

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 19th May 2015
TIME: 20.51 hrs
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, Steve Taylor and Steve Tordoff.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillors Bailey and Alston declared interests in agenda items 6.1 and 6.2 as they are members of North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust.
- Councillor Bailey also declared an interest during discussions about Barnados' Springhill School as she is a governor.
- Councillors Alston and Goddard declared interests in item 5.1 as they both own properties on Watermill Lane.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bryant, who was on holiday, and Councillor Levine, who had had to attend a family funeral.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – none.

4. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meetings held on 17th March and 21st April 2015 be approved and signed.

5. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARDS FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

5.1 Letter to residents of Watermill Lane re. maintenance obligations – no progress to be reported.

5.2 Dog fouling.

The Clerk reported that North Stainley is on the waiting list to take part in the Borough Council's 'we're watching you' campaign. This is run by the Dog Wardens and uses posters and regular visits to try and target problem areas. There is currently a waiting list of several weeks.

The Clerk has obtained leaflets to go to each household with the Council's next newsletter.

5.3 Future of telephone kiosk.

It was noted that, despite the recent promotion to encourage their adoption by local communities, BT currently has no plans to decommission or remove any existing, operational kiosks.

6. NORTH STAINLEY SPORT AND RECREATION TRUST

6.1 Update on work of the Trust.

Councillor Alston gave a report containing the following points:

- Bookings to hire the hall are healthy.
- The Trust has agreed that the recently planted privet hedge near the pavement at the front of the village square can be removed and re-planted, provided the Trust is supplied with the name of a nominated gardener who will be responsible for maintaining it in the future.
- A nasty smell in one of the flats has been investigated and found to be due to improper plumbing when the hall was built.

6.2 Newsletter contribution.

It was noted that the Clerk has not received a response to the Council's suggestion of an annual contribution to the costs of newsletter production.

Councillors Alston and Bailey agreed to look in to this.

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7. PARISH CARETAKER

It was resolved that DTMS Ltd be asked to carry out the following tasks:

- Resurrection and renovation of sign at end of Watermill Lane.
- Repairs to kissing gate at entrance to Riverside Wood on Ripon Rowel Walk near West Tanfield.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

8.1 Consultations on applications – none.

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

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Update / Outcome</i>
6.12.184.FUL 15/00270/FUL	Erection of first floor extension to garage and external access steps at 5 Barton Way, North Stainley.	Passed.
Enforcement: 15/00173/PR15	Complaint re. height of boundary fencing at 16, Beatswell Lawn, North Stainley.	Height of fence does not exceed permitted height. Planter with climbing plant in front is a freestanding structure and therefore does not constitute development. No further action to be taken.

8.3 Local Green Spaces.

- It was noted that High Batts is a SSSI and is not therefore suitable for designation as a Local Green Space.
- Councillor Bailey has provided an estimate of the number of people who use the Recreation Ground.

8.4 Future development of North Stainley – no progress to be reported.

9. ALLOTMENTS

9.1 Progression of allotment project.

There has been no progress with this project in recent months, nor has there been any mention of a potential site for allotments during discussions about the future development of North Stainley.

It was agreed that the Clerk should raise this matter during her next discussion with Mr Staveley.

9.2 Donation from 1st Choice Payroll.

It was agreed that in the absence of any progress, or prospect of progress with this project the £100 donation should be returned to 1st Choice Payroll.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on items received, including:

10.1 North Yorkshire County Council consultation on bus subsidy reductions.

Further announcements by the Government over future funding mean that North Yorkshire County Council now needs to find a further estimated savings of £75.9m between 2015 and 2019. The Integrated Passenger Transport Unit has therefore been asked to look at how it might reduce the amount of subsidy for local bus services to £1.5m every year from April 2016. They have put together proposals which aim to make the best use of the funding available, to provide services which meet the day-to-day transport needs of local communities. The current proposals can be found online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy, but do not include any changes to the 159 service.

10.2 Training and guidance for Councillors.

The Yorkshire Local Council's Associations training programme for June and July 2015 has been received. Any Councillor interested in attending a session should contact the Clerk. Councillors were also made aware that an update has been made to the fourth edition of the Good Councillors Guide which is in the form of a separate addendum. The booklets are no longer available in paper format. Electronic copies together with the addendum, can be found on the website of the National Association of Local Councils under the 'Publications' tab (www.nalc.gov.uk).

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10.3 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

It was noted that this Code came in to force on 1st April 2015. The Clerk outlined the main changes that the Council will need to make to ensure that it complies with the new regulations.

11 FINANCIALS

11.1 Financial report.

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

<i>Bank Balances as at 1/5/15:</i>		
Santander Business Current a/c - ****7955 (Day to Day Banking)		£14,505.07
Santander Business Reserve a/c - ****8255		£50.11
HSBC Current a/c - ****9511		£100.00
HSBC Savings a/c - ****2358		£250.52
TOTAL		£14,905.70
<i>Payments to be approved and recorded:</i>		
<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Iona Taylor	Clerk's Wages, March 2015	£303.52
Iona Taylor	Clerk's Expenses, March 2015	£72.62
Iona Taylor	Clerk's Wages, April 2015	£75.88
Iona Taylor	Clerk's Expenses, April 2015	£15.27
Ripon & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£110.00
DTMS Ltd	Caretaker (Invoice 6751)	£216.00
MHS Countryside Management Ltd	Grasscutting (Invoice 1014366)	£592.80
TOTAL		£1,082.57
<i>Receipts to be recorded:</i>		
<i>Received From</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Harrogate Borough Council	Precept, 1st Part	£4,369.00
Harrogate Borough Council	Council Tax Support Grant, 1st Part	£106.00
TOTAL		£4,475.00

11.2 Membership of Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

It was agreed that the Council should renew its membership of the Associations for the 2015/16 year at a cost of £264. It was further agreed that Councillors be provided with the login details for the Associations' website.

11.3 Donation to Ripon Office, Craven and Harrogate District Citizens' Advice Bureau.

It was agreed that a donation of £110 be made to this organisation, covering the 2015/16 financial year.

12 NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings were confirmed as being on 16th June (planning) and 21st July 2015 (ordinary). Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in North Stainley Village Hall.

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

14 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - none.

Meeting closed at 21.39 hrs.

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

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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