atkinson submitted a report containing the following points:

- Councillor Atkinson has represented the Masham & Fountains Ward for 2 years and is Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee and also sits on the Transport, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- The County Council is having a difficult time with the amount of savings which need to be made. This has included having to reduce some services.
- The County Council has been successful in applying for funding for road repairs but this is inadequate compared to the length of the North Yorkshire road network.
- BT are working day and night to fulfil their contract to bring superfast broadband to the county. North Stainley has already been enabled for this service.
- There has been a crime reduction in the County.
- Councillor Atkinson will continue to work to ensure that the opinions of Parish Councils and local people are heard at County level and to make the county a safe and healthy environment to live, work and play.

### 6.10 Harrogate Borough Council.

District Councillor Margaret Atkinson submitted a report containing the following points:

- Councillor Atkinson has been a Borough Councillor for 13 years and is Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Rural Affairs.
- The Borough Council did not increase its share of the Council Tax for a sixth consecutive year. It is continuing to work on ways of saving money, including the consolidation of the Council's five offices into one which will generate a potential saving of around £1million per year.
- The District continues to see a reduction in crime with antisocial behaviour being down 10%.
- The Borough Council has recently run a campaign to reduce dog fouling. It was entitled 'we're watching you'. It is hoped that this will be brought to North Stainley in the next few weeks.

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- The Borough Council's Sites and Policies plan document was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate, but they are working hard to get another in place. It has been accepted that 621 houses must be provided in the district each year. The Borough Council now has a 5 year supply of houses.
  - The Council's housing department continues to upgrade its tenants' properties.
  - The new waste collection policy has been implemented. Although there were some teething issues it has produced savings which will be invested in new lorries.
- 7. REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS OR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA – none.**
- 8. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – none.**

Meeting closed at 20.06 hrs.

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

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

**DATE:** .....