

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.00pm.

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Present – A. Sharp (Chair), C. Smith, J. Blackburn, A. Blackburn (Clerk),
D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Council), public present – one.

25/26. Apologies for Absence. – I. Black, A. Horsfall.

26/26. 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.

27/26. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th June 2026.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

28/26. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref: 15/26 – The clerk had emailed council feedback regarding potential land sales belonging to the charity Foster Poor & Close via their representative.

15/26 - All councillor addresses had been removed from both the Parish Council & North Yorkshire websites.

27/26 – A contractor had been employed to perform weed control around the village and had completed the work.

29/26. Public Participation – nothing received.

30/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chair deferred this item.

31/26. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications.

No new applications published.

32/26. Financial Statements & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the statement for July.

The clerk informed council that a previous allotment tenant had paid a fee for this coming year but the plot had been let out to a new tenant as no fee had been received and the previous tenant had not tended to the plot during the previous year. Council approved the return of the previous tenants fee.

33/26. Correspondence.

1) Police report.

28/06/2026 – Abandoned call.

2) Better Bus Services Study.

A request has been made by North Yorkshire Council for parish councils to complete the bus services survey .

Council discussed the present bus service and the consensus is that it is a vital service that should continue, an improvement would be to increase the last bus timings through the evening to allow for full community use of the service. Also concern was raised that the bus service between Settle & Skipton had been reduced in recent months resulting in longer cues at bus stops. **Action** – clerk to complete the survey.

30/26. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chair moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had presented his report and this had been uploaded to the PC website.

The Calderdale Energy Park proposal was discussed, this is to install a large number of wind turbines near Haworth in Calderdale. The plan would involve transporting 400,000 tonnes of aggregate/day for 16 months via Horton Quarry past Stainforth, 148 HGV movements/day.

Council voiced concern at the large increase of heavy wagons on an already saturated quarry wagon route through the Ribblesdale road network.

Action – clerk to email council concern to the proposers.

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33/26. Correspondence (continued).

3) Calderdale Windfarm Consultation – item taken within 30/26.

29/26. Public Participation – the chair moved to this item.

A resident raised a concern regarding the height of the trees alongside Stainforth Beck near the bottom of her garden and would like the trees reduced in height. She had been informed that it was the responsibility of the parish council.

The clerk stated that trees growing on the village greens are the responsibility of the PC and are maintained accordingly, but trees that grow alongside a water course and not on a registered green are not council responsibility. The Chair suggested that the resident contact the Yorkshire Dales National Park for assistance with her query.

34/26. Highways, Street Lighting, & Maintenance.

The clerk informed council that he had been informed by a resident that the electricity voltage within Stainforth is consistently running high, he had used a volt meter to determine the voltage at his property and recorded it over a week period. The results ranged between 269v to 253v, this is classed as excessive so had reported this to Electricity North West Ltd. An engineer had visited his property and took a reading of 253v, he recorded this figure to determine whether any work is required on the Stainforth network.

The clerk would continue to monitor any further high voltages.

The clerk had reported three street lamps to the contractor for repair.

- 1) YDNP car park – repaired.
- 2) Church Gate.
- 3 Nook House.

35/26. The Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 8th September 2026.

Meeting closed 7.48 pm

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Chairman