

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 7.00pm. Page 1

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

98/25. Apologies for Absence – I. Black.

99/25. 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.

100/25. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th January 2026.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

101/25. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref 85/25 – The streetlamp across the road from the Craven Heifer had now been repaired by the electrical contractor.

102/25. Public Participation – nothing received.

103/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chairman deferred this item.

104/25. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications – no new applications.

105/25. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement for February.

Action – Clerk to process payments.

106/25. Correspondence.

1) Police report.

12/01/2026 – suspect vehicle – Rainscar to Stainforth – race in the area.

13/01/2026 – suspect circumstances – person trying door – believed to be linked to tool theft

14/01/2026 – theft of tools from vehicle.

07/02/2026 – harassment.

2) Local Government Act 1972 s 137 finance limit. - £11.60/ elector for 2026-27.

This is the amount that the PC can utilise without a specific legislation allowing a spend.

3) Internal Auditor – S. Warren has agreed to complete the internal audit for 2025-26.

4) Cllr Black enquiry

Cllr Black had informed the clerk that he has a new working role that determines that he will be away from home when the council meetings take place, he would like to remain on the PC and enquired whether he would be permitted to join each meeting remotely. The clerk informed council that government were to introduce legislation in early 2026 which would allow local authorities, including parish councils, to hold meetings remotely or hybrid. Council considered the request and resolved to approve Cllr Black to remain on the council.

5) Footpath at Stainforth Foss

Council have been notified that YDNP are to improve the eroded and muddy path from the gate at Stainforth Bridge to the Foss for approximately 75m, they will be utilising stone flags & aggregate. This will take place on 23/02/2026 for up to 4 days.

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103/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had submitted his report for February which had been uploaded onto the PC website. The clerk asked who would be best to contact in regard to improving the mobile telephone coverage in Stainforth as this has been an ongoing problem for a number of years. Cllr Staveley recommended the mobile phone companies especially Vodafone, also contact J. Smith MP for help in the matter.

NY Council were still in consultation regarding implementing a tourist tax in the county. Public conveniences were being evaluated and numerous options explored including increasing car parking charges to cover toilet maintenance.

107/25. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

Stainforth PC grit bin provision.

Council discussed the location of the grit bins and considered where to place an additional bin. Problems with siting a bin on a highway were highlighted and the consensus was not to purchase an additional bin. The grit spreader was available to residents and grit was available at the end of Ladies Walk.

A tree on the West Green had grown in height and was impacting on the phone lines above it. Councillors to liaise for the removal of the tree.

108/25. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10th March 2026.

Meeting closed 7.49 pm

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Chairman