

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 11th September 2018
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailer (Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Liz Falkingham, Margaret Goddard, Mike Porter (from 7.45pm)
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public (MoP)

18.47	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation Cllr Goddard declared a pecuniary / ownership interest in item 18.501 and was granted a dispensation.
18.48	Apologies There were none, all councillors being present.
18.49	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2018 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
18.50	Ongoing issue from the minutes for updating 18.501 Beck: It was NOTED that the beck had been dredged and the bed levelled as discussed at July's meeting. The clerk reported that two parishioners had telephoned to express their satisfaction at the fact and quality of this work. 18.502 Broadband: Superfast North Yorkshire report that the Sleningford addresses which were queried are under consideration for Phase 3 of the rollout. Updates will be published on the SFNY website as and when they are available.
18.51	Questions or comments from members of the public A MoP reported further to item 18.501 that the beck was currently stagnant. Councillors noted that this was due to the extremely dry summer and that there was nothing the Parish Council could realistically do to improve the situation. Another MoP asked about weed in the portion of the beck running past their house; they were willing to pay for its clearance but wanted help in finding a contractor. <i>Action: Clerk to put MoP in touch with parish caretakers</i>
18.52	Reports from district / county councillors There were none.
18.53	Financial Statement and Approvals for Payment The Council's cash book balance was noted as being £14,209.46 It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (salary – August and September); MHS Countryside Management (grass cutting) £1,800.00; DTMS Ltd (parish caretaking) £432.00; DTMS Ltd (dredging of beck) £900.00; DTMS Ltd (Playground maintenance) £378.00.
18.54	Planning applications and decisions Applications: there were none to report Decisions: The Council NOTED the approval subject to standard conditions of 18/01119/FUL for erection of a 2 storey extension at 3 Watermill Croft. Enforcement: The Council NOTED the investigation of a potential breach of planning conditions re the erection of a large industrial flue at 7 Watermill Close.

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18.55	Felled Tree The council noted various correspondence from parishioners about issues relating to the unauthorised removal of a lime tree on Watermill Lane, as discussed most recently in July as item 18.36. Advice had been obtained from Harrogate BC arboricultural team as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The tree in question was clearly marked on maps submitted as part of the Watermill Lane phase 2 planning application in 2002-03;• The replacement of the lime tree would have no effect on nearby hedges, carriageway or driveways for at least 30-40 years, and none whatsoever on the sewerage system;• There was no need to remove the crabapple tree which had been planted by a resident;• And, that they would seek Tree Protection Orders for other trees on Watermill Lane, which they noted to be particularly well planned and to be in good condition. Councillors re-affirmed their decision to have the tree replaced in the interests of visual amenity and correct practice, and therefore RESOLVED that Harrogate BC be asked to provide and plant a lime tree, <i>tilia cordata greenspire</i> , of 2-3m height, in an appropriate spot adjacent to where the previous tree had been, and noted their gratitude to North Stainley Estates for underwriting the cost of this replacement. Action: Clerk to report to HBC Arboricultural team and progress the issue
18.56	Policy and practice The Council discussed the updated Standing Orders and Code of Conduct and RESOLVED to approve the documents as circulated. Action: Clerk to re-circulate the documents
18.57	Caretaker task list Councillors discussed the patch of nettles beyond the end of The Shepherdies, and agreed that its clearance should be regularly on the task list through the summer months. The issue of a working party for the Millennium Walk footpath was discussed, and it was thought this would be better organised informally via facebook and/or the North Stainley webpage. It was noted that about 2 cubic metres of gravel would be useful to raise the path at the point where it regularly floods. Action: Clerk to progress
18.58	CILCA Councillors considered supporting the Clerk's training for the Certificate in Local Council Administration (training and travelling costs), and RESOLVED to cover 20% of these costs. [The Clerk's other employers to cover the balance.]
18.59 18.591 18.592 18.593	Correspondence The council NOTED correspondence from five parishioners which had been circulated and informed the discussion about the felled tree in item 18.55. 18.592 NYCC Finance, noting that payment of the 2018-19 grass cutting support grant had been authorised. 18.593 North Yorkshire Community Messaging; information about a multi-agency event concerning safety and security at the Village Hall on 20 September.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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