

# NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
**TIME:** 7.30pm  
**LOCATION:** North Stainley Village Hall  
**PRESENT:** Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), David Bryant, Elizabeth Falkingham, Margaret Goddard, Nicola Harding, Mike Porter  
**CLERK:** Nick Reed (minutes)

19.41	<b>Declarations of interest</b> and requests for dispensation There were none.
19.42	<b>Apologies</b> and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ian Alston. Apologies were also noted from NYCC Cllr Margaret Atkinson.
19.43	<b>Minutes</b> of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2019, and the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 These were AGREED as a true record of the meetings, and signed as such by the Chair.
19.44 19.441	<b>Ongoing issue from the minutes for updating</b> <b>Hedge removal at Watermill Lane:</b> Councillors noted that this work had been done to a satisfactory standard, with no further topsoil needed at this stage. The plot would be revisited in March to see if further landscaping and/or grass seed planting were necessary.
19.45	<b>Questions or comments from members of the public</b> not related to other agenda items There were none.
19.46	<b>Reports from district / county councillors</b> There were none.
19.47	<b>Financial Statement and Approvals for Payment</b> It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (October / November salary); Autlea Payroll Services (payroll qtr 2) £47.08; MHS Countryside Mgmt (grass cutting / brash removal) £895.00; DTMS Ltd (parish caretaking) £201.60; Streetscape Ltd (new buffer for play area aerial runway) £534.00; Morgan's Estate Mgmt (making good after hedge removal) £259.00. The receipt was noted of the second part of the 2019-20 precept (£6,324.00) from Harrogate Borough Council. The Council's cash book balance after these payments was noted as being £12,134.51.
19.48	<b>2020-21 Budget</b> The council considered the proposed budget as circulated, noting that it was hoped the next financial year would involve investment in the play area, and that while this was likely to be fully funded there would be knock-on financial effects from e.g. maintenance and insurance. The Council RESOLVED to approve the budget. With a precept requirement to Harrogate Borough Council of £13,198. <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Clerk to inform Harrogate BC</b></p>
19.49	<b>Tree Charter Day</b> The council discussed this initiative, under which the Woodland Trust offers free trees to be planted on parish council spaces. Councillors agreed that there was neither enough notice nor an obvious patch of ground in order to take part in the 2019 campaign, but that it maybe of interest in future years. <p style="text-align: right;"><b>ACTION: Clerk to maintain contact with the Woodland Trust</b></p>

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	<b><i>ACTION: Councillors to consider suitable planting areas on parish council land</i></b>
<b>19.50</b>	<p><b>Tackling Loneliness</b></p> <p>The council noted the consultations circulated by Harrogate BC and North Yorkshire CC on this issue, and noted that work was also being done locally by charities including Dementia Forward, Age UK and U3A. A wide-ranging discussion ensued on the nature and causes of loneliness within the parish, with the lack of transport and of a shop being two obvious contributing factor. The Council RESOLVED to participate in the surveys, and to bring the item back to the agenda when the surveys were concluded, possibly to inform a meeting between the parish council, North Stainley Sports and Recreation Trust, St Mary's Church, the Thursday Supper Club, and other interested parties.</p> <p><b><i>ACTION: Councillors to pass comments to Clerk for submission to the surveys</i></b></p>
<b>19.51</b>	<p><b>Planning applications and decisions</b></p> <p>Councillors noted the approval of application 19/04156/HEDGE, for the removal of c. 300m of Hedge at Lightwater Farm. It was particularly noted that a note to the approval was that "the provision of new hedge elsewhere to compensate for the loss of this one would represent good agricultural stewardship of the land", and councillors agreed with this sentiment.</p> <p>There were no other applications, decisions or enforcements to note.</p>
<b>19.52</b>	<p><b>VE Day 75</b></p> <p>Councillors agreed that it was important to be a part of the celebrations taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, and that this should be in conjunction with the ports and Recreation Trust and St Mary's Church.</p> <p><b><i>ACTION: Clerk to progress in conjunction with Trust and Church</i></b></p>
<b>19.53</b>	<p><b>Pocket Park funding</b></p> <p>After a brief discussion, councillors agreed that the funding in question was not suitable for this parish.</p>
<b>19.54</b>	<p><b>Caretaker Task List</b></p> <p>There were no tasks identified beyond standard parish maintenance. Councillors wished to minute their compliments to the parish caretakers on the quality of work done on the island in the large pond, and in clearing the beck running out of that pond.</p>
<b>19.55</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
19.551	Land Registry: confirming registration of a property under the 2012 deed of release
19.552	YLCA: Notice of a special meeting of the Harrogate branch on 18 November to discuss the Community Infrastructure Levy. [Cllr Bailey to attend.]
19.553	MoP: Comment regarding inappropriate use of a bird scarer at North Lees
19.554	MoP: Comment on excess bulrushes at South Pond
19.555	NYCC: Complaint about Lightwater Valley sign. Councillors NOTED, per the Clerk's reply, that rather than causing inconvenience for parish residents, the sign reduces inconvenience caused by Lightwater Valley traffic arriving in North Stainley due to poor SatNav directions.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**SIGNED:** ..... (Chair)

**DATE:** .....