

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 8th January 2019
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailer (Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Liz Falkingham, Mike Porter, Nicola Harding [see item 18.74]
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 4 Members of the Public (MoP)

18.72	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
18.73	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Margaret Goddard
18.74	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 th November 2018 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
18.75	Casual Vacancy The Council RESOLVED to fill this vacancy by co-opting Nicola Harding, who signed her declaration of acceptance. It was noted that this returns the council to its full complement.
18.76	Ongoing issue from the minutes for updating 18.761 Daffodil bulbs: These have been received from Harrogate BC and planted out at North Lees by the parish caretakers. The Council THANKED Harrogate BC for this donation 18.762 Vehicle Activated System: The Council considered this issue and agreed that purchasing VAS independently was neither affordable nor prudent. Councillors expressed an interest in exploring potential sharing of VAS with other parishes <i>Action: Clerk to investigate via YLCA if other parishes are interested in a shared system Clerk to ask NYCC which parishes, if any, are purchasing VAS and which systems are being used</i> 18.763 Weed spraying: The council considered an offer from a parishioner to spray the weeds in the gutter of Watermill Lane between the carriageway and the kerb. Councillors were pleased with the offer but did not feel able to accept it before further information was available as to whether the parishioner needed a licence to spray glyphosate, and/or training, and/or permission from NYCC; also whether NYCC holds COSHH information or instructions on these issues. <i>Action: Clerk to investigate</i>
18.77	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items There were none.
18.78	Reports from district / county councillors There were none.
18.79	Watermill Lane Tree Councillors RESOLVED to suspend Standing Order 7a to allow a final discussion of this long-running issue. The Chair opened the item by recapping developments since the unauthorised felling of the lime tree in November 2017 [per this council's 2018-19 minutes <i>passim</i>]. Two MoP then made statements against and in favour of the reinstatement of the tree, and about their preferred positioning of the potential new tree. Council then noted consultations with Studley Royal World Heritage Site, whose opinion was that a new tree should not be sited within 3m of a root ball even if the felled tree had

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	<p>been healthy, and NYCC, whose general policy is not to plant within 5m of a street light. After further discussion the Council RESOLVED to site the new tree 3m from the old one, i.e. 2.4m NE of the current marker post, subject to any minor changes required on installation following CAT scanning. It was noted that this spot is an appropriate distance from the street light on the corner of that patch of land.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Alston to mark the agreed position with a post and with paint Clerk to liaise with Harrogate BC</p> <p><i>[Clerk's note: weather permitting the tree is to be planted before the end of January]</i></p>
18.80	<p>Financial Statement and Approvals for Payment</p> <p>The Council's cash book balance was noted as being £14,620.73</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (December salary); Clerk's expenses and training qtr 3 £131.25; MHS Countryside Management (grass cutting) £360.00; DTMS Ltd (parish caretaking / play area renewal / pond work) £1,612.80; and Autela Ltd (payroll admin qtr 3) £46.80.</p>
18.81	<p>Grasscutting contract</p> <p>The Council considered the draft tender document as circulated, and AGREED it subject to minor amendments and the correct numbering of maps. A Working Group of Cllrs Alston, Bailey and Falkingham, plus the Clerk, was set up and will meet by the end of February to make a recommendation for appointment to the March parish council meeting</p> <p>Action: Clerk to circulate tender document to current and potential grasscutting contractors</p>
18.82	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <p>Applications: The Council considered application 19/00005/FUL for the removal of a garage and installation of an extension at 11 Beatswell Lawn, and RESOLVED that it had no objection.</p> <p>Decisions / Enforcement: there were none to note.</p>
18.83	<p>Caretaker Task List</p> <p>There were no tasks to report beyond basic contracted maintenance.</p>
18.84	<p>Correspondence</p>
18.841	<p>Citizens Advice Craven & Harrogate: Thanking the council for its Section 137 donation.</p>
18.842	<p>Harrogate BC: Notice of a consultation under the Stray Act of the use of Harrogate's Stray during the World Road Cycling Championships in September 2019.</p>
18.843	<p>Raworths LLP Solicitors: Requesting information about a Deed of Release for a Watermill Lane property</p>
18.844	<p>High Batts Nature Reserve volunteers: Report from their "In at the Start" project, which as noted in November received the UK Community Award.</p>
18.855	<p>NYCC Highways: Notification that their grant towards grasscutting in the parish will remain unchanged at £614.82 for the year 2019-20.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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