

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 13th January 2026
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: North Stainley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Mike Porter (Chair), Glenys Bailey, Edward Bryant, Jim Buckley and Margaret Goddard
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: No others

25.48	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none relevant to the agenda.
25.49	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ian Alston and Elizabeth Falkingham.
25.50	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 th November 2025 The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
25.51 25.511	Ongoing issues from minutes for updating (not related to other agenda items) Geese: The Council considered various possible solutions, and RESOLVED to order four "Glowmax" light emitting geese deterrents to install on the island, by the small pond, by the Roseberry Green pond, and on Cockpit Green, at a cost at or slightly above £532. At Cllr Goddard's request, her vote against this resolution is minuted.
25.52	Questions or comments from members of the public / report from North Yorkshire Council There were none.
25.53	Planning matters The Council NOTED the approval of 25/02531/FUL and 25/02532/LB, permission including listed building consent for conversion of first floor to home office at Sleningford Grange. Councillors noted that there are (at least) two known planning applications (rear extension at 5 Mews Court / replacement septic tank at "Downlands") which have not been received for comment and for which the consultation deadline is imminent. <i>ACTION: Clerk to investigate, circulate, and seek consensus decision</i>
25.54	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Clerk (salary, expenses/training, and PAYE); Greensphere Grounds Ltd (£392+VAT, grass cutting); and DTMS Group (£425+VAT, caretaking inc installation of new noticeboard). The receipt was noted of £932 from the North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust (contribution to purchase and installation of noticeboard), and the cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £6,152.17
25.55	Roseberry Green noticeboard Following comments from a parishioner, the Council discussed this