

# STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm. Page 1

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

**51/23. Apologies for Absence** – I. Black, A. Sharp.

### **52/23. 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.

### **53/23. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

### **54/23. Matters Arising & Actions.**

46/23 – Previous planning applications:

C/64/125A – 1, Allen Close – approved by YDNP Planning.

C/64/134C – Sherwood Brow Farm – awaiting decision by YDNP Planning, Council upheld objection.

C/64/21D/LB – The Vicarage – YDNP Planning decision pending, Council approved.

48/23 – Rubbish pile adjacent to residential property reduced.

The Clerk had received a confirmation receipt from Derbyshire Environmental Trust for the third party contribution payment made by Council for the village hall renovation project together with a notification of thanks for the support provided by Council in this matter.

49/23 – The overhanging trees from the allotment. Awaiting quotations.

### **55/23. Public Participation.**

A report had been received from a resident regarding visitors using the Bridge Cottage hot tub late at night which was against the clearly defined rules of the holiday let, this had resulted in excessive noise, it had been reported to the owners of the property by the resident.

### **56/23. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.**

Cllr Staveley had forwarded his September report to Council which had been placed on the Council website. Cllr Staveley reported that the Railway Transport Focus Group had been evaluating the proposed closure of railway ticket offices by Network Rail and had found that these closures would have a detrimental effect to the most vulnerable rail travellers.

Network Rail were to re-evaluate the proposed closures.

### **57/23. Cat Steps Upper Style** – Council to discuss accessibility issues.

The Clerk highlighted the problem regarding the height of the style at this location and how recent reports had been received from walkers having difficulty negotiating the style and particularly those with larger dogs. Council discussed the issue with the consensus being to contact YDNP and enquire whether a different type of style could be incorporated at this location which would be accessible for all walkers.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise with Yorkshire Dales National Park.

### **58/23. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.**

No new applications posted.

### **59/23. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.**

Council resolved to approve the financial statement including invoices for September

**Action** – Clerk to process payments.

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## **60/23. Correspondence.**

### Police Report

08/07/23 – Suspect circumstances/ RTC – drunken persons arrested.

11/07/23 – Hare coursing – Catrigg Force – area searched no gain.

18/07/23 – General admin contact – Girl Guides camp.

19/07/23 – Door to door sellers.

25/07/23 & 30/08/23 & 05/09/23 – Abandon calls.

28/07/23 – Concern for welfare/safety – joint partnership working.

14/08/23 – Dog bite.

24/08/23 – Domestic dispute.

29/08/23 – Criminal damage – stone bridge – Little Stainforth

Council discussed the stone bridge damage and contact details regarding ownership/repair.

**Action** – Clerk to contact The National Trust.

HSBC banking charge £8

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

## **61/23. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.**

The Clerk expressed thanks to Cllr Smith on behalf of Council for her recent work to renovate the village notice board and also to Cllr Sharp for his work in the remedial repair to the lamp post adjacent to Ivy House.

Cllr Smith highlighted the fallen tree down Dog Hill Brow and that it was leaning across the road. The Clerk informed Council that the tree had blown down during a storm approx 18 months ago and had been partly trimmed presumably by Highways to allow vehicles to progress. Part of the tree was now resting on a utility pole and may cause future problems.

**Action** – Clerk to inform the utility company involved.

**62/23. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

Meeting closed 7.45pm

Chairman