

Newsletter

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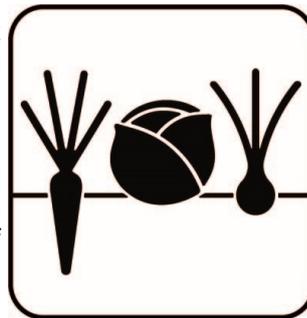
The Parish Council met on 29th September & 20th October to consider a number of items. The next meetings will be on 17th November 2015 & 19th January 2016, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

ALLOTMENTS IN NORTH STAINLEY

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to announce that, with the kind permission of North Stainley Estate, it has been able to identify a potential, alternative location for allotments. The site is just off the Ripon Rowel Walk (when heading towards Ripon), so has easy access, but is hidden from the view of the village by woodland.

The Parish Council will be contacting everyone who had previously expressed an interest in either having an allotment or helping with the project to provide them. If you would like more information, or could volunteer to help to progress a scheme then please come to an open meeting:

15TH DECEMBER, 7PM, NORTH STAINLEY VILLAGE HALL



DEVOLUTION

The Parish Council agreed to object to proposals being put forward by Harrogate Borough Council to join a combined authority which could lead to it obtaining additional powers, responsibilities and funding.

The Parish Council was concerned that the hinterland of the district could be forgotten and that there is not sufficient information to be able to judge the proposals.

NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE COVER REVIEW

The Parish Council has agreed that it objects to the proposals put forward in North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service's consultation as it considers that existing levels of service provision should be maintained. The proposals would see a reduction in the number of full time staff and vehicles based at Ripon Station.

RECYCLING IN THE HARROGATE DISTRICT

Harrogate Borough Council is consulting on how it can fund the expansion of its garden waste recycling programme. This might involve charging for the service. The link to the consultation is on the homepage of the Parish Council's website.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES

There is no new information to be reported about proposals for future housing development in North Stainley, although this remains an agenda item at each Parish Council meeting.

Harrogate Borough Council is carrying out the next phase of consultation about the Local Plan. It can be viewed and responded to online at:

<http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/portal/pp/lp/io2015/dmp>

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Confirmation has been received that a tree preservation order, covering trees in Watermill Lane gardens and on Watermill Close has not been confirmed. The Parish Council had previously objected to the proposal as it considered that the trees did not merit special protection and that an order would be restrictive in the case of future maintenance requirements.



GRASSCUTTING

The Parish Council has received a lot of positive feedback about the standard of grasscutting which has been carried out this year. The Parish Council is responsible for the verges throughout the village, the green areas around the Watermill ponds and the playground. The Council's thanks have been passed on to MHS Countryside Management which carried out the work. They have been invited to submit a price for a 3 year contract which would ensure continuity of service.

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ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

- 2016/17 budget.
- Plans for solar panels near Potgate Farm.
- Tree maintenance & inspection policy.
- Fly-tipping and rubbish.