

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm.

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Present – A. Horsfall (Chairman), S. Warren, C. Smith, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), no public present.

104/23. Apologies for Absence – I. Black, A. Sharp.

105/23. Code of Conduct – Localism Act 2011

To record any councillor's dis-closable pecuniary interests in regard to any item on this agenda. To consider any changes in members' register of interests and to consider any associated dispensations – none declared.

106/23. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th December 2023.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

107/23. Matters Arising & Actions. All actions completed, no further comments.

108/23. Public Participation. Nothing received.

109/23. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

The Chairman deferred this item.

110/23. PC Meetings 2024-25.

The Clerk reminded Council that improvement work to the village hall was due to take place during a period of 2024 and the hall would not be available for the PC meetings.

The Clerk stated that it was a legal obligation to hold at least 4 meetings throughout the year including the Annual meeting which must be held in May (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, pt2, 7&8).

Council discussed various suitable venues both inside the parish and out that could be utilised to hold meetings. Cllr Smith suggested St Peters Church as a suitable venue, Council approved holding meetings within the Church as and when required.

Action – The Clerk to liaise with the Church Warden for availability when required.

109/23. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The Chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had presented his report to Council and the Clerk had posted the document on the website.

Cllr Staveley highlighted the public meeting that had been arranged at the Settle swimming pool in order to discuss the serious financial position of the facility, the meeting is to take place on 24/01/2024 at 7pm at the pool. Council discussed the pool's working practises and emphasis was placed on the cost of gas for heating purposes, it has become apparent that the facility is in a serious financial situation with concern growing that the swimming pool as it stands may have become unviable.

Cllr Staveley informed the meeting that North Yorkshire Council was to utilise it's financial reserves to cover unplanned costs but this measure would be short term. Many Councils are expected to suffer serious financial problems within the near future with some to suffer bankruptcy. The situation for NY Council should improve when the new Mayor is installed as this would then attract more funding from Central Government.

111/23. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications. No new applications posted

112/23. Financial Statements & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement including invoices for January.

Action – Clerk to process payments.

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113/23. Correspondence.

Police Report

23/12/2023 – Suspect circumstances – poachers in wooded area, but permission granted.

26/12/2023 – Burglary – YDNP property, Council understands an attempt was made to steal a quad bike, tools taken.

HSBC banking charge for December £10

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

114/23. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

The Clerk informed Council that he frequently inspected the street lamps at night and that they were all working. Council discussed the different timers fitted to lamps dependent on location.

The defibrillator was in working order and the box was receiving electricity.

115/23. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 13th February 2024.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm

Chairman

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