

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 10th January 2017
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors David Bryant, Mike Porter, Steve Tordoff (chairing).
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)

17.01	Questions or comments from members of the public. There were no questions or comments.
17.02	Declarations of interest Cllr Bryant declared in interest in item 17.14 as a landowner.
17.03	Apologies Apologies were noted from Cllrs Bailey, Alston and Goddard, all of whom were engaged in preparation for the community panto. The council noted its best wishes for the success of this event. Apologies were also noted from Cllr Margaret Atkinson (HBC / NYCC)
17.04	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th December 2016 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting. (Proposed Cllr Tordoff, seconded Cllr Porter).
17.05	Bank balance at 1st January 2017 The cash book balance on 1 st January 2017 was £12,405.82.
17.06	Approvals for payment The following payments were APPROVED: DTMS Ltd £85.06 (caretaking December); Autela Payroll Services £10 (December payroll and £30 (set-up and licences); Parish Clerk £184.14 (December wages) / £184.14 (January wages); HMRC £46 (3 rd quarter PAYE). The Clerk reported that Mashamshire Community Office will store the council's archive papers free of charge. The council APPROVED expenses of £61.25 for shelving and office equipment to facilitate this.
17.07	Planning applications and decisions The council considered applications 16/04993/LB (listed building consent at Sleningford Grange) and 6.12.172.B.FUL (single storey extension at 24 Watermill Lane) and had no objection to either. Action: Clerk to inform HBC Planning of this decision The council noted that application 6.12.188.FUL at 2 Barton Way had been approved.
17.08	Staveley Estates meeting Further to the discussion of 13 th December, the council AGREED that it would be desirable to liaise with North Stainley Estates to ensure that the council's public consultation could commence as soon as possible after the submission of a planning application for the Cockpit Close site. Action: Clerk to contact James Staveley
17.09	Letter to Harrogate BC planning This letter – concerning the council's view that no local development should be accepted without appropriate public facilities attached – has not yet been drafted. It was AGREED to table this item for the March meeting. Action – Clerk to circulate draft letter
17.10	North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust There was nothing to report from the trust.

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17.11	<p>Grasscutting support from NYCC North Yorkshire County Council have indicated that the grant for urban highway visibility grass cutting will rise to £614.82 in 2017-18 (from £523 in 2016-17). The Council RESOLVED to continue carrying out grass cutting with this grant, and noted its thanks for the increased grant. (Proposed Cllr Tordoff, seconded Cllr Bryant)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Clerk to inform NYCC of this decision</i></p>
17.12	<p>Allotments The council noted that the setting up of allotments remained tied to North Stainley Estates' development plans, and that NSE was awaiting the results of a drainage survey and the setting up of a light-level stewarding agreement. The council AGREED to keep this as a standing item on future agendas.</p>
17.13	<p>Ponds and weed infestation It was noted that the ponds remain in a poor condition, and that it is the responsibility of North Stainley Estates to take steps to improve this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Clerk to write to Giles Rickards at NSE and ask for an update</i></p>
17.14	<p>Caretaker task list The council considered the standing task list, and added to it two one-off projects: thinning out undergrowth throughout the island in the pond; and clearing the footpath running west from West Tanfield Cricket Club.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action – Clerk to inform DTMS</i></p> <p>It was noted that various road / footpath signs are missing or dislodged, these being: the footpath sign on New Road opposite the gate lodge to Sleningford Park indicating the footpath to Roseberry Green; the Give Way sign on Holm Tree Lane prior to its junction with New Road which is no longer attached to its pole; and the sign at Chimney Sweep Wood from Mickley Road indicating the footpath in the direction of the river.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action – Clerk to inform NYCC highways</i></p>
17.15	<p>Beacons of Light – 11 November 2018 "Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute" will take place on Sunday 11th November 2018, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. This is a nationwide lighting of beacons and bonfires to symbolise the 'light of hope' emerging from the darkness of war. The event's Pageantmaster is seeking expressions of interest. Councillors suggested consulting local residents for their ideas via the newsletter, and also consulting the Sports and Recreation Trust, Church, and Staveley Arms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action – Clerk to contact these three institutions</i></p>
17.16 17.16A 17.16B	<p>Correspondence Paul Foster, HBC Financial Services Manager. The council, tax support scheme is being discontinued from 2017-18. As the amount paid under the scheme had been taken directly from the precept, this will have no impact on parish council finances.</p> <p>YLCA: The National Association of Local Councils advises that Council Tax referendum principles are not to be extended to local or parish councils.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Nick Reed, North Stainley Parish Clerk.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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