

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

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Councillors present – S. Smith (Chairman), S. Warren, A. Horsfall, D. Uren
D. Staveley (North Yorkshire County Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), Public present – Two.

80/21. Apologies for Absence – A. Sharp.

81/21. 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 - Nothing declared.

82/21. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th November 2021.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

83/21. Matters Arising.

Ref 74/21 – The permanent caravan habitation enquiry is in the hands of the National Park, Council awaiting the decision.

75/21 – Planning application C/64/138 – 4 Hollies Cottages approved by the Authority.

78/21 – The ice on the road at Sherwood Brow has been investigated by Highways and they are to determine a solution to the problem.

84/21. Public Participation.

1) A resident stated how the allotment garden layout had been changed over the years, he presented a plan which had a different layout to the present garden and requested that Council investigate as there used to be five plots whereas now there is only four.

Action – The Chairman and Clerk to visit the allotment garden and report back to Council.

2) A resident enquired about Parish Council notifications and engagement activities as it was difficult as a new resident to find out village activities.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council has a website where documentation in regard to Council activities and contact information can be found, also notifications regarding meetings are placed on the village notice boards. Further village activities are placed on notice boards, lamp posts, & temporary signage throughout the village as appropriate.

3) A resident enquired about grass cutting as they did not know who was responsible for the cutting. The Clerk explained that the grass was cut throughout the growing season by volunteers who adhere to a rota system to share the workload, the mower was financed by the Council including repairs etc. Cllr Uren informed Council that volunteers also maintain the greens at Little Stainforth, Council consensus of approval and gratitude to all volunteers for their continued support.

85/21. District/ County Councillor Report.

No District Report until February.

Cllr Staveley presented the County Council report which can be read on the PC website.

Cllr Staveley stated that he still had funding available from his locality budget but applications needed to be in before the end of January.

86/21. Precept for 2022-23 – Council to declare.

Council considered the budget projection for 2021-22 as presented by the Clerk, this was compared with price increase projections for 2022-23 and available Council finances.

Council resolved to maintain the precept at £8550 for 2022-23, the precept documentation was signed. **Action** – Clerk to submit the documentation to Craven District Council.

87/21. Housing – Local Occupancy Restrictions.

The Clerk reiterated s 157 of the Housing Act in regard to what type of residential property the National Park can impose local occupancy conditions and reports suggest that the new local plan may include conditions on new properties which could be beneficial for local purchasers

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87/21. Housing – Local Occupancy Restrictions. Continued

Cllr Uren highlighted the need for all property owners to be liable for Council tax purposes as holiday let properties can be included within the business taxation system resulting in less revenue provision for local services. Council agreed to pursue this at the next meeting involving District and County representation.

Action – Clerk to include the item on the next agenda.

88/21. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.

No applications listed.

89/21. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement for January 2022.

90/21. Correspondence.

Coach House lamp – The Clerk had replied to the owner of the property and apologised for not informing them about the lamp replacement, a way-leave enquiry had been submitted to Yorkshire Local Councils Associations and Council was awaiting their advice on the matter.

HSBC – Notification had been received from the bank that a new monthly charge was to be introduced on the Council account from 21/01/2022 this is currently £8.

91/21. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

1) Cllr Warren reported that the footpath alongside the railway line behind the Old School was in a poor state and could benefit from gravel laying on the path.

Action – Clerk to report to the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

2) Cllr Uren reported that a road drain on the B6479 opposite Wonder of Wood was blocked and was causing localised flooding at this location.

Action – Clerk to report to Highways.

3) The Chairman reported that sports car groups were speeding and causing a loud noise at weekends on the B6479 passing Stainforth. The Clerk informed Council that a group called Councils Against Noise & Speed (CANS) had been successful in highlighting this type of activity to the Traffic Authorities and that as a result audible devices may be used as well as speed cameras within the area soon. The Chairman expressed an interest in joining the group.

Action – Clerk to forward details of CANS to Cllr Smith

91/21. The Date of the next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 8^h March 2022

Meeting closed 8.20pm

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Chairman