

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 7.00pm.

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

40/25. Apologies for Absence – A. Sharp.

41/25. 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.

42/25. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th July 2025.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

43/25. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref – 38/25 – Picnic area

The clerk had completed a search through land registry to determine the ownership of the picnic area, this area together with the car park and toilets were registered at the same time by the YDNP.

Council expressed dissatisfaction as to the condition of the site.

Action – clerk to liaise with YDNP

44/25. Public Participation. - nothing received.

45/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

Cllr Staveley had circulated his September report and this to be placed on the pc website.

The issue of vapes was highlighted and measures being taken to reduce the strength of the units, concern was expressed as to the number of young people who have started vaping as the practice of vaping was instigated as a way of stopping cigarette smoking.

Toilet provision and the current review being taken by North Yorkshire Council in evaluating maintenance costs including cleaning was discussed. Charging for the use of toilets was suggested as a method to reduce the financial burden on the authority. Cllr Black suggested that facilities could be improved if the finance received from a charge was utilised for updating of toilets. Cllr Blackburn highlighted the poor condition of Settle roundabout in regard to overgrown vegetation. Council discussed the situation and Cllr Staveley would liaise with NYC on this issue.

46/25. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.

C/64/143 – Stainforth Toilets, Stainforth – replacement of toilet block roof & installation of solar panels to south facing roof slope.

Council did not discuss this application as notification had been received that the planning authority had already approved the works.

47/25. Council laptop replacement.

The clerk informed members that the current PC laptop was an old model that runs on Windows 10 and notification had been received that the device could not update to Windows 11, also that security patches would not be available for the W10 edition any more.

The clerk had estimated that a good quality replacement laptop with the facility for future upgrades would cost approx £400 - £500. Council considered replacement and resolved to approve the purchase.

Action – Clerk to purchase.

48/25. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement & invoices for September including the NI employer contribution for the clerk's August holiday pay as this had fallen into the latest HM Government budgetary changes. **Action** – Clerk to process payments.

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49/25. Correspondence.

Police Report

13/07/25 & 24/08/25 – road related offence – suspect driving.

25/07/25 & 15/08/25 – concern for welfare – in order.

18/08/25 – X2 – domestic incident.

YLCA – Digital & data compliance

The clerk presented a notification from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association regarding the future requirement of all parish councils to have an owned domain for emails.

The requirement is for a gov.uk email address with all councillors using a council owned address.

Action – clerk to ensure council compliance.

YDNP – official opening of the new ranger base at the Hoffman Kiln site, the chair could not attend the opening but Cllr Black volunteered to attend.

Clerk to forward the invitation details.

50/25. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance – nothing reported.

51/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th October 2025.

Meeting closed 8.08 pm

Chairman