

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of Stainforth Parish Council Annual Meeting held on the Zoom platform
Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00pm.**

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Councillors present – A. Blackburn, S. Warren, D. Uren. S. Smith.

1/21. Election of Chairman

For the purpose of this meeting Cllr D. Uren elected Chairman.

2/21. Apologies for Absence. Cllr Sharp

3/21. Election of Vice Chairman & Council Representatives.

Cllr Sharp elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr Blackburn elected as Settle Aid in Sickness Fund Representative. Any other representatives to be elected as necessary during the year.

4/21. Code of conduct – localism Act 2011

- a) To record any councillor's dis-closable pecuniary interests in any item on this agenda.
- b) To consider any changes in members' register of interests.
- c) To consider any dispensations – none received.

5/21. Councillor Co-option.

Stuart Smith co-opted to Council.

6/21. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 9th March 2021 – Approved.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

7/21. Matters Arising.

Ref 116/20 – Highways had been consulted regarding pot holes to the houses side of the green, awaiting clarification for responsibility.

123/20 – A litter bin request had been submitted to Cllr Staveley. Scrap vehicle issue ongoing.

132/20 – The wall collapse outside the old vicarage had become complicated as it is believed that the property has recently been sold.

8/21. Public Participation.

An elector had raised concern that it had been suggested the new litter bin outside the car park was to be removed by CDC because it had to be emptied frequently, this information had proved partly correct as the small litter bin had recently been replaced by a large type bin.

9/21. District/ County Councillor Report. - none available.

10/21. Bench Renovation. Council resolved to approve renovation of both benches - £300.

11/21. AGAR Governance Documentation.

Council resolved to approve the documentation in the following order.

- 1) AGAR Certificate of Exemption.
- 2) AGAR Section 1.
- 3) AGAR Section 2.

Action – Signing and scanning for Internal Auditor & website.

12/21. Street Lighting – timed photocells.

Council discussed the viability of retro fitting timed photocells to all street lamps.

Cllr Uren enquired as to the availability of battery back up lamps and new technology to try and alleviate the power cut/ lamp timer problem.

Action – agenda item for the next meeting, Cllr Blackburn to liaise with contractor.

13/21. Council Tax.

Cllr Blackburn informed Council that the recent Council tax bill issued by CDC had shown Stainforth PC charge rising by 3.3%, this implicated that Stainforth PC had increased the precept for 2021-22 which was not the case.. After enquiries through CDC it was found that the tax base for Stainforth had been reduced, this occurred because less people are paying towards the charge, therefore resulting in the increase charge despite Council not raising the precept.

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14/21. Damage to Village Greens – repair.

Council discussed the damage suffered by the greens as a result of vehicles being driven over edgings etc. The main green receiving the most damage.

Council resolved to approve repairs to the greens.

Action – Cllr Blackburn to liaise with contractor, & issue letters to residents on the top side of the green to try and park to allow for vehicles passing without damaging the green.

15/21. Allotment Maintenance.

Cllr Blackburn informed Council that there were now two residents on the waiting list for an allotment. A tenant had requested that the pathways around the allotment plots be strimmed periodically by the Council, also the stone steps were not in a good condition leading to plots 2,3, &4. Council resolved to approve the periodic strimming of the pathways and to gain quotations for the steps. **Action** – Cllr Blackburn to liaise with contractors.

16/21. Planning Applications. None.

17/21. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.(resolved)

Council resolved to approve the financial statement for May 2021 including the following payments: Open Spaces Society – subscription.

NYCC – street lighting electricity.

Zurich Municipal – insurance.

Action – Cllr Blackburn to process.

18/21. Correspondence.

Cllr Blackburn informed Council that the legal proceedings regarding continuance of remote meetings had failed and all Public Authority meetings from 07/05/2021 would have to be face to face (Use of buildings for public meetings from 21/06/2021). Consultations were still being completed by The National Association of Local Councils and evidence was to be presented to Government to pursue a change in their policy.

Action – Cllr Blackburn to book the village hall for future meetings.

19/21. Highways & Street Lighting.

Unmetered street lighting pricing was discussed and compared with neighbouring Councils, the present NYCC 12 month pricing policy was still proving to be cost efficient for this type of supply.

20/21. The Date of the next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 13^h July 2021

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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Chairman