

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 14th July 2020
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: Virtually via Zoom
PRESENT: Councillors Glenys Bailey (Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Elizabeth Falkingham, Margaret Goddard, Nicola Harding, Mike Porter
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: NYCC Cllr Margaret Atkinson , 1 member of the public (MoP)

20.16	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
20.17	Apologies and reasons for absence There were none, all councillors being present, but an apology from Harrogate BC Cllr Bernard Bateman was NOTED.
20.18	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 th March The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
20.19 20.191 20.192 20.193	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items Roseberry Green Street Furniture – The council noted that the new bench was due for delivery in the week following this meeting, and that quotes had not yet been received for renovating / replacing the noticeboard. The Council NOTED that volunteer help had been offered to clean and repaint the board and RESOLVED that nothing more was necessary at this time. Tree assessment – The Clerk reported that all the works recommended under the tree assessment had been completed. Dog waste – A wide-ranging discussion took place about current and longer-term issues with dog waste within the parish. It was AGREED that additional bins should be placed where the bridleway crosses Watermill Lane, and at the beginning of the footpath by the Staveley Arms, and that these bins should be general waste rather than specifically dog waste bins. The Council RESOLVED that is Harrogate BC was unable or unwilling to fund these bins that it would pay for their purchase and installation, and the potential offer of waste facilities at Potgate Quarry was noted with gratitude. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to progress</p>
20.20	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items A MoP raised the issue of inappropriate fishing in the large pond, and the Council noted several reports of fishing being badly done (e.g. dead fish thrown back in the water, ornamental carp being caught, fishers being antisocial when challenged on this). The Council NOTED and agreed with the decision by North Stainley Estates as owners of the pond that with regret they would be banning fishing, and RESOLVED to purchase and install two “no fishing” signs at a cost of no more than £200. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to progress, Cllr Goddard to advise on similar signage at West Tanfield</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to consult Rosebery Green Mgmt Cttee on installing similar signs by their pond</p> On this topic, the Council NOTED that NSE was trying to manage the situation with <i>crassula helmsii</i> weed in the small pond, having it cleared by staff in waders and considering UV filters and other solutions, but that all parties needed to understand that the weed is unlikely to be fully dispersed, and that diverting the spring to the large pond, thus draining the small pond and creating a reed bed, might be the most practical long-term solution.

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20.21	<p>Reports from district / county councillors</p> <p>NYCC Cllr Atkinson reported on behalf of Harrogate BC Cllr Bernard Bateman that Harrogate BC had undertaken its annual meeting virtually last week, with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor remaining in place for a second year as allowed under coronavirus legislation. Virus testing was being arranged by HBC at Harrogate Hydro, and £4.5m of emergency business support grants had been distributed. Many staff continue to work from home, but planning meetings have restarted after being on hold due to site notices being unable to be put up.</p> <p>Turning to NYCC, Cllr Atkinson noted that libraries had re-opened on 6th July and remained by appointment only, and that household waste recycling sites were now fully open. The council's "buy local" scheme was being well supported, and an Outbreak Management Advisory Board has been set up to prepare for any "second wave" or future issues.</p>
20.22	<p>Financial Statement and Approvals for Payment</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (June/July salary); Clerk's expenses and training qtr 1 (inc ICO registration) £259.17; Autela Payroll Services (qtr 1 / EOY fees) £71.67; Spectrum Futures CIC (internal audit) £175.00; MHS Countryside Mgmt (grasscutting) £1,992.00; Farm and Land Services (tree maintenances) £480.00; and DTMS Ltd (parish caretakers) £292.32. The Council's cash book balance after these activities was noted as being £8,592.93.</p>
20.23 20.231 20.232 20.233	<p>Audit matters for the year ended 31st March 2020</p> <p>Approval of Annual Governance Statement. This was read out and it was RESOLVED to approve the statement.</p> <p>Approval of annual receipts and payments accounts. These were considered and it was RESOLVED to approve the accounts.</p> <p>Approval of the Statement of Accounts of the Annual Return. This was considered and it was RESOLVED to approve the statement.</p>
20.24	<p>Asset Register</p> <p>The Council noted the Asset Register as circulated, reflecting a revaluation of play equipment and the Council taking on responsibility for Roseberry Green street furniture, and RESOLVED to approve it.</p>
20.25	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>There were no applications to consider, nor any decisions or enforcement actions to note.</p>
20.26	<p>Play area maintenance</p> <p>The Council considered various issues regarding the play area, and RESOLVED to approve the replacement of decaying timbers on the zipline platform and the gatepost, at a cost of not more than £400. The Council also AGREED to seek quotes for the replacement of the wire fence surrounding the play area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to progress</p>
20.27	<p>Marie Curie Cancer Care</p> <p>The Council considered the request from MCCC for a Section 137 grant, and RESOLVED not to make one as it was unclear whether any parishioners would directly benefit.</p>

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20.28	Caretaker Task List The Council noted issues at Lavender Lane with overgrown foliage, and a stile and bench in need of attention Action: Cllr Bailey to send the Clerk the position of the stile on gridreferencefinder.com or similar
20.29	Correspondence
20.291	NY Police: noting that six incidents had been reported between May and July, including two COVID breaches with a street party and campers on Yorkshire Wildlife land.
20.292	Harrogate BC: noting that the examiner's report for the Harrogate Local Plan has been received, and recommends approval of the Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule and that the CIL come into force in October 2020.
20.293	NYCC Highways: Notification of resurfacing to side roads within North Stainley village.
20.294	MoP: Reporting a blocked gully on the A6108, and other infrastructure concerns within the parish.
20.295	MoP: Concerns regarding speeding on the A6108, especially coming into North Stainley village from the south. The Clerk noted that he had passed these comments on to the police in the hope that they would reinstate mobile speed cameras as their COVID responsibilities lifted.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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