

North Stainley with Sleningford Parish Council

Report on Parish Council Business 2017-18

Glenys Bailey (Chair), Margaret Goddard (Vice-Chair), Ian Alston, David Bryant, Liz Falkingham, Margaret Goddard, Mike Porter and Steve Tordoff have served as Councillors throughout the year. [On May 3rd 2018 Cllrs Alston, Bailey, Bryant, Goddard and Porter were elected unopposed, leaving two ordinary vacancies at the time of this Annual Parish Meeting.]

Nick Reed served as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer throughout the year.

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

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 continued its policy of remaining 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 receives updates from the North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust at all meetings.

The Council has considered the issue of allotments throughout the year, and remains keen that allotments are set up within the parish. However, at the time of writing a lease of land for allotments does not seem imminent.

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 on those areas within the parish which are owned and operated by the parish council. It also arranges six grass cuts per year by MHS Countryside Management Ltd, which are supported in part by a grant from North Yorkshire County Council.

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

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.