

STAINFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Stainforth Parish Council Meeting held in the Village hall, Stainforth, on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 7.00pm.

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

63/25. Apologies for Absence – All present.

64/25. 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.

65/25. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th October 2025.

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

66/25. Matters Arising & Actions.

Ref 49/25 – Council have been approved the gov.uk registration and the new website domain is now in operation – clerk@stainforth-pc.gov.uk

60/25 – Defibrillator training is to be made available to any resident of Stainforth, notices are being prepared and are to be distributed shortly, the training will be provided by the clerk and is free of charge.

Cllr Smith had placed three signs on the village green in order to remind dog owners to pick up dog waste.

61/25 – The overgrown hedgerow across the public right of way at Winskil had lost its leaves and does permit passage of persons, this ROW will need to be monitored during the springtime and reported to the YDNP if no maintenance occurs.

Action – clerk to inform YDNP regarding the situation.

Council highlighted that the bridge over the beck near Goat Scar Lane had been removed and no further action taken by YDNP.

67/25. Public Participation.

68/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chairman deferred this item.

69/25. Precept for 2026-27 (council to approve finance requirement).

Council considered the budget forecast as presented by the clerk and discussed the given tax base which is less than this current financial year. Council resolved to maintain the precept at £10,000 for 2026-27, P – A. Horsfall, S – C. Smith.

Action – clerk to submit to NY Council.

68/25. North Yorkshire Councillor Report. The chairman moved to this item.

Cllr Staveley had submitted his report and it had been posted on the PC website.

The toilets at Whitefriars in Settle were being evaluated by NY Council and Cllr Staveley was part of a working group that were exploring measures to maintain this facility during the current financial efficiency review. Some of the measures include: increasing car parking fees, paying to use the toilets, self closing & locking doors.

Services were having serious financial problems due to a lack of funding for non statutory services.

Relocation of the Settle Tourist Information Office was discussed with various sites mentioned.

70/25. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning Applications. No applications.

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71/25. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.

Council resolved to approve the financial statement for November.

Donations – RBL Poppy Appeal.

Council considered the annual £50 donation to this appeal and resolved to maintain this amount for 2025.

Action – Clerk to process payments.

72/25. Correspondence.

Police Report

23/10/2025 – Domestic dispute/concern.

31/10/2025 – We Care Scheme Log.

Rt Hon J. Smith MP – letter

Grant funding available for exercise classes in rural communities.

73/25. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.

Defibrillator.

New pads have been fitted to the unit but the battery is only showing one bar of power, the last battery was replaced approx 2018 and they have a life of 5 years.

Council resolved to approve the purchase of a new battery.

Action – clerk to purchase.

74/24. The Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 9th December 2025.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm

Chairman