

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 11th April 2017
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Ian Alston, Liz Falkingham, Margaret Goddard, Mike Porter, Steve Tordoff
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: District / County Cllr Margaret Atkinson, two Members of the Public (MoP)

1	Welcome Councillor Glenys Bailey, Chair of the Parish Council, welcomed all present to the meeting.
2	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr David Bryant.
3	Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish meeting These were AGREED as a true record of the Annual Parish Meeting of 19 th April 2016, and signed as such by Cllr Bailey.
4	Matters arising from the minutes There were none
5	Report of Parish Council business 2016-17 The following report was received and considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant and Steve Tordoff have served as Councillors throughout the year. Steve Taylor and Dawn Levine resigned during the year, with Ian Alston and Liz Falkingham co-opted to replace them. Iona Taylor resigned as Clerk during the year, with Nick Reed appointed to replace her.• The Council met seven times over the year for a full agenda of business, with four ‘planning’ meetings convened to discuss planning applications and/or other urgent business• The Council has continued to monitor any progress with proposals for development in North Stainley, both in regard to specific applications and to the Harrogate District local plan. The Council has agreed to remain neutral on any large-scale proposals until it obtains a mandate from the public; this mandate will be obtained by carrying out a survey of residents on the submission of a planning application to Harrogate Borough Council.• The Council has responded to consultations carried out by North Yorkshire County Council on the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan and public rights of way.• The Council receives updates from the Sport and Recreation Trust, and the allotments working group, at all meetings.• The Council has continued to operate the parish caretaker scheme, whereby DTMS Ltd are contracted to carry out on average eight hours of work each month. It also arranges five grass cuts per year, which are supported by a grant from North Yorkshire County Council.• The Council continues to operate and maintain the children’s playground on Watermill Lane.• The Council has considered an initial consultation on proposals for devolution in the Harrogate District and will continue to monitor this developing situation.• The Parish Council reviews its standard documents and policies annually, including the Code of Conduct. These documents, as required by the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities to which the council works, are regularly uploaded to the Council’s website at www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk, or are available on request from the clerk.

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6	<p>Reports from community organisations Reports were received as follows:</p> <p>Report from Harrogate Borough Councillor Margaret Atkinson “I have been a Harrogate Borough Councillor for 15 years and during that time I have been Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Rural Affairs and been a member of most Committees and at present sit on the Planning Committee and the General Purpose Committee. We continue to work hard at giving value for money but have had to put up our share of the Council Tax by 2% to keep up with inflation. Harrogate District is known as the happiest place to live and as part of North Yorkshire it is also one of the safest places to live. We continue with campaigns like “Scores on the Doors” which keeps the District’s food shops and restaurants safe and healthy. We also have campaigns working hard at stopping fly tipping and dog fouling. Cycles are now the most stolen item so free cycle security events are being run by Harrogate District Community Safety Hub and NY Police, who are also visiting schools to talk to children and security mark their cycles. The Council is on track to move into the new offices at Knapping Mount in September and this will save the £1m per year by amalgamating five offices. The Housing Department has started to build new Council Houses on sites owned by the Council to help to reduce the number of homeless households. They are also implementing improvements to existing housing stock. The Boundary Commission have done their review of the District. North Stainley and Sleningford is going into the new Wathvale Ward from May 2018 As a Borough Councillor I will ensure that the opinions of the Parish Councils and that of the local people continue to be heard at district level and I will continue to work to make the District a safe and healthy environment to live, work and play.”</p> <p>Report from North Yorkshire County Councillor Margaret Atkinson “I have been a County Councillor for the past 4 years representing the Masham and Fountains Division which is a large rural ward taking in 15 Parish Councils. I am Vice Chair of the Audit Committee and also sit on the Transport, Economy & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committees. North Yorkshire is still having a difficult time with savings that have to be made and therefore they have had to raise their share of the Council tax again plus an extra 2% which is ring fenced for ‘Extra Social Care Services’. (The Police and the Fire Authority have also raised their share of Council tax). Another cost saving is that Yorwaste have taken over the management of all 20 Household Waste Recycling Centres and with their new technology to separate and sort different materials, more waste will be diverted from landfill. The Council has been successful in getting more Government funding for road repairs and are to spend an extra £5.1m on road schemes in 2017-18, having already secured an extra £0.8m to repair potholes. There will be more surface dressing of roads between April and October. North Yorkshire schools are amongst the best in the country and the County Council continues to work at maintaining their excellence. Extra Government money has been allocated to create more places and carry out repairs to school buildings. We have one of the best social care systems in the country and are working hard to ensure older people are given the independence, dignity and support they so rightfully deserve. More people are been given the help they need to stay in their homes for as long as they wish and are able. County Councillors have a Locality Budget of £5,000 and can make small grants from it towards local projects in their Division. During the year 2016-17 mine was used to help groups including Guides, Scouts, a sports club and the “Keep Moving” project in Masham for older people. As a County Councillor I will ensure that the opinions of the Parish Councils and that of local people continue to be heard at county level and I will work to keep the county a safe and healthy environment to live, work and play.”</p>
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Report from North Stainley Sports and Recreation Trust

North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust owns and runs the Village Hall, the Recreation Ground and the Community Garden.

