

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 22nd May 2018
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Ian Alston, Margaret Goddard, Mike Porter
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr Bernard Bateman, County Cllr Margaret Atkinson, two Members of the Public (MoP)

1	Opening of the meeting Cllr Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.
2	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr David Bryant.
3	Minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 11th April, 2017, be approved as a true record.
4	Matters arising from the minutes There were none.
5	Report on Parish Council Business 2017-18 The following report was read out: Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Liz Falkingham, Margaret Goddard, Mike Porter and Steve Tordoff have served as Councillors throughout the year. [On May 3 rd 2018 Cllrs Alston, Bailey, Bryant, Goddard and Porter were re-elected unopposed, leaving two ordinary vacancies at the time of this Annual Parish Meeting.] Nick Reed served as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer throughout the year. The Council met six times over the year for a full agenda of business, with two additional '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 continued its policy of remaining 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 receives updates from the North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust at all meetings. The Council has considered the issue of allotments throughout the year, and remains keen that allotments are set up within the parish. However, at the time of writing a lease of land for allotments does not seem imminent. 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 on those areas within the parish which are owned and operated by the parish council. It also arranges six grass cuts per year by MHS Countryside Management Ltd, which are supported in part by a grant from North Yorkshire County Council. The Council continues to operate and maintain the children's playground on Watermill Lane. 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 or representatives. Reports were received as follows:</p> <p>North Stainley Sports and Recreation trust (Ian Alston, Chair). NRRST owns and runs the Village Hall, Recreation Ground and Community Garden, and runs the North Stainley village website. The Village Hall continues to be busy, being used for 74 hours a week, with North Stainley primary School the biggest user at 49 hours a week.</p> <p>New blood is always welcome to help run the village hall and other facilities, and NSSRT is considering inviting local regular users to nominate trustees. The Charity Commission has allowed NSSRT to run social and sports events for parishioners, and an open evening in the Autumn produced a long list of possible activities, however car boot sales proved disappointing in 2017.</p> <p>Income continues to exceed expenditure, mainly thanks to rents from the four flats above the village hall. The bulk of NSSRT funds are invested for maintenance costs which will inevitably rise as the Hall gets older. Maintenance is gradually becoming more significant, with work completed to prevent a recurrence of the rot in the veranda floor and the main hot water boiler replaced. Thanks to Frank Bailey for keeping general repairs and maintenance under control.</p> <p>The village website has been relaunched with a new provider. Thanks to Chris Grundy for all the hard work he has put into the revision and in continuing to administer the site.</p> <p>The Recreation Ground continues to be well used – for cricket, school play and sports and informal play. Thanks to the Cricket Club and Bill Stockill for its maintenance.</p> <p>North Stainley Arts Society (Glenys Bailey, Secretary). During the last twelve months the society has continued to offer a variety of productions to our community. In November 2017 it hosted North Country Theatre with “Nightmares in Norfolk”, followed in early December by their own production of “A Christmas Carol”. An excellent cast including some of young members, good costumes, direction and special effects made this performance a delight. A tribute to the fallen at the First World War was presented in May of this year, with two one-act plays, “Call to Remembrance” and “Blackadder Goes Forth”. The profits from this double-bill is to be donated to the Royal British Legion. The Society continues to progress and is busy planning its next production.</p> <p>North Stainley Petanque Club (John Chambers, Secretary). North Stainley Petanque Club (NSPC) and 18 current members, and meets regularly, during the summer on a Wednesday evening around 7pm and in winter on a Sunday afternoon at 2.30, at the terrains behind the Staveley Arms. Interested people can come to three "Come and Try" sessions free of charge and without obligation, after which club membership at £10 (£5 under 18s). The club is coached by ex England International Matt Blyton, and Lee Edgar who is at present the regional coach for Northern Petanque. The club also plays in various tournaments through the year. David Blyton, an NSPC junior member, has been selected for a third time to be a member of the National Youth Squad. An one interested can look up NSPC on the village website or contact John Chambers on 01765 635016.</p> <p>.</p>
7	<p>Public questions or statements There were none.</p>

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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