

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Annual meeting held in the village hall on
Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7.00pm.**

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Councillors present – A. Sharp, S. Warren, A. Horsfall, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire County Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), Public present – none.

14/22. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Horsfall was elected as Chairman, P – A. Sharp, S – S. Warren.

15/22. Election of Vice Chairman & Representatives.

Cllr Sharp was elected as Vice Chairman, P – A. Horsfall, S – S. Warren.

A. Blackburn was elected as the Council representative to:

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations & The Settle Aid in Sickness Fund.

16/22. Apologies for absence. - none received.

17/22. 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 - nothing declared.

New register of interests form distributed to members.

18/22. Councillor Co-option.

Council has two Councillor vacancies following the election and enquiries will be made within the Parish in order to fill the positions.

19/22. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th April 2022.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

20/22. Matters Arising.

Ref 9/22 – The AGAR documentation was submitted to the auditor and Council had received his report, the Clerk read the report to Council on behalf of the Chairman. The report stated that all objectives in regard to Public Authority finance had been met and his review indicated a good level of financial recording and adequate internal control.

13/22 – The Clerk had investigated the footpath between the picnic site and Dog Hill Brow but because the conditions had been dry it was difficult to determine the length of the boggy ground to be covered with gravel. With the assistance of Cllr Warren it was suggested a gravel length of approximately 6m should be sufficient.

Action – Clerk to inform the contractor.

21/22. Public Participation.

The Chairman enquired as to broadband connection speeds within the Parish, Cllr Staveley highlighted the B4RN service that had been installed to the new Lime-Kiln development which had extremely fast download speeds but at the moment was still some distance away from Stainforth. Super fibre broadband has been installed into Stainforth village but properties away from the fibre connection service had to accommodate other communication options such as 4g routers.

22/22. District & County Councillor Reports.

Both Cllr Ogden & Cllr Staveley had submitted their reports to Council and will be posted on the PC website. Cllr Staveley had attended the first meeting of North Yorkshire Unitary Council at Northallerton, he reported his concern to Council regarding planning procedure of the new Council and hoped that independent qualified planning officers would be used for future planning disputes instead of the system of Committees that had been used in the past.

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23/22. Litter Collection – Craven District Council.

The Clerk informed Council that the decision on waste bin provision at Stainforth Foss and at what financial cost to the PC is still at CDC Waste Management, he had gained through telephone calls that there may be some ongoing annual cost to Stainforth PC but that had still to be determined. Further communication is expected within the next two weeks.

Cllr Staveley to further explore the impact of tourism on the area during the group meeting with the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

24/22. Insurance. Long term agreement (LTA).

The Clerk presented the LTA proposal from the present Insurance provider (£331.31/year over 5 years), this quotation proving very competitive compared with insurance provision for neighbouring Councils. Council resolved to approve the LTA quotation.

Action – Clerk to liaise with the Insurance company.

25/22. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.

No new applications listed.

11/22. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement for May 2022.

Council resolved to approve Jubilee reimbursements:

- 1) Two fruit trees - £80.97
- 2) Event advertising costs - £93.20

Action – Clerk to process.

27/22. Correspondence.

All electronic correspondence forwarded to Councillors.

28/22. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

Street lamp provision.

Council discussed a resident request for lamp removal from his property and determined to explore alternative lamp provision.

Action – Clerk to investigate.

It had been reported that the green at Little Stainforth near a wall had some stone flags laid. Council discussed the issue and resolved to require the flags are removed and the green reinstated. (Inclosure act 1857 s12).

Action – Clerk to liaise.

29/22. The date of the next Parish Council meeting – Tuesday 14th June 2022.

Meeting closed 8.05pm

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Chairman