

# Newsletter

February 2016

The Parish Council met on 17th November and 19th January to consider a number of items.

## 2016/17 BUDGET

The Council's main source of income is the precept—money collected through the Council Tax. It has been decided to increase the precept by £2,513 to £11,463 in 2016/17. You will see this increase when you receive your Council Tax bill.

The main reason for this increase is the cost of grasscutting in the village. The 2015 contract cost more than in previous years, but there has been a lot of positive feedback on the quality of the service received. The Parish Council has therefore decided to enter in to a 3 year agreement with MHS Countryside Management which will ensure continuity of service.

A summary of the Council's budget is shown below, but the full details can be found online at:

[www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/Financials](http://www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk/Financials)

### Expenditure

- Maintenance—£7,433
- Administration—£2,445
- Contingency—£556
- Insurance—£461
- Subscriptions and Donations—£374
- Auditing—£150
- Hall Hire—£65

### Income

- Precept—£11,463
- Bank Interest—£24

The Parish Council considered a consultation about the **garden waste recycling service**.

The Borough Council is considering charging £39 per year for this service. It would then allow all residents, who would like to use the service, to access it. There are currently properties, including some in this parish, which can't receive the service.

## ALLOTMENTS

A new Working Group has been formed to progress proposals for allotments in North Stainley.

The Group will meet properly for the first time at 6.30pm on 16th Feb in the Village Hall.

Please come along if you would like to help, or if you want to find out more about the project.

## DOG FOULING BAG IT AND BIN IT

Clear up after your dog.  
It's the law.

Harrogate Borough Council's Dog Wardens enforce The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. Those seen not picking up will either be given a £50 fixed penalty notice or a summons to appear in court which, upon conviction, carries a fine of up to £1000.

If you want to report someone for not picking up after their dog then please contact:

Online: <http://fix.harrogate.gov.uk/>

Phone: 01423-500600

E-mail: [CustomerServices@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:CustomerServices@harrogate.gov.uk)



## ELECTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL



Elections to the Parish Council will be held on 5th May 2016.

Councillors do not need any special qualifications, in fact North Stainley will benefit from a wide range of abilities, backgrounds and ages being on the Council. The main requirement is the ability think and act locally.

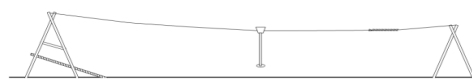
If you are interested then there's information on the Council's website:

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More information is also available from the Clerk, or nomination forms can be obtained from Harrogate Borough Council by calling 01423-556011.

## PLAYGROUND

The playground has received its annual inspection and found to be in generally good order. Work has been carried out to replace the edging around the aerial runway and top up the chippings.



The Parish Council's next meeting will be on 16th February when Rural Solutions (the planning agents representing North Stainley Estate) will be attending. 7.30pm in North Stainley Village Hall. The next full meeting is on 15th March.

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