

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.00pm.

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Present – A. Horsfall (Chair), A. Sharp, C. Smith, J. Blackburn, A. Blackburn (Clerk), D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), public present – none.

18/26. Apologies for Absence. – I. Black.

19/26. Code of Conduct – Localism Act 2011.

To record any councillor's dis-closable pecuniary interests in relation to any item on this agenda. To consider any changes in member's register of interests and consider any associated dispensations – none received.

20/26. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th May 2026.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

21/26. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref: 118/25 – The clerk had inspected the pot hole repairs in the road opposite Brook House Croft and found them to be satisfactory.

11/26 – The clerk reported that all three allotment plots were now occupied and were in a good condition.

12/26 – The clerk had completed and submitted the community asset application in regard to the Craven Heifer Public House, North Yorkshire Council had replied to the PC requesting more information in regard to community groups and finance. The clerk had forwarded the information to residents.

15/26 – The clerk had submitted a request for further information about the Governments Local Power Plan initiative and had received a notification of receipt.

22/26. Public Participation – nothing received.

23/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chair deferred this item.

24/26. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.

No new applications published.

25/26. Financial Statements & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the statement for June.

15/26. Correspondence.

Police report.

14/05/2026 – Alarm sounding – false

25/05/2026 – Anti-social-behaviour/ violence – Stainforth Foss

31/05/2026 – 2 abandoned calls.

Foster Poor & Close Fund

Council have asked for comments in regard to the fund selling a field that it owns which returns a rent per year, the money could be invested for higher returns.

Council discussed the issue and the consensus was the fund should investigate the full value of the field and future potential value before agreeing a sale.

Action – clerk to liaise with representative.

YLCA training day

The clerk informed council that he wished to attend the training day on 30/09/2026.

Council resolved to approve the training shared with Langcliffe PC.

NYC Monitoring Officer

The officer had advised all councillor address details be removed from websites

Action – clerk to remove all home addresses from the PC website.

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27/26. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

Weed control

The clerk highlighted the growing weed problem around the village and had spoken to NY Highways about the issue. Highways did not have the facility to undertake weed control as the operative had retired and the position had not filled.

Council discussed the issue and resolved to employ a weed control contractor.

Action – clerk to employ a suitable contractor as per council instructions.

Gratings and potholes were discussed by council, the clerk to inspect during the asset list walk around.

23/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chair moved to this item.

The report had been received and placed on the PC website.

Cllr Staveley informed council that Calderdale Energy Park were to install a range of wind turbines in Calderdale but would require 600,000 tonnes of granite for the bases. This would mean a large increase in quarry wagons through Ribblesdale and was causing a degree of concern. Council discussed quarry wagons and questioned maximum road allowances, Cllr Staveley would liaise further.

Large visitor numbers to the area during warm weather periods were discussed and associated problems with parking, litter, also associated behaviour resulting in anti-social issues. Cllr Staveley stated that he is attending meetings with concerned groups to try and find a solution to the problems.

24/26. The Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th July 2026.

Meeting closed 7.50 pm

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Chairman