The Village Hall continues to be busy, being in use for 66 hours a week. The school remains the biggest user at 48 hours a week, and the hall is fully occupied on most week days. There are slots available on some Thursday and Friday evenings and most weekends. Activities range from Latin to dancing and dominos. The Cricket Club will add a further 22 hours a week when the cricket season starts just after Easter. During the year Boxercise ceased and quiz nights moved to the pub. Weekly U3A table tennis, keep fit and Girl Guides have started.

The trust is seeing if it can run social and sports events for villagers. As a registered charity it has to consult the Charity Commission. At present it can provide facilities for such events held in the Hall or on the Recreation Ground.

Income continues to exceed expenditure, mainly thanks to the rents from the four flats above the Hall. The bulk of the Trust's funds are invested for future maintenance which will inevitably arise as the Hall gets older.

Maintenance tasks are still relatively minor: replacing a shattered door; adjusting the stage curtains; painting the interior; and replacing lights. Thanks go to Frank Bailey for the many other maintenance jobs he does free of charge. The Hall floor will be resealed over the Easter break and the red screens will be repaired soon afterwards. Rot was discovered under the veranda; the affected timbers have been replaced under warranty with a contribution from the Trust, but more work is required.

Flags in the Square have been cleaned and are being pointed. Agreement has been reached with those residents who take access over the Square to establish a fund for the longer term maintenance and repair of the road loop and footpaths.

The Recreation Ground is well used, not just for cricket but also for school play and sports, junior five-a-side and informal play. Thanks go to the Cricket Club and Bill Stockill for the maintenance of the ground. The score box acts as depot for maintenance equipment. Its stairs have been repaired and water, lights and power have recently been installed.

The community Garden looks good at this time of year after some attention in the late winter / early spring. Volunteer help is always welcome.

Report from North Stainley Baby and Toddler Group

North Stainley Baby and Toddler Group is a parent/career led group, the aim of which is to hold regular sessions (for the purposes of socialisation and education), open to any parents/carers and their pre-school children. The Group meets every Thursday, between 10.00 and 11.30, including holiday periods (during which we welcome older siblings and friends).

During each session we make available a wide range of age appropriate toys and facilitate a craft session, with refreshments for parents/carers and a healthy snack for children.

In addition to the normal weekly sessions, over the past year the children have enjoyed the annual summer trip to Saltburn, outings to Jervaulx Abbey and Studley Royal, a Hallowe'en Party, a Christmas party and themed parties.

There are 10-15 children attending on a regular basis with parents or grandparents, and in the past six months we have welcomed several new members, a high percentage of whom live in the village. Unfortunately we have had to take the decision to lock the toy cupboards after every session as there were a number of instances where toys have been damaged during the week between sessions. In addition the window of the playhouse has recently been smashed and we are very grateful to the parents who have offered help to repair it. We continue to try and raise funds for the renewal/replacement of toys and resources to ensure that the children have a range of stimulating activities available to them.

The AGM of the Group will be held on 20th April at which time the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year will be elected.

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Report from North Stainley 50 Club

"The 50 Club has enjoyed its seventh successful year and continues to provide members with a varied programme of entertaining, informative and sometimes inspirational evenings on the first Thursday of every month. The Club has undergone a major change over the winter of 2016/17 with the founder members and long-term club leader, Neville Newton, all stepping down to be replaced by a new team which has been running the Club since the beginning of the year. The Club will be forever grateful for Neville's hard work and inspiration throughout his tenure as leader. The Club continues to provide the local community, as well as national and international charities, with donations and support. 50 Club is embarking on a recruitment drive to attract new members from all adult age groups and walks of life. Anyone who would like to join one of our meetings would be welcome as a guest of the Club so that they can experience a 50 Club evening before deciding whether to become members."

Report from North Stainley Petanque Club

Founded in 2012, the club meets regularly at the terrains behind the Staveley Arms. Membership has grown slowly and we are always looking for new members of all ages and abilities. Our present membership includes an ex England International and an England junior national team member. We are registered with the English Petanque Association (EPA) as well as being members of Northern Petanque. We can offer 3 "come and try" sessions free of charge and without obligation with all equipment supplied. Basic rules are simple and allow novices to pick up the game quickly. As well as playing in the village we also have competitions with neighbouring clubs as well as the opportunity to enter regional competitions organised by the EPA or Northern region. Anyone interested should contact the secretary John Chambers at landieman280@gmail.com.

Report from North Stainley Oil Club

Deliveries in 2016 were made in February, April, July, September and November. Deliveries were made by Tate Oil (February & April), Lynx Fuels (April & November), and Kettlewell Fuels (September). Andrea Mansfield took over from Linda in September and would like to thank Linda for all her setting up and running of the Oil Club to date. There are still 59 members, but a few new members in houses that have been sold. The market prices of oil have had a turbulent year, but the prices obtained by the club have always been lower than the market price. The price in September was 2p lower. Delivery dates for the rest of 2017 are: Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th June; Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th September; Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th November. The North Stainley Oil Club email address is northstainleyoilclub@yahoo.co.uk, and the Co-ordinator is Andrea Mansfield, 5 Barton Way, North Stainley, HG4 3LE, telephone 01765 635011.

7 **Questions or comments from members of the public**
There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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