

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stainforth Parish Council held in Stainforth Village Hall on Tuesday, 11 July 2017 at 7.00pm.** The public and the press were invited.

*Present:* Cllrs Blackburn (Chairman), Asher, Otway, Sharp & Warren. Also, the Clerk.

**1 Apologies** – Cllr Sharp and County/District Cllr R C Welch

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

- a) To record any Councillor's Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and Other Interests 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*

**3 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, 13 June 2017**  
**Resolved: That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**

**4 Matters Arising (information only)**

- i) Craven DC – Standards Committee – Replacement of Parish Representatives – advice of nominees

**5 Policing**

- a) To receive the monthly report. Three incidents were reported as follows:
  - i) 18.06.17 - highway issues over vehicles parked on grass verge around Stainforth Foss
  - ii) 23.07.17 – Burglary at the local wood yard, window smashed & small amount of cash taken
  - iii) 28.07.17 – Found quad bike from a theft 23.07.17 Halton Gill

**6 Finance**

- i) To authorise payment of accounts as per schedule

**Resolved: That the accounts, including the Clerk's remuneration for July, 2017, be approved for payment as per the schedule.**

- ii) Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities - to receive YLCA's response to grant application and to decide on next action. The Council had been informed that its application had been approved in the sum of £2890.30 and that the funds would be credited direct to the Council's bank account. The Clerk advised that the grant had not yet been received but that he had set up several financial codes to facilitate analysis of the use of the money.
- iii) To discuss future maintenance of parish council's street lights in light of advice received from current contractor. Mr Noel Barker had maintained the Council's street lights for many years but had advised that he was to undergo heart surgery and hence wished to retire. The Council expressed its appreciation for Mr Barker's work, the Clerk to write appropriately. Replacement was discussed but as the lights were currently turned off for the summer, it was decided to defer any decision on the appointment of a specific contractor until a later meeting.

**7 Planning**

- a) **To consider applications received - *none***
- b) **To note any decisions received - *none***
- c) **To receive any planning correspondence and to consider response - *none***

**8 Holly House, Stainforth – Right of Way**

- a) To consider correspondence received and to discuss any further action. In October, 2016 a letter had been received from the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services, NYCC, advising that he would contact the Land Registry to advise them that their records should be amended to show that the area in question was publicly maintained highway. It appears that this was not done.

**Resolved: That the Council write to NYCC requesting them to contact the Land Registry as intended.**

**9 Dog Hill**

- a) To discuss damage incurred, signage, and to decide on next action. The outcome of the Council's entreaties to date remains unsatisfactory in that NYCC's proposals to remedy the situation do not seem strong enough.

The sign 'Unsuitable for Caravans' does not suggest to a driver that they cannot get through. It merely suggests that they *may not* get through, but the road is not designed for the passage of such vehicles. The bridge suffered more damage around 17 June 2017 with coping stones smashed from the side of the bridge as vehicles have tried to pass through. The signage from the main road needs to be stronger, as follows: **'NO ACCESS FOR VEHICLES OVER 6 ft WIDE'**, being considered suitable.

**Resolved: That this proposal again be put to NYCC, Highways.**

**10 Street Lights**

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

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- i) To receive any reports for action - *none*
- ii) Goat Lane junction – local traffic issues – to discuss response from Highways Dept. A new photograph had been received demonstrating the inadequacy of the current lining arrangement in that the white line does not extend far enough.

**Resolved: That this be sent to Highways with a request that it be noted and arrangements made to extend the white line as soon as possible.**

- iii) Packhorse Bridge – more damage sustained recently, coping stones dislodged and parts of the wall down from the bridge in the direction of the B6479.

**Resolved: That the damage be reported to the National Trust and NYCC, Highways as appropriate.**

**12 Repairs and Maintenance**

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

**13 To respond to correspondence received**

- i) Cllr Jean Asher tendered her resignation. The Chairman thanked Cllr Asher for all her work on behalf of the Council during the seven years of her office as well as during the five years she was previously Clerk to the Council.

**Resolved: That Cllr Asher's resignation be accepted, the Clerk to advertise the casual vacancy immediately.**

**14 To receive any items of information**

- i) YLCA – Joint Annual Meeting – 15.7.17 - circulated
- ii) YLCA – Seminar – VAT, Contracts & Procurement – Barnsley – 12.10.17 - circulated
- iii) Julian Smith MP - MP Surgeries – list displayed
- iv) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2017 – circulated
- v) Yorkshire Dales Society – copy of Yorkshire Dales Review, Summer 2017 – circulated.
- vi) Craven DC – Rural Enabler's Newsletter, Summer 2017 – circulated
- vii) Open Spaces Society – Annual Report and copy of 'Open Space' magazine.

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

**15 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 on Tuesday, 8 August 2017 at 7.00pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.18pm.

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11.7.17**

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