

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stainforth Parish Council held in Stainforth Village Hall on Tuesday, 12 January 2016 at 7.30pm.** The public and the press were invited and Parishioner Participation was at 7.30pm.

*Present:* Cllrs Asher, Mills, Sharp, Warren together with the Clerk. Also present were Mr Simon Hayhurst, Community Engagement Director of Boundless Networks Ltd assisted by Mr Andy Ryland, Broadband Development Officer, Rural Action Yorkshire which assists rural communities. In addition two parishioners were also present.

**1 To elect a Chairman**

Cllr Asher was elected Chairman of this meeting.

**2 To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Asher's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received.

**3 Apologies – Pc David Ridler of the local police.**

**4 Code of Conduct - Localism Act 2011**

- a) To record any Councillor's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in relation to items on this agenda - *none*
- b) To consider any changes in members' register of interests - *none*
- c) To consider any dispensations - *none*

**5 Provision of Superfast Broadband in Stainforth**

To receive information from a representative of Boundless Networks Ltd. The Chairman welcomed Messrs Hayhurst and Ryland. Mr Hayhurst thanked the Council for giving him chance to speak at this meeting and advised that very recently, LN Communications, based in Yorkshire, had taken over a Lancashire-based company to form Boundless Networks. This would enable them to expand their operations into Lancashire in offering Superfast broadband to rural areas which otherwise may not benefit from high speed broadband. The system involves the establishment of local repeaters with each subscriber being linked to the repeater by a small device affixed to their property. A land line is not required. There is a one-off cost of £150 to join the network and then a monthly subscription on the basis of a 30 day rolling contract. Work is presently underway to offer speeds of up to 300 mbs. Mr Hayhurst said that to consider introduction of the system in the Stainforth area, it was necessary to register interest on the company's website [www.boundlessnetworks.co.uk](http://www.boundlessnetworks.co.uk) (under the community tab). A combined network review is underway and Mr Hayhurst anticipates being able to give a report on connectivity for the area by the end of February 2016. In conclusion, he requested this initiative be brought to the notice of local residents. As Broadband Development Officer for Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY), Mr Ryland attended in support of the initiative and commented on the part RAY could play in assisting rural communities. Members discussed the proposals. The Chairman then thanked the representatives for their presentation and they retired from the meeting,

**6 Casual Vacancy**

- a) To consider co-option.

**Resolved: That Mr Andrew Blackburn be co-opted to the Council.**

Cllr Blackburn's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was received and the Chairman welcomed him to the Council.

**7 Policing**

- a) To receive the monthly report. Being unable to attend, Pc Dave Ridler had sent the monthly report for January and reported separately that there had only been one issue reported for Stainforth and this was regarding safety.

There had not been any crime incidents in Stainforth but emphasis was being put on the prevention of livestock (sheep) stealing and the prevention of poaching.

**8 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 24 November 2015**

**Resolved: That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.**

**9 Matters Arising (information only)**

- i) Provision of grit bin – the Clerk had contacted NYCC who advised that they were unable to help and that as the proposed location of the bin was in the vicinity of the village car park which is the responsibility of YDNPA, then enquiry should be made of them. The Clerk provided details of bins which the Council could obtain itself but Cllr Sharp said he would make other enquiries and report back. This matter would be included on the next agenda.  
*Cllr Sharp retired from the meeting at the conclusion of this item.*
- ii) 'Stainforth' road sign on approach from Settle – now advised that this is not the responsibility of Highways. Cllr Blackburn offered to reinstate the sign himself. The Council expressed its appreciation to Cllr Blackburn.

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**10 Defibrillator** – to receive the monthly report. Cllr Blackburn reported as follows:  
Having recently retired from the Fire Service, he had experience in the operation and management of defibrillators and had earlier undertaken local training on the Council's behalf. More would be available, possibly on a one-to-one basis. He reported on the condition of the equipment. The exterior had been affected by recent roofing works at the location but would be remedied by the builders in due course. Eventually, new pads would be required and these would be provided free by the ambulance service. However, when a new battery was needed, this would be a chargeable item. The Chairman thanked Cllr Blackburn for his report and for the support which he was providing in this regard.

