

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 20th January 2015
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), David Bryant, Margaret Goddard and Steve Taylor.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)
Richard Brown

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bailey declared an interest in items 7 and 8 as she is a member of North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Alston and Tordoff, as they had another engagement. Apologies were received from Councillor Levine.
Apologies were also received from County and District Councillor Margaret Atkinson.

3. MINUTES

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 18th November 2014, be approved and signed.

4. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 2015 grasscutting contract.

As no tenders have as yet been received this item will be considered at the Council's February meeting.

4.2 Clearance of accident site (A6108).

P.C. Gareth Jones has advised that the Police Federation has interceded and spoken to the widow of P.C. Brahma. She is happy for the site to be cleared as she has a plot in the Memorial Garden at Harrogate. Clearance of the site will be arranged by P.C. Jones.

4.3 Parking near garages in North Lees.

The situation will be monitored by passing Police Officers and advice given as necessary.

5. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

5.1 Progress with proposals for further development in North Stainley.

It was noted that the public meeting, convened by Mr James Staveley, had not gone ahead on 16th January due to a family bereavement. A revised date has not yet been arranged. The results of the recent consultation, carried out by North Stainley Estate, have not yet been published.

A first draft paper for a consultation on development proposals by the Parish Council was submitted for consideration by the Clerk.

The current situation and the Council's position was discussed with Mr Brown (the member of public in attendance).

5.2 Harrogate District Local Plan.

The Planning Policy Team at Harrogate Borough Council is starting to prepare a new Local Plan for the District to cover the period up to 2035, and is keen to ensure that parish councils have an opportunity to be involved in this process from the outset. Therefore a representative from this parish council is invited to attend a day-long event to explore issues around the Local Plan on 4th March 2015. It was agreed that this Council should be represented by Councillor Bailey.

The latest 'Plan the Future' newsletter has been received from Harrogate Borough Council and circulated to Councillors.

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5.3 Consultations on applications – none.

5.4 Decisions and updates on applications, appeals and enforcement investigations.

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Update / Decision</i>
NY/2014/0108/A30	Details reserved by condition relating to building and structures at Hanson's Ripon Quarry.	Passed
14/04515/TPO 6.12.131.D.TPO	Removal of limb and reduction of 1 Prunus within woodland W1 of Tree Preservation Order 11/1997 at Verger's House, 1 The Old Palace.	Passed
14/03968/FUL	Erection of pitched roof at Cottage Farm, Kirkby Road.	Passed

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 North Yorkshire County Council's VAS scheme.

Proposals for the continuation of the temporary VAS scheme have been approved by North Yorkshire County Council and this Council has been invited to apply. The highlights of the scheme are:

- 4 year scheme.
- Three rotations in each participating parish per year.
- This parish can have two signs on each rotation. Locations at each end of the village were agreed.
- The cost, of £4,400 for the four years, can be met from the Rural Safety Scheme funds allocated to North Stainley.

It was agreed that the Parish Council wishes to participate in this scheme.

6.2 Community Speedwatch scheme.

The North Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner is setting up a pilot Community Speedwatch scheme. This is an initiative where active members of the community join together with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

Although North Stainley has not been invited to apply at this time the Clerk will continue to monitor developments in the future.

7. TRANSFER OF CHURCH VIEW, NORTH STAINLEY

Correspondence about the transfer of ownership of this property was noted.

The Parish Council is being asked to provide a certificate in its capacity as the owner of the common parts. This is because it is the Custodian Trustee for land owned by North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust. The common parts referred to is the Village Square.

It was agreed that the Parish Council does not have knowledge about the matters which the certificate would refer to.

Councillor Bryant agreed to review the transfer document from Mr Robert Staveley to the Parish Council to determine whether there is any requirement to provide such certification.

8. NORTH STAINLEY SPORT & RECREATION TRUST

Councillor Bailey, Secretary to the Trust, reported on the following points:

- The kitchen is now more or less finished, although there are still some snagging issues being resolved.
- There are plenty of bookings for use of the hall, such as weddings and the forthcoming pantomime.
- The school is going to use the hall more, paid for by additional funding.
- Membership of the Trust remains steady.
- The flats are fully let.

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A discussion was held about outstanding invoices for the Trust's contribution to the cost of printing newsletters. It was agreed that the Trust's news will not be included in the next edition if payment is not received.

9. PLAY AREA

The report from the annual playground inspection, carried out by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd, was considered. The playground was found to be in generally good order. Identified maintenance works will be carried out by the caretaker. It was agreed not to replace the balance beam immediately as it is still considered to be a low priority.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on items received, including:

10.1 Implications of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on commuted sums for Open Space and Village Halls.

Harrogate Borough Council has written to advise that it is trying to minimise the impact its absence of a Local Plan will have on the collection of CIL funds.

10.2 High Batts nature reserve.

The 2013 Annual Report has been received and is available to review on request.

10.3 Production of plain English guide to the planning system by Dept. for Communities & Local Government.

The recent production of this guide was noted and will be publicised. It is available at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/391694/Plain_English_guide_to_the_planning_system.pdf

10.4 Santander interest rates.

It was noted that from 1st May 2015 Santander will not be paying interest on the Council's current account. It was therefore agreed that the majority of the Council's funds be transferred to the Santander reserve account which will pay 0.45%.

11. FINANCIALS

11.1 Reconciliation of bank statements to financial reports.

At the Clerk's suggestion it was agreed that, after checking, the Chair and any other Councillor should sign the bank statements which correspond to the bank balances presented in the financial report at each meeting.

11.2 Financial report.

After consideration it was resolved that the following report be approved and recorded:

<i>Bank Balances as at 1/1/15:</i>		
Santander Business Current a/c - ****7955 (Day to Day Banking)		£10,307.55
Santander Business Reserve a/c - ****8255		£50.03
HSBC Current a/c - ****9511		£100.00
HSBC Savings a/c - ****2358		£250.48
TOTAL		£10,708.06
<i>Payments to be approved and recorded:</i>		
<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Iona Taylor	Clerk, Expenses (November 2014)	£50.51
Iona Taylor	Clerk, Wages (November 2014)	£159.00
Iona Taylor	Clerk, Expenses (December 2014)	£62.75
Iona Taylor	Clerk, Wages (December 2014)	£100.70

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North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust	Hall Hire on 20/1/15	£7.20
TOTAL		£329.65
<i>Receipts to be recorded:</i>		
<i>Received From</i>	<i>Details</i>	
HMRC	13/14 PAYE Reimbursement	£150.03
North Stainley Sport & Recreation Trust	December Newsletter Contribution (Requested)	£22.63
TOTAL		£172.66

11.3 Council Tax support grant.

Harrogate Borough Council has written to advise that it will again be paying Council Tax Support Grant to Parish Councils in the 2015/16 financial year. This grant compensates for any deficit in Council Tax collected due to benefits, or empty properties. This Council will be paid £212.

11.4 Payments to Clerk.

It was resolved that the Clerk be paid in accordance with the new NALC/SLCC recommendations from January 2015, at a rate of £10.84 per hour.

12. NEXT MEETINGS

The next meetings were confirmed as being on 17th February (planning) and 17th March 2015 (ordinary).

13. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Dog fouling.

14. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – See item 5.1.

Meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.

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

SIGNED:(Chairman)

DATE: