

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.00pm. Page 1

Present – A. Horsfall (Chairman), A. Sharp, C. Smith, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Councillor), A. Blackburn (Clerk), public present – 2.

76/24. Apologies for Absence – I. Black, S. Warren.

77/24. 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 – none received.

78/24. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th October 2024.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

79/24. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref:69/24 – Solar panels for the village hall

Cllr Smith informed council that representatives from the village hall committee were to have a meeting on the 13/11/2024 with an organisation regarding a grant provision, if successful this could help in achieving the required finance to facilitate the solar panels installation. Cllr Smith will update council following the meeting.

74/24 – The contractor had been instructed to trim the overgrown grass area affronting the PC bench up Goat Scar lane.

80/24. Public Participation.

Two residents informed council that they were investigating the feasibility of organising a beer festival in the village hall over the spring bank holiday period 2025, this would be Friday to Sunday 23rd to the 25th May, from 12pm to 9pm. They would also like to use the village green as part of the festival and would like council to consider this use. It was stated that there would be a bus running back and forth from Settle for visitors therefore there should not be a problem with private vehicles and parking issues etc.

All monies made would be for charity purposes.

Council discussed the proposal and in the first instance would gauge community views through leaflets to residents surrounding the green and include a specific agenda item on the agenda for December.

Action – clerk to leaflet and place on the next agenda.

81/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

Cllr Staveley had circulated his report and the clerk would place this on the PC website.

In regard to setting the precept for 2025-26 Cllr Staveley suggested that members should consider the possibility of inflation increases during the next twelve months as a result of recent budgetary measures.

Council were informed that grants had been awarded in respect to improving the lime kiln site and improvements to the site would be made.

Cllr Staveley left the meeting, the chairman thanked him for his attendance.

82/24. Council Precept for 2025-26.

Council considered the projected budget forecast for 2025-26 as circulated by the clerk and discussed three examples regarding costs inclusive of the increased tax base.

Council resolved to set the precept amount at £10000, P – A. Sharp, S – C. Smith.

Action – clerk to submit documentation.

83/24. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications (no new applications).

Planning concerns – none received.

84/24. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

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

Action – Clerk to process payments.

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85/24. Correspondence.

Police Report

09/10/24 – Highways – camper van stuck – Dog Hill Brow.

14/10/24 – Road traffic collision – Single vehicle – Dog Hill Brow.

21/10/24 – Suspect lights – Stainforth Scar – no concerns.

25/10/24 – Abandoned call.

28/10/24 – Criminal damage – farm gate – Dawson Close.

HSBC – banking charge for October - £8.

Sir Julian Smith MP – surgery details & contact info – placed on notice board.

Sir Julian Smith MP – Police, Fire, & Crime Commissioner consultation – received.

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine – received.

Cllr Smith highlighted the ‘Active Travel Plan’ consultation as circulated by the YDNP and suggested that an improvement for the Stainforth area would be a railway stop on the network. Council discussed the possibility of a railway stop and the consensus was that it was a good idea.

Action – clerk to complete the consultation on behalf of council, members to complete as residents if they wish.

Cllr Smith also highlighted the circular from the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations in regard to council activities in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day on the 8th May 2025. Council discussed the possibility of activities during the day but as it is a normal work day and not a bank holiday consensus was that events may not be well attended.

Council consensus was to consider the purchase of a flag for the commemoration.

Action – clerk to place on the December agenda.

86/24. Donations 2024.

RBL Poppy Appeal - Council resolved to approve a £50 donation.

The clerk thanked Cllr Smith for laying the poppy wreath on behalf of council.

Citizens Advice (local) – Council resolved to approve a £100 donation.

Action – clerk to action the above.

87/24. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

Christmas tree – purchase, installation, removal, & storage of decorations.

The clerk informed council that a tree had been ordered and decorations would be purchased. The tree would be installed on the East Green and removed after New Year by available volunteers, the storage of decorations would be in the village hall or members properties, council resolved in agreement.

88/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10th December 2024.

Meeting closed 8.02 pm

Chairman