**11 Planning**

**a) To consider applications received**

**C/44/116U** Variation of condition 7 of planning permission C/44/116G - to retain HGV movement times as 0630 – 1700 hours, Monday to Friday, and to cease HGV movements on Saturday mornings. Horton Quarry, Horton-in-Ribblesdale. The location of the quarry is in a neighbouring parish and hence the Council had been informed of the plan for information. The period for a response had passed and the Council did not have any comment to make.

**b) To note any decisions received - none**

**c) To receive any planning correspondence and to consider response – none**

**12 Finance**

i) To authorise payment of accounts, including the Clerk's monthly remuneration to 31 December 2015 and his expenses for the quarter ended 31 December 2015.

**Resolved: That payment of the accounts including the Clerk's expenses of £153.71 be approved.**

ii) YLCA - Membership subscription fees – 2016/17 to approve payment of increase of 4.9% on current rates. Information had been circulated to members.

**Resolved: That the increase be approved.**

iii) To authorise payment of donations as follows:

Settle Area Swimming Pool - £300

Citizens Advice – Craven & Harrogate - £75

Royal British Legion - £50

**Resolved: That payment of the donations be approved.**

iv) Austwick PC (and others) – concern about future funding for Settle Area Swimming Pool – discussed.

**Resolved: That letters of support for the swimming pool be sent to the local MP, Chief Exec of CDC and Councillors Richard Welch and David Staveley.**

v) To approve the Precept 2016/17 and to complete the usual pro-forma request to Craven DC

**Resolved: That the precept in the sum of £6570 be approved and the pro-forma completed and forwarded to Craven DC.**

vi) Changes to External Audit Regime from 1 April 2017 – establishment of Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd known as the Sector Led Body ((SLB) a company established to take over the appointment of **external** auditors and the setting of audit fees for smaller authorities from 2017) - to decide to opt into the SLB.

**Resolved: That the council resolves to opt into the Sector Led Body (SLB).**

vii) HSBC Bank plc – to receive advice of changes to Business Banking Terms & Conditions and Price List – received and noted.

**13 Street Lights**

i) To receive any reports for action – light at entrance to car park not working at present. However, it was reported that this light comes on at 4pm and goes off after about one hour. Clerk to report to contractor.

**14 Highways**

i) To receive any reports for action. Drains at the Hollies – during the recent heavy rains, it became evident that these drains were blocked. Clerk to contact Highways and to provide a copy of the gully cleaning schedule.

'Stainforth' road sign and provision of a grit bin – see Matters Arising.

ii) NYCC - Urban Grass Cutting Payments 2016/17 – to consider response – already actioned.

**15 Repairs and Maintenance**

i) To receive any reports for action - *none*

**16 To respond to correspondence received**

- i) Flooding Update – Julian Smith MP
- ii) Craven Museum & Gallery – advice of course entitled ‘Faith in Art: A look at contemporary Islamic art in Britain’ – 6 Jan - 3 Feb 2016 – 6pm to 8pm
- iii) Tesco Local Community Scheme
- iv) NYCC – Changes to supported bus services from April 2016
- v) Celebration of HM the Queen’s 90 birthday – lighting of beacons. Discussed and though welcoming the celebration of the Queen’s 90 birthday, the Council did not feel able to extend this to the lighting of a beacon.
- vi) YDNPA – invite to attend Forum meeting at Grassington Town Hall on 7 April 2016 at 7pm. Members were requested to inform the Clerk if they wished to attend.

**Resolved: That the correspondence be received.**

**17 To receive any items of information**

- i) Craven DC – ‘Street Link’ - letter and poster informing of help for rough sleepers – received and poster displayed.
- ii) NYCC Newsletter - North Yorkshire *Now* – availability of flood grants – circulated.
- iii) YLCA - Opportunities Bulletin 875 – availability of flood grants – circulated.
- iv) Good Neighbour Scheme – Cllr Asher described the aims of the scheme and advised that former PC Chairman, Mrs Carol Beattie was revising the list of properties as there had been so many changes since the inception of the scheme in the village.

**Resolved: That all items of information be received.**

**18 To arrange the date of the next meeting of the parish council**

Having been mentioned informally at the last meeting, the start time of council meetings was discussed. A number of years ago, the Council had met at 7pm and there was a desire to revert to this time.

**Resolved: That the next meeting of the parish council be held in Stainforth Village Hall on Tuesday, 9 February 2016 but at the new time of 7.00pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

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