

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

The clerk opened the meeting and welcomed members present.

1) Resident Questions/ Suggestions.

Cllr Smith highlighted that on a recent walk up Goat Scar lane, Stainforth, she found two used dog waste bags which had been placed on a wall, she collected them and disposed of the bags via a bin, also along Goat Scar Lane from the green she had located a large number of dog excrement piles.

The meeting discussed dog waste around the village in general and considered whether the placement of additional signage would assist in this matter, or a dog waste bin to be located up the lane. The clerk would place this item on the PC agenda.

Potential locations were considered, Ladies Walk was mentioned that could warrant signage. Cllr Smith mentioned the Village Hall Committee AGM which is to take place on Wednesday 29th April where new committee members are urgently required in order for village hall activities to continue. It is hoped that new residents to the village will take the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Cllr Staveley informed the meeting that it is vital that residents are actively encouraged to take part in community activities, particularly with parish councils as this involves community engagement.

Cllr Staveley informed the meeting that North Yorkshire Council were to balance financial shortfalls with reserve budgets but this will not be a solution for the long term as these budgets will reduce fast. NY are looking at cost efficiency of buildings and better quality of toilet facilities.

The second home council charge will be spent on affordable homes within North Yorkshire.

Meeting closed 7.55 pm

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Chairman