

# STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm. Page 1

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

**87/25. Apologies for Absence** – A. Horsfall, I. Black.

**88/25. 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.

**89/25. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

**90/25. Matters Arising & Actions.**

Ref 83/25 – The remainder of the Foster Poor & Close Fund money £290 was handed to Cllr Smith towards the Village Hall Committee provision of a teas & cakes event.

85/25 – The village streetlamp across from the Craven Heifer had developed an intermittent fault and would be examined by the electrical contractor.

**91/25. Public Participation** – nothing received.

**92/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.** The chairman deferred this item.

**93/25. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.**

C/64/45K/LB – Townhead House, Goat Lane, Stainforth – listed building consent – replacement of 8 windows & replacement back door.

Council discussed and approved the application, P – A. Sharp, S – C. Smith.

C/64/60B – Glenhaven, Main Street, Stainforth – erection of extensions to north & south elevations of the property.

Council considered and approved the application, P – A. Sharp, S – J. Blackburn.

**Action** – clerk to inform YDNP Planning.

**92/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.** The chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had submitted his report for January which had been uploaded onto the PC website.

Cllr Staveley informed council that central government had imposed a 4.99% minimum increase for all rateable authorities whilst removing grant funding, this has led to a re-evaluation of council services.

At the moment there are numerous vacancies within NY Council because of early retirement, this has led to gaps in services and delays in work schedules.

The locality budget was discussed with Cllr Staveley stating that funding was available for community projects. The heating system in the village hall was discussed as this could be a project that could attract assistance from the scheme.

**94/25. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.**

Council resolved to approve the financial statement for January.

**Action** – Clerk to process payments.

**95/25. Correspondence.**

Police report

07/12/2025 – theft of quad bike – Sherwood – found & recovered in Scotland.

24/12/2025 – sighting of two quad bikes stolen from Halton Gill – Goat Lane

25/12/2025 – concern for welfare – checked in order.

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## **95/25. Correspondence** (continued).

### Phishing emails.

The clerk informed council that he had received an email supposedly from the chairman asking for assistance which at first glance he believed to be genuine. He receives many phishing emails which are sent to the PC but this latest email seemed to be authentic, it was only by checking closely that it was found to be false. The clerk had notified the chairman and highlighted the problem at the meeting in order to warn others.

### Internal auditor

Council had received official notification from their internal auditor that he was retiring from auditing local authority documentation to concentrate on his farming.

**Action** – clerk to seek a new auditor.

## **96/25. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.**

All potholes & street lamps reported.

## **97/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

Meeting closed 7.40 pm

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Chairman