

Newsletter

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The Parish Council met on 21st May 2013 and considered a number of items.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting Glenys Bailey was re-elected as **Chair** and Margaret Goddard as **Vice-Chair**.

The Council's **2012/13 Annual Report** is now available online at www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/documents Why not have a look and find out what your Parish Council was busy with during the past year?

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Paul Richardson has now retired, but has been thanked by the Parish Council for his work in recent years.

The Parish is now represented by Margaret Atkinson who can be contacted on 01765-658545 or by e-mailing mowbraypark@aol.com

The Parish Council had no objections to a planning application for an extension to the Club House at **Ripon City Golf Club**.



ACCOUNTS 2012/13



The Parish Council has now approved its 2012/13 accounts which are summarised below. Full details are available on the financials page of the Council's website. The accounts are now in the process of being audited.

<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Precept	£6,766	Clerk	£2,982
Maintenance Grant	£182	Caretaker	£1,157
Contribution to Mailshot	£153	Play Area	£1,156
Bank Interest	£1	Grasscutting	£737
		Insurance	£246
		YLCA Membership	£230
		Auditing	£175
		Donation to CAB	£110
		Training	£77
		Hall Hire	£74
		Sports Day Donation	£50
		Oil Club Start Up	£19
TOTAL	£7,102	TOTAL	£7,013

CAUTION CHILDREN PLAYING



With the summer holidays around the corner both drivers and pedestrians should take care, especially near the playground on Watermill Lane.

HOLIDAY COTTAGES & LODGES

Planning permission has been given for 2 holiday cottages and 8 holiday lodges at Quarry House near West Tanfield. The Parish Council had previously objected to this proposal.



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VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL

There remains a vacancy on the Parish Council. The role takes about 2 hours a month, including meetings and is interesting and varied.

The Council is consulted on all planning applications, maintains large communal areas of North Stainley including the playground, liaises with North Yorkshire County Council on issues such as highways, operates the parish caretaker scheme and a whole lot more besides.

There is lots of information about the role in the Good Councillors' Guide (available online). Contact the Clerk for more information, or to apply to join the Council.

PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Parish Council has updated its policy for making information about its work available to the public. This and many of the Council's other documents can be viewed at www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/information

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting has been changed to 23rd July at 7.30pm in North Stainley Village Hall.

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Development Proposals for North Stainley

STATEMENT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has recently become aware of proposals for further development in North Stainley and is in touch with both North Stainley Estate and Harrogate Borough Council about them.

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that full and timely public consultation takes place and will be pressing for this to happen as soon as possible.

This item will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting (to be held on 23rd July 2013 at 7.30pm in North Stainley Village Hall). Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you would like to speak at the meeting, then the Parish Council would be grateful if you could register your intention to do so with the Clerk prior to the meeting.

LAVENDER LANE

Residents are asked to support efforts to keep this lane neat and tidy by **not dumping garden rubbish** on the corner with Laurel Walk – put it in your bins for Harrogate Borough Council to collect. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



PARISH CARETAKER

Farm & Land Services from Knaresborough have been appointed as the parish caretaker. They also carry out the Parish Council's grasscutting.

They will be carrying out jobs such as maintaining the playground and ponds, litter picking, pavement sweeping and clearing footpaths.

The Walled Garden Scheme has been thanked for all the work they carried out in the past.

If you know of any tasks that need carrying out then please let the Clerk know.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND VIEWS

Keep in touch with what's happening in your local community:



www.northstainley.org.uk



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MAINTENANCE OF PONDS AND COMMUNAL AREAS

The Parish Council has agreed a specification for maintaining the ponds and areas around them. The Parish Council is trying to achieve a more balanced overall effect than there has been in previous years.

The main areas of grass will be cut fortnightly. The banks of the small pond will be cut every month. The island will be tidied up once or twice a year, outside of bird nesting season. The grasses, reeds and plants around the edge of the large pond will be thinned out and tidied in autumn. The trees will be inspected regularly and any necessary work carried out by qualified operatives.

Opportunities for additional planting (including trees and wildflowers) will be investigated. It must be noted that the ponds are infested with an invasive weed, which must be carefully treated and managed once water levels have reduced.



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HIGHWAYS



The Parish Council is corresponding with Highways North Yorkshire about a number of problems on the parish's roads, including, potholes, carriageway flooding, overhanging vegetation, speeding and the use of lay-bys.