

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 14th May 2019
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Mike Porter (Chairing), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Margaret Goddard, Nicola Harding
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)

1	Opening of the meeting Cllr Porter opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.
2	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Glenys Bailey, the Headteacher at North Stainley Primary School, and PCSO Sharon Wilson of North Yorkshire Police.
3	Minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 22 nd May 2018, were a true record, and they were signed as such by the Chair of the meeting.
4	Matters arising from the minutes There were none.
5	Report on Parish Council Business 2018-19 The following report was read out: Glenys Bailey (Chair), Mike Porter (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Margaret Goddard and Liz Falkingham have served as Councillors throughout the year. Nicola Harding was co-opted in January 2019. 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 one 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 has continued to operate the parish caretaker scheme, whereby DTMS Ltd are contracted to carry out on average eight hours per month on the areas 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. This arrangement was approved for e renewed three-year contract following a tender process in March 2019 The Council continues to operate and maintain the children's playground on Watermill Lane, and will be looking at funding sources to replace the surfacing, which is wearing and beginning to lift. 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.
6	Reports from community organisations or representatives. Reports were received as follows: North Stainley Sports and Recreation Trust: The Village Hall continues to be busy, being used for 71 hours a week and fully occupied on most week days. Natasha Lewis was appointed as Hall Caretaker from the beginning of July.

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During the year the Trust marked the centenary of the end of World War One and hosted two Christmas parties – one for adults and one for children. In April a potential clash was resolved by the Arts Society staging a bespoke performance of the Wizard of Oz for the 50 Club. Income continues to exceed expenditure, mainly thanks to rents from the flats above the Hall. Some of the Trust’s funds are invested for future maintenance. This is gradually becoming a more significant issue. A bigger cupboard is planned for the Meeting Room, where the chairs have also been replaced. During the year the two main lights in the Main Hall were replaced by four brighter ones and the ceiling fan reinstated. Thanks are due to Frank Bailey for his time, expertise and hard work. 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. Football goals were installed during the winter; one has been retained for the cricket season and both will be returned in the Autumn. The Trust continues to run the North Stainley website at www.northstainley.org.uk . It is packed with useful information and contacts. Thanks to Chris Grundy for continuing to administer the site.

North Stainley Petanque Club (John Chambers, Secretary). During the past year club membership has declined slightly and they have been struggling to recruit new members. However despite this, and being one of the smallest clubs in the Northern Region, it has been a successful year with members competing in various regional competitions.

The club is at present 5th in the Northern Ranking Points Table, and club members have achieved the following: Matt Blyton (Chairman) is ranked 2nd in the Northern Table; Matt and a partner won the Northern Region Over-50 Pairs at Stockton Fox; Matt with his son Jamie and Lee Edgar came 4th in the triples at the Home Nations Qualifier at Nottingham; Lee and Shanna Edgar won the Northern Mixed Pairs at Brandesburton; and David Blyton has been selected for the England National Youth Squad and will represent his country at an event in Belgium in August and also at the World Championships in Cambodia later this year.

However, for reasons including the loss of facilities with the closure of the pub again, the club are in the process of negotiating with West Tanfield with a view to relocating to new playing areas there.

North Yorkshire County Councillor Margret Atkinson: In response to budgetary challenges, the County Council in 2018-19 has reduced its properties and workforce, with few compulsory redundancies. NYCC has altered contracts to make it easier to deal with local businesses, and started its own companies selling to other councils.

NYCC is developing more extra care facilities to look after the growing population of older people, replacing street lights with more efficient LED Lights, and increasing the roll out of high speed broadband, now available to over 90% of premises in North Yorkshire. Smaller projects like the Stronger Communities programme, which funds libraries and other community-led projects, have continues to be supported.

Ofsted has judged North Yorkshire’s Children’s Services as “Outstanding” – the only such judgement in the country.

The Allerton waste recovery site is working efficiently and dealing with North Yorkshire’s domestic and commercial waste without using landfill. Other big projects in development include Kex Gill repairs and hopefully realignment on the A59 and, a new Dalton Bridge.

7 Public questions or statements
There were none.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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