

# STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm. Page 1

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

**50/24. Apologies for Absence –** A. Sharp, I. Black..

### **51/24. 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. Cllr Smith declared an interest in item 56/24 – village hall solar panels. Council approved her remaining but not voting on the item.

### **52/24. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

### **53/24. Matters Arising & Actions.**

All actions completed, no matters arising.

### **54/24. Public Participation.**

The clerk reminded council that this part of the meeting can be used by members to bring forward something that is not on the agenda but is of a concern to residents.

Cllr Smith highlighted a poor repair to the right of way lane leading past Ribblesdale House to the fields. Cllr Staveley stated that any unadopted road is not the responsibility of NY Highways but the landowner has responsibility for access maintenance. In this case deeds of ownership could be used to determine a satisfactory solution to the issue.

### **55/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.**

Cllr Staveley submitted his report for September which had been published by the clerk. Cllr Staveley informed council that the Limekiln Enterprise Centre is nearing full occupancy with only two units still to be let. There was also approx £183,000 allocated for improvements to the Hoffman Kiln site in regard to the visitor experience.

There had been an issue with a proposed cafe on site with the owner of the cafe trying to raise funding through crowd funding which some residents and local businesses had taken exception to.

The North Yorkshire housing allocation number has been doubled by the new government but with no guidance regarding support or any improved infrastructure for the additional housing.

The present home to school transport scheme is to be reviewed after 18 months, it has already attracted problems, the scheme costs approx £50 million/ year to run.

### **56/24. Village Hall – solar panels (funding).**

Cllr Smith informed council that the plan to install new solar panels to the roof of the village hall had suffered a set back as the Millennium Trust had withdrawn their offer of financial support. This change of decision has been made by the trust through pressure by government to focus on more wildlife/environmental projects. The net loss of funding is approx £7500 and the village hall committee wondered if council could assist if possible. Council considered finances and resolved to defer this item until October when a full council financial analysis could be prepared.

**Action** – clerk to prepare analysis for the October meeting.

### **57/24. Foster Poor & Close.**

Council considered the funding received and discussed areas where this could be used for the benefit of the community.

- 1) An annual afternoon tea in the village hall.
- 2) Improving the picnic site.
- 3) A second bench placed on the West Green.

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**57/24. Foster Poor & Close (continued).**

Council resolved to defer this item until October.

**Action** – clerk to prepare bench prices.

**58/24. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.**

C/64/79G – Gable End, Little Stainforth – variation of condition – inclusion of solar panels.

Council resolved to approve this application, P – A. Horsfall, S – S. Warren.

**59/24. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.**

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

**Action** – Clerk to process payments.

**60/24. Correspondence.**

Police Report

05.07.24 – Highway disruption – sheep on B6479.

19.07.24 – Concern for welfare/safety – in order – Stainforth Foss.

28.07.24 x 2 – Suspect vehicle – car park – vehicle left prior to attending.

HSBC banking charge £8

HSBC change of interest rates – from 1.92% to 1.80%

**61/24. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance** – nothing reported.

**62/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

Meeting closed 8.15 pm

Chairman