

# STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm.**

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Present – A. Horsfall (Chairman), A. Sharp, I. Black, C. Smith, J. Blackburn, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk), no public present.

**126/24. Apologies for Absence** – all members present.

### **127/24. 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.

### **128/24. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

### **129/24. Matters Arising & Actions.**

All actions completed with no matters arising.

### **130/24. Public Participation.**

Cllr Smith enquired as to the date that the Christmas tree would be installed for this year, this was to determine a potential date for a brass band to play around the tree.

The clerk informed the meeting that the tree would normally be collected and installed during the first week of December. Council considered the viability of the band on the green and possible weather implications.

**Action** – Clerk to place on the next agenda. Cllr Smith to enquire for pricing.

Cllr Smith reported that there were approximately 60 persons that attended the village teas event on the 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### **131/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.**

Cllr Staveley reported on the current situation regarding the Arla site at Settle.

There is to be an operations review of the site and discussions involving the Arla management, Rt Hon J. Smith MP, the Mayor, the Environment Agency, & Cllr Staveley.

The site may be suitable for another product line, but at the moment the site will close in approx 18 months if nothing can be achieved.

Knife bins have been placed in Skipton and at the Whitefriars car park at Settle, this is part of the knife crime policy as laid out by the Police & Fire Commissioner. Cllr Staveley questioned the feasibility of installing the bins in areas where there is no knife crime.

The clerk highlighted the inadequate pot hole repairs to the road surface of the B6479 near to the Old School, Stainforth, considering that the road has a national speed limit at this location it would seem dangerous to not repair the holes asap, NY Highways having been informed two months ago. Cllr Staveley would contact highways on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### **132/24. Financial Risk Assessment – 2024-25.**

The clerk read the assessment and council resolved to approve the document which was then signed by the chairman & the clerk.

### **133/24. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications**

1) C/64/1/134D – Sherwood Brow Farm, Stainforth – extensions to agricultural buildings.

Cllr Horsfall declared an interest in this item as she is a neighbour, she remained in the meeting with no voting rights.

Council discussed the application as amended from the original which had been recently approved. Consensus was that the amended building plan was much larger than the initial application, which council had deemed appropriate, therefore council resolved to object to the application because of the larger building size as determined by the plan drawing,

P – I. Black, S – J. Blackburn.

**Action** – clerk to submit.

2) Any Planning Concerns – there were no other planning concerns.

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## **134/24. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.**

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

**Action** – Clerk to process payments.

## **135/24. Correspondence.**

### Police Report

20.02.25 – Theft of trailer from yard – YDNP barn.

24.02.25 – Abandon call.

01.03.25 – Noise disturbance – Environmental Health.

06.03.25 – Animal concern dog via sheep.

The clerk had received a further report from Malhamdale.

At 01.00hrs on the 07/02/25 a suspicious incident was recorded when a member of the public reported approximately 10 males chanting, flashing torches and driving vehicles in a field at Kirkby Malham. Members of the group were stopped/checked. They stated that they were attending a religious festival in Malham and had come to the field for a BBQ. They were moved on.

HSBC – banking charge for February - £8.

Clerks & Councils Direct - received.

## **136/24. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.**

The clerk informed council that Yorkshire Water had excavated a large hole in the verge edge on the junction of the B6479 and The Hollies, this was to investigate a water leak.

The hole was filled in and grass seeded to finish, unfortunately the hole was excavated again by Yorkshire Water to investigate the same leak two days later. The hole has been filled over and new grass seed has been planted but there are now a large number of rocks scattered over the surface.

**Action** – The clerk will remove the rocks.

## **137/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

Apologies received from Cllr Sharp.

Meeting closed 7.55 pm

Chairman