

North Stainley with Sleningford Parish Council

Report on Parish Council Business 2016-17

Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant and Steve Tordoff have served as Councillors throughout the year. Steve Taylor and Dawn Levine resigned during the year, with Ian Alston and Liz Falkingham co-opted to replace them. Iona Taylor resigned as Clerk during the year, with Nick Reed appointed to replace her.

The Council met seven times over the year for a full agenda of business, with four 'planning' meetings convened to discuss planning applications and/or other urgent business.

The Council has continued to monitor any progress with proposals for development in North Stainley, both in regard to specific applications and to the Harrogate District local plan. The Council has agreed to remain neutral on any large-scale proposals until it obtains a mandate from the public; this mandate will be obtained by carrying out a survey of residents on the submission of a planning application to Harrogate Borough Council.

The Council has responded to consultations carried out by North Yorkshire County Council on the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan and public rights of way.

The Council receives updates from the North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust, and the allotments working group, at all meetings.

The Council has continued to operate the parish caretaker scheme, whereby DTMS Ltd are contracted to carry out on average eight hours of work each month. It also arranges six grass cuts per year, which are supported by a grant from North Yorkshire County Council.

The Council continues to operate and maintain the children's playground on Watermill Lane.

The Council has considered an initial consultation on proposals for devolution in the Harrogate District and will continue to monitor this developing situation.

The Parish Council reviews its standard documents and policies annually, including the Code of Conduct. These documents, as required by the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities to which the council works, are regularly uploaded to the Council's website at www.northstainleyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk, or are available on request from the clerk.