

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 7.00pm.

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

52/25. Apologies for Absence – All present.

53/25. 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.

54/25. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th September 2025.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

55/25. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref 47/25 – The clerk informed council that he had purchased a new laptop and had been impressed with the effectiveness of the unit.

49/25 – Following the advice provided by the GOV.UK website the clerk had contacted 'Active Council' who are one of the recommended companies who provide and maintain a GOV.UK email domain for councils. A quotation had been received in regard to this service: Domain name - £60 one off fee (this fee is waved as part of the YLCA association) a £35/yr fee to maintain the name, plus £57 for the provision of office 365 & 50gb storage facility this then has a £47/yr charge. The clerk had compared other recommended companies which had the same pricing except that Active Council waved the £60 registration charge. Council resolved to approve the quotation

P – A. Horsfall, S – A. Sharp.

Action – clerk to progress.

Cllr Black informed council that he had attended the new YDNP Ranger Depot opening and had been impressed with the unit, the road leading through to the depot was in a poor state of repair and representations had been made to North Yorkshire Council for work to be done on this. Security of the depot was discussed and Cllr Black stated that there was CCTV provision at the site & locked gates when the depot is closed.

56/25. Public Participation.

Cllr Smith highlighted the number of weeds that were growing along the roadside throughout the village and enquired whether NYC had treated Stainforth this year.

57/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

Cllr Staveley sent an email during the meeting to NYC Highways to determine if Stainforth had been missed from the weed treatment program, he copied the clerk into the email for response purposes.

Cllr Staveley had circulated his October report and it was on the PC website.

NYC were now in a position to address the affordable housing shortage by utilising funding that had been acquired through the second homes increase in council charge, this will equate to approximately 500 new homes across the county.

The clerk enquired about the Settle roundabout and if there had been any progress made in a maintenance program, Cllr Blackburn highlighted the two traffic bollards which had been subjected to damage in recent years and not repaired.

Cllr Staveley informed council that historically Craven District Council had maintained the roundabout but since the new NYC has come into being it has proved difficult to determine responsibility but are slowly integrating assets into their maintenance programme.

Officers with local knowledge have either retired or resigned leaving staff shortages and gaps in service provision.

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58/25. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications. No applications.

59/25. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement for October.

Action – Clerk to process payments.

60/25. Correspondence.

Police Report

2 reports – concern for welfare/safety – joint partnership working.

Highways – oil spillage.

NYC council elections recharge.

Notification received in regard to a future financial charge to be imposed on parish councils who have been required to hold a councillor election but then do not need one because of the lack of councillor candidates, this is a change to the present system.

NYC state that it is necessary to cover their costs.

Defibrillator training.

A request has been received from residents for training in defibrillator use.

Action – The clerk will liaise with residents.

Dog waste on the village green.

Concern has been raised by a resident about the frequent dog waste on the green, council discussed the issue.

Action – Cllr Smith volunteered to place a small sign on the green.

61/25. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

Allotments.

The tenant of plot 3 had terminated his tenancy and there being no one on the waiting list J. Blackburn would take on the plot 3 tenancy.

YDNP car park hedging.

The clerk informed council that YDNP were to trim the hedging that adjoins the car park across from The Hollies, this was a historical agreement with residents when the hedging was initially planted.

Bees

Cllr Black stated that he has an acquaintance who is looking to re-locate some bees, council discussed the issue but does not own land to cater for this purpose.

Cllr Smith highlighted the hedge overgrowth to the public right of way at Winskill.

Action – clerk to liaise with YDNP.

The clerk informed council that he hoped to acquire the Christmas tree from the same place as last year and would make contact shortly to reserve.

62/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Meeting closed 7.46 pm

Chairman