

Newsletter

November / December 2012

The Parish Council met on 20th November and considered a number of items.



2013/14 BUDGET



Each year the Parish Council reviews its income and expenditure and sets a budget for the next financial year.

The Parish Council's main source of income is the precept – money raised for it through Council Tax.

The Parish Council has agreed that it needs to increase the precept for 2013/14 from £6,766 to £8,950.

There are several reasons for this:

- The Parish Council is taking over ownership of communal areas in North Stainley which will need maintaining.
- Grant funding that helped to pay for the parish caretaker has come to an end. The Parish Council has decided to continue the position, but with reduced hours.
- The play area is getting old and increasingly expensive to maintain.

The Parish Council also spends money employing the Clerk, paying for hall hire, insurance, on its membership of advisory groups and on making small donations to local organisations and events.

Grants from Harrogate Borough Council & North Yorkshire County Council help to pay for some maintenance services.

Full details are available on the 'Financials' page of the Council's website: www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/financials

PARISH MAGAZINE

The parish magazine, produced by the Church, will be ceasing in its current format at the end of the year.

News from North Stainley can be included in the Yoredale News which will be delivered to all the houses that usually get a magazine.

Articles can be submitted to Christine Greensit by the 17th of each month by e-mailing:

christine.greensit@tiscali.co.uk

The Parish Council will keep this new system under review to make sure it is meeting the needs of our community.

LIGHTWATER VALLEY

The Parish Council has no objections to proposals for a holiday resort at Lightwater Valley, provided the units are used for short-term rentals and subject to some traffic issues being addressed.

Lightwater Valley's new postcode from 2013 is going to be HG4 3NB.

MINES & MINERALS RIGHTS

The Church Commissioners for England are in the process of registering areas where they own the mineral rights under land. This includes some areas of communal land in North Stainley, such as the Recreation Ground and Jubilee Garden. This is a national programme that they are undertaking.

Although there is nothing that can be done to stop these rights being registered, there is little or no chance of them being able to extract any minerals that there may be.

There was no progress to be reported about proposals for a **new school** in the village.

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2013 MEETING DATES

- 22nd January – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- 19th February – Planning Meeting
- 19th March – Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- 16th April – Planning & Annual Parish Meetings
- 21st May – Ordinary & Annual Parish Council Meetings
- 18th June – Planning Meeting
- 16th July - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- 20th August – Planning Meeting
- 17th September - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- 15th October – Planning Meeting
- 19th November - Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
- 17th December - Planning Meeting

Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the side meeting room of North Stainley Village Hall.

Please check the shop noticeboard, or the Parish Council's new website for changes:

www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk

Note that planning meetings only take place if there are new applications or urgent items of business to consider.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and hear the matters being considered.