

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm.

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

75/23. Apologies for Absence – I. Black.

76/23. 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.

77/23. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th October 2023.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

78/23. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref 57/23 – The YDNP Area Ranger had assessed the high wooden style at the top of 'Cat Steps' and was to consult the landowner for permission to improve the style and discuss potential problems. If the landowner is agreeable for works to improve the style this will then be added to the program of improvements planned by the Authority.

72/23 – The Clerk had reported the road marking wear adjacent to Hollies Close and would chase a response from North Yorkshire Council Highways prior to the next meeting.

Action – Clerk to enquire to NYC Highways.

79/23. Public Participation - Nothing received.

80/23. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

Cllr Staveley had forwarded his November report to Council which had been placed on the Council website.

Planned changes to household waste collections was discussed with Cllr Staveley informing Council that residents would in the future have to separate foodstuff waste from general waste and this would be done by utilising the use of a third bin/container.

Council was further informed that North Yorkshire, because of being a rural area, had been granted a deferment date of 2042 for implementation of the scheme because of the difference a rural authority processes waste compared to an urban authority. The garden waste collection scheme was discussed and was planned to continue which does attract further charges for participating residents.

81/23. Allotment Tree Pruning.

Council considered the quotation received from 'Tree Peaks' for the work required to the allotment garden.

Council resolved to approve the removal of three trees and pruning to overhanging bushes for £1390 + VAT, all waste to be removed. P – C. Smith, S - A. Sharp.

Action – Clerk to liaise with contractors.

82/23. Precept 2024-25.

Council considered the estimated budget forecast as presented by the Clerk and discussed future financial requirements.

Council resolved to approve the precept requirement for 2024-25 as £9000, P – A.Sharp, S – S.Warren.

Action – Clerk to forward requirement to North Yorkshire Council.

83/23. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.

No new applications posted.

Council discussed the application at Sherwood Brow Farm which had been approved by the NDNP Planning Committee, this is for permanent siting of a static caravan. The committee approving the application conditionally for 3 years to enable farm activities.

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84/23. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

The Clerk informed Council that the National Joint Council pay award had been agreed together with back pay to 01/04/2023, this had been reflected in the salary statement for this month, the new rate being £14.21/ hour.

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

Action – Clerk to process payments.

The Clerk to include the RBL £50 donation on the December agenda.

85/23. Correspondence.

Police Report

08/10/23 – Vehicle blocking Dog Hill Brow, owner found & removed.

17/10/23 – Suspect vehicle, in order vehicle collecting dead animals.

21/10/23 & 01/10/23 – Abandon calls.

HSBC banking charge £8

Citizen Advice – donation request. Council considered donating £100.

Action – Clerk to add the item to the next meeting agenda.

The Craven Trust – Annual report.

Yorkshire Peat Partnership - Wildlife Trust – The Clerk informed Council that an invitation had been sent from Council for the partnership to attend the next meeting.

Open Spaces Society – Council resolved not to donate funding for 2023-24.

Village Hall – funding for the hall improvements to be released by Tarmac following work invoice submission.

86/23. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

No issues raised.

87/23. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 12th December 2023.

Meeting closed 8 pm

Chairman