

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 9th August 2017
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Margaret Goddard, Steve Tordoff
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)

17.84	<p>Declarations of interest Cllr Bryant declared a family interest in a planning application under item 17.91. Cllr Bailey declared an interest in item 17.95 as a school governor. Cllrs Alston and Bailey declared in interest in item 17.96 as a trustee of NSSRT.</p>
17.85	<p>Apologies Apologies were noted and accepted from Cllrs Falkingham and Porter.</p>
17.86	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th June 2017 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such.</p>
17.87	<p>Ongoing issues from minutes</p>
17.871	<p>Change of bank. Cllr Bailey reported that it is proving every bit as difficult to close the Santander business account as it had been to change any administrative details beforehand. She has now faxed all relevant information and two forms of ID to Santander. The council expressed dissatisfaction that this matter is still not resolved more than two months since the banking transfer mandate had been submitted. It was RESOLVED to pay the first four payments listed under 17.90 from the Santander account, and then transfer all remaining funds to the Unity Trust account if Santander remained unable or unwilling to close the account in good order.</p>
17.872	<p>Millennium Walk waterlogging. The Millennium Walk is much improved. Councillors and the clerk had walked it after a rainy week and it was in good condition underfoot. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Alston for his considerable volunteer work clearing the beck. It was noted that gravelling or similarly surfacing the path would improve accessibility. <i>Action: Clerk to contact Staveley Estates about the possibility of surfacing the path</i> It was also NOTED following advice from Yorkshire Local Councils Association the path is clearly dedicated as a public right of way; "it is presumed that allowing the land to be used as a footpath, [the landowner/s] are dedicating it for that purpose". Therefore the council would be within its rights under section 43 of the Highways Act 1980 to use public money on its maintenance even though it is not the landowner.</p>
17.873	<p>Potential meeting with Staveley Estates / Aquista. No date has been set for a meeting or meetings with Staveley Estates about allotments and/or pond weed removal. <i>ACTION: Clerk to contact James Staveley again to set up these meetings</i></p>
17.88	<p>Questions or comments from members of the public There were none.</p>
17.89	<p>Bank balance The cash book balance on 31st July 2017 was noted as being £13,650.90.</p>
17.90	<p>Approvals for payment It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments from the Santander account: Parish Clerk (salary – July);</p>

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	<p>MHS Countryside Management (grass cutting) £1,440.00; DTMS Ltd (caretaking) £153.60; Streetscape Ltd (play area equipment service) £232.32; and the following payments from the Unity trust account once funds are available: Spectrum Futures Ltd (internal audit fee and postage) £155.50; Parish Clerk (salary – August); Clerk’s expenses (qtr 1) £114.48.</p>
17.91	<p>Planning applications and decisions Harrogate BC’s approval of application 17/01979/FUL at East View was NOTED. Application 17/02098//LB for listed building consent was considered and the council RESOLVED to support the application.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to inform Harrogate BC</i></p>
17.92	<p>Benches The council noted a report from DTMS on the bench adjacent to the large pond, recommending it be replaced rather than repaired. This report was accepted and after a discussion it was RESOLVED to replace the bench with a new one in moulded plastic at a cost i.r.o. £309 plus VAT and installation. It was further NOTED that the bench is not a memorial and therefore there are no dedicatees or funders to consult. <i>Clerk’s note – neither of the other benches are memorials either; that at Roseberry Green has no writing and that at Cockpit Close has the same “North Stainley 2002” inscription as the one to be replaced.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Clerk to commission the purchase and installation of a new bench</i> <i>Action: Clerk to pursue DTMS for reports on the benches at Cockpit Close and Roseberry Green</i></p>
17.93	<p>Caretaker Task List The path from The Shepherdies to the play park was reported as being overgrown with nettles and Himalayan balsam. The Millennium Walk was also reported as facing encroachment on either side from foliage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action: Clerk to add the clearing of these paths to the August task list</i></p>
17.94	<p>Vehicle Activated (Speeding) Sign The sign will return in or around mid-October. NYCC Highways report that further clearance is needed to the tree at the south-west edge of the recreation ground (to improve visibility of the sign) and the tree near the corner of Watermill Lane (to ensure the solar panels get enough sun). It was reported that the Sports and Recreation Trust has engaged a company to work on the tree on their land, and the council RESOLVED that this contractor be asked to work on the other tree as well, with the council reimbursing NSSRT for this work.</p>
17.95	<p>Harrogate Borough Council Draft Local Plan additional sites It was NOTED that the addenda to the plan include a site between the Staveley Arms and Watermill Lane for a new school and associated facilities and access. The council welcomed the prospect of a new school, but noted with concern that the plan appears to only allow a single access, via what is now the Staveley Arms car park. Additional access via Watermill Lane and/or the north side of the Staveley Arms would be desirable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Action – Clerk to report this to Harrogate BC</i></p>
17.96	<p>North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust There was nothing to report, with the high summer and school holidays being a quiet period in the Trust’s activities.</p>

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17.97	<p>Correspondence Email via website regarding allegedly overgrown hedges at the Shepherdies. Action – Clerk to report to NYCC Highways, to raise a section 158 notice if they consider it necessary NYCC: notice of addenda to the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. The council noted this document, and that it did not affect any of our local quarries or facilities. Harrogate BC: consultation on the future of the borough’s recycling bring bank facilities. The council was strongly of the opinion that the facility behind the Staveley Arms, for three reasons: the facility is clean and unobtrusive; several properties within the parish are away from roads and do not benefit from kerbside recycling; and as our recycling is fortnightly on Mondays, bank holidays regularly mean that recycling may only take place once every four weeks. Action: Clerk to report this opinion to Harrogate BC</p>
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The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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