

# STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.00pm.**

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Present – A. Horsfall (Chairman), A. Sharp, S. Warren, C. Smith, A. Blackburn (Clerk), public present – 3.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Council presented flowers to Cllr Warren as a token of appreciation for the many years of dedicated service to the Parish Council.

The clerk informed the meeting that former clerk & councillor to the PC Jean Asher had died, council expressed their condolences & deepest sympathy to John and the family.

**89/24. Apologies for Absence – I. Black, D. Staveley (North Yorkshire Councillor).**

### **90/24. 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.

### **91/24. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

### **92/24. Matters Arising & Actions.**

Ref:69/24 – Solar panels for the village hall

Cllr Smith gave a brief report of the meeting between the village hall representatives and a grant funding organisation. It became obvious during the meeting that the grant funding was not as required and unsuitable for the village hall at this time.

The chairman invited a representative of the VH committee to speak on this subject.

Council were reminded of the importance of the village hall to the community in the provision of many activities for residents. The village hall had attracted grant funding from the Yorkshire Dales National Park in regard to reducing the environmental impact by utilising solar panels for electricity production, unfortunately there is a shortfall of approx £7,000 and wish to appeal to the PC for support in this endeavour.

Cllr Smith declared an interest in this request being a member of the VH Committee and would not take part in any voting on this issue.

Council discussed the request and considered possible available finances.

After careful consideration council resolved to support the project with £3000, P – A. Sharp, S – S. Warren.

**Action** – clerk to liaise for payment.

82/24 – The clerk informed council that the precept request for 2025-26 had been forwarded to North Yorkshire Council and an acceptance acknowledgement had been received.

### **93/24. Public Participation.**

Residents expressed their approval of the Christmas tree on the green.

**94/24. North Yorkshire Councillor Report** - apologies received.

**95/24. Beer Festival – 23rd-25th May 2025** (council to consider village green use).

Council discussed the proposed event as presented by the organisers and considered concerns expressed by residents in housing that surround the village green.

Ticketing the event was suggested as a way to control the number of visitors.

Council resolved not to allow use of the green for the 3 day event and supported the residents in their main concern that the area is small with housing close to the green which could have a privacy issue for residents, P – A. Horsfall, S – A. Sharp.

### **96/24. V. E. Day 2025 - 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

Council consensus to fly the flag of St George for the anniversary.

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## **97/24. Foster Poor & Close Grant Allowance 2024.**

The clerk informed council that approx £100 remained of the 2023 funding, council resolved to retain this for the purchase of the 2025 Christmas tree.

Cllr Warren had attended the latest meeting of the trustees and Stainforth parish had been provided with £305 for 2024. Council resolved for the VH Committee to provide a small buffet social gathering during spring 2025 and utilise the £600 provided by the fund to date.

## **98/24. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications** (no new applications).

Planning concerns – A resident enquired as to the proposed telecommunications mast that had been approved for the top of Sherwood Brow, the chairman stated that difficulties in the provision of electricity for the comms company may be causing a delay.

## **99/24. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.**

Council resolved to approve the financial statement including invoices for December.

**Action** – Clerk to process payments.

## **100/24. Correspondence.**

### Police Report

08/11/24 – Concern for safety/other Police force – checked in order.

28/11/24 – Abandoned call.

28/11/24 – Domestic incident.

HSBC – banking charge for November - £8.

### Citizens Advice

Council have received a thank you from Citizens Advice North Yorkshire for the donation from the PC.

New Area Ranger – notification received that the new YDNP Area Ranger is Will Locke.

## **101/24. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.**

### Goat Scar Lane – grass.

The contractor had informed the clerk that he could not strim the long grass area up Goat Scar Lane as he did not have the appropriate equipment.

Council to address this issue during spring 2025.

The chairman reported pot holes appearing on the B6479 near the junction of The Hollies.

**Action** – clerk to report to NY Highways.

## **102/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Meeting closed 7.48 pm

Chairman