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Minutes of the Stainforth Annual Parish Meeting & Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in St Peters Church, Stainforth on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.00pm. Page 1

Present – A. Sharp (Chairman), S. Warren, I. Black, C. Smith, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), public present – one.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and moved to item 1 on the agenda.

1) Resident Questions/Suggestions.

There being no questions or suggestions for the meeting the chairman closed the meeting.

Parish Council Meeting

1/24. Apologies for Absence – A. Horsfall.

2/24. 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.

3/24. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th February 2024.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

4/24. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref: 110/23 – The clerk reported that the church was available for future PC meetings as required, it was determined that the PC would require the church again for the meeting to be held in May 2024 because of ongoing works to the village hall.

126/23 – The clerk had found it necessary to send an email of concern to NY Highways regarding their poor response to the numerous severe pot holes that had appeared on the B6479 close to the junction of Main Road, Stainforth. The clerk had received emails from members of the public who had suffered damage to vehicles and were seeking financial reimbursement, he advised that all enquires should be sent to North Yorkshire Council Highways.

5/24. Public Participation. - nothing raised.

6/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

The chairman deferred this item.

7/24. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2023-24.

1) Certificate of exemption.

Council considered the documentation as presented by the clerk and resolved to approve the certificate as both income or expenditure were under the £25,000 limit.

2) AGAR section 1.

Council resolved to approve the document after consideration of all items.

3) AGAR section 2.

Council resolved to approve the document.

All documents signed.

Action – clerk to forward all appropriate documentation to the auditors.

6/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report - the chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had circulated his report and it had been posted on the PC website.

Council was informed that NY Council were looking at all schools within the county that have pupil numbers under 50 as they are considered to be in danger of closure.

It was reported that one school within the county is still open but does not have any pupils, it seems that there have been a number of delays in the closure process and teachers are still in place. The situation is expected to change within the near future.

Cllr Staveley reported that a consultation was taking place in regard to the provision of school transport and in particular by pupils who travel across county borders for schooling.

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8/24. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.

C/64/46G – Townhead Cottage, Stainforth – installation of oil tank.

Council discussed the application and resolved to approve.

C/64/90C – 2 Bridge Cottages, Stainforth – replacement of two existing sheds and siting of electric hot tub.

Council discussed the application and considered concerns raised by residents.

Council resolving to approve but with the conditions to still apply from the original application and in particular the hot tub limitation hours to be between 09.00am to 21.30pm.

Action – clerk to submit comments to YDNP Planning.

9/24. Financial Statements & Invoices for Payment.

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

Action – Clerk to process payments.

10/24. Correspondence.

Police Report

25/03/2024 & 26/03/2024 – Concern for safety/ welfare – Ambulance dealt.

HSBC banking charge for March £8

Open Spaces – renewal invitation. Received.

RT HON Julian Smith CBE MP – poster.

Clerks & Councils Direct – magazine. Received.

Dry Rigg Quarry – natural environment fund.

Council discussed the fund and the consensus was to contact YDNP to suggest their application to the fund for improvements to Stainforth picnic area.

Action – Clerk to liaise.

11/24. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

The clerk reported that he had checked the defibrillator recently and it was ready for use.

Cllr Smith reported that the pavement adjacent to Hollies Close had holes in the surface.

There was a pothole in the road at Main Street, near Blashy Nook.

Action – clerk to report both the above to NY Highways.

12/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th May 2024.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm

Chairman

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