

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 7.00pm.

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

29/25. Apologies for Absence – I. Black.

30/25. 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.

31/25. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 13th May 2025.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

32/25. Matters Arising & Actions.

The clerk informed council that the defibrillator had now been replaced within the cabinet on the Craven Heifer wall and is in full working order/ ready for use. The pads are to be replaced before November 2025, the clerk will ensure that these will be purchased ready for replacement.

33/25. Public Participation. - nothing received.

34/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

The chairman deferred this item.

35/25. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications

C/64/45H – Townhead House, Goat Lane, Stainforth – erection of workshop/shed.

Council considered and approved this application.

C/64/142 – Barn at Neals Ing Farm, Stainforth – conversion of barn to local occupancy.

Council considered and approved this application.

YDNP – letter – camping/ caravanning meet & rally – Knight Stainforth Hall 11/9/2026 to 13/09/2026. Council approved this event.

Action – clerk to inform YDNP Planning Authority.

36/25. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement & invoices for July.

Action – Clerk to process payments.

The clerk informed council that he had now registered on the HSBC app to facilitate future payments, this had been actioned by the bank and the process will replace the present security device. A new signatory mandate will need to be processed as the present mandate included past council members.

26/25. Correspondence.

Police Report

Abandon call, wanted person & broken – down vehicle.

26/05/25 – concern for welfare – Ambulance dealt.

26/05/25 – X3 theft of farm gates – B6479 Helwith Bridge/ Stainforth – persons arrested, vehicle seized & gates returned to owners.

26/05/25 – crime drugs.

28/05/25 – domestic incident.

11/06/25 – suspect vehicle with 2 quad bikes – Goat Lane.

21/06/25 – abandon call.

30/06/25 – road traffic collision – 2 X vehicles – Goat Lane.

05/07/25 – road related offence – manner of driving – B6479.

HSBC - £8 banking charge for June. Notification from HSBC that they will not be charging council any banking charge from 01/07/2025.

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34/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report.

The chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had submitted his report for July and had been uploaded to the PC website.

The consultation in regard to maximum taxi fares was highlighted by Cllr Staveley and he stated that there was concern in regard to taxi drivers from outside the area operating within Craven and that it had been suggested reintroducing video recording within taxis for security purposes.

The clerk stated that he had read a recommendation that garden waste could be placed within the food bins as part of the new collection scheme operating within other areas of the county, Craven area has an exemption to the new scheme until approximately 2042.

38/25. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

1) Risk Assessment/ Asset List

The clerk had completed the asset list assessment and had identified items as below:

Pinfold – this area had been suffering from overgrown ivy from an adjacent property, the clerk had trimmed the vegetation back and the seat could now be used.

Notice board – the board has been suffering from an ingress of water resulting in the inner pin board warping on the L.H. side, this has been caused by the doors not being closed properly following the placing of plastic pins with the larger heads preventing the wooden doors from closing within the rebate.

Action – clerk to acquire pricing for a new inner pin board.

Allotment hedging

K. Byrne had volunteered to trim the hedging affronting the allotment retaining the integrity of the hedge in regard to height & width.

Picnic area

The condition of the area was discussed by council and concern was raised that it was being left by the National Park for a wild area, council wished for the area to be trimmed as it has been in the past.

Scrap cars

Council discussed the situation within the area of unused road vehicles that have been left by their owners, this item to be revisited at a future meeting.

39/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 9th September 2025.

Meeting closed 7.43 pm

Chairman