

Minutes of the Meeting of Stainforth Parish Council held in Stainforth Village Hall on Tuesday, 24 November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Asher, Mills, Sharp and Warren. Also the Clerk, Mr P F Leng.

1 To elect a Chairman

Cllr Sharp was re-elected Chairman of this meeting.

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

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

3 To receive apologies - none

4 Provision of Superfast Broadband in Stainforth

- a) To receive information from a representative of LN Communications Ltd. Unfortunately, a representative had not been able to attend but had sent information instead. This had been circulated to Members. The document described the proposals which are to connect subscribers to LNC's fibre network via a series of wireless access points. The intention is to erect a suitable mast locally, subject to planning permission. This would serve Stainforth. Each installation would cost from £150 including wireless router subject to a 30 day rolling contract. No landline required. Availability up to 50Mbps. Three options available, 10Mbps; 20Mbps & 50Mbps. Cost £19.99 to £44.99 inc VAT.

Resolved: That the Council looks forward to receiving further information in due course.

5 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*
- d) Craven DC Standards Committee - to consider revision to pro forma Register of Interests. This had been circulated.

Resolved: That it be approved and Craven DC be advised accordingly.

6 Casual Vacancy

- a) To discuss co-option to fill the vacancy – nothing to report.

7 Policing

- a) To receive the monthly report. This included crime details for October and had been circulated. There had not been any crime in the parish of Stainforth.

Resolved: That the report be received.

8 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 October 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

9 Matters Arising

- i) Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities – publishing of parish information. The Clerk reported that all the required information had been transmitted to Craven DC who had published it on the parish council's page on the district council's website which may be accessed via the following link <http://www.cravencdc.gov.uk/article/2149/Stainforth>
- ii) Wreath – not received. However, Cllr Warren had located one and this was used instead. Non-receipt would be discussed again, nearer the next Remembrance Sunday.

10 Defibrillator – update. Nothing to report

11 Planning

a) To consider applications received

C/64/73D Variation of conditions 2 and 22 of application ref C/64/73C to allow installation of solar panels to the south elevation. Knight Stainforth Hall Caravan & Camping Park, Little Stainforth.

Resolved: That the application be approved.

b) To note any decisions received

C/64/26T Change of use to single residential dwelling to include ancillary outbuildings in the curtilage of the site. Taitlands, Stainforth. **Refused.**

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12 Finance

- i) To authorise payment of accounts, including the Clerk's monthly remuneration to 30 November 2015

Resolved: That payment of the accounts be approved as per monthly schedule.

- ii) To discuss the Clerk's hours of work. The Clerk advised that during the nine years he had been clerk, there had been changes in working practices which had necessitated more work. He thus requested that consideration be given to an increase in his weekly hours. He offered to leave the room while the matter was discussed. However, it was felt that an increase in his hours was justified. The Clerk also referred to the cost of travel to attend meetings. He had not claimed hitherto.

Resolved: 1) That the Clerk's hours be increased to six hours per week with effect from 1 November 2015 and 2) That the Clerk be reimbursed with the cost of mileage to attend meetings, also with effect from 1.11.15.

The Clerk expressed his appreciation to the Council for their understanding in this matter.

- iii) To conduct a review of the allotment rents for 2016. Rents had been increased to £16 in 2012 with plots one and two being further increased to £18 with effect from April 2013.

Resolved: That the rent of plots 1 and 2 be increased by £2 to £20 with effect from 1 April 2016, rent of plots 3 and 4 to remain unchanged.

- iv) To conduct a review of the council's donations for 2016

Resolved: That the level of donations should remain unchanged.

- v) Precept 2016/17 - to discuss preparation in light of advice received from Craven DC. The Clerk advised that the recent increase in the cost of electricity for the street lights would increase the allocation by around £400. (There had been little change during the past nine years). The increase in the Clerk's hours and mileage would also have to be taken into account.

Resolved: That the precept be prepared in the light of these changes, it being presented to the Council for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

- vi) Craven DC – to consider response to Budget Consultation 2016/17 – the council had no comment.

- vii) YLCA – Workplace Pensions – to consider briefing note received. This had been circulated and the necessary action would be taken.

13 North Yorkshire County Council - Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

- a) To consider any response to consultation on LTP4 – received and circulated.

14 Street Lights

- i) To receive any reports for action as follows:

Light out - (No 13 on Council's location list) opposite 2/3 Hollies Cottages.

Light on all night - (No 1 on Council's list), situated near No 1, Main Road, facing garage.

Resolved: That these be reported for action as appropriate.

15 Highways

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

- ii) NYCC - Urban Grass Cutting Payments 2016/17 – to consider response. NYCC had described the arrangements for 2016/17 and that, upon application, they would reimburse parishes that wished to undertake urban visibility grass cutting as detailed on their plans.

Resolved: That application be made for reimbursement in respect of urban visibility grass cutting.

16 Repairs and Maintenance

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

17 To respond to correspondence received

- i) YLCA – Bus Subsidy Reductions - update

- ii) Friends of the Earth - Invite to Public Meeting on risks from fracking – Skipton Town Hall, 2 December 2015 at 7pm

- iii) Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership – Stories in Stone - invite to meeting of Local Supporters Group - The Folly, Settle, 8 December 2015 – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

- iv) Grant Funding for Community Projects from Craven DC

- v) YLCA - Data Protection & Freedom of Information – training workshop – York – Wednesday, 2 December 2015

Resolved: That the correspondence be received.

18 To receive any items of information

- i) Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2015

- ii) Open Spaces Society – Magazine 'Open Space' – Autumn 2015

- iii) YLCA – White Rose Update – 13 November 2015

- iv) Cllr Asher produced a flyer/newsletter which she had kindly offered to prepare on behalf of the Council.

Resolved: 1) That the information be received.

2) That the Flyer be approved and circulated, the Council's appreciation being expressed to Cllr Asher for her efforts in this regard.

19 To arrange the date of the next meeting of the parish council

Resolved: That the next meeting of the parish council be held in Stainforth Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 12 January 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.34pm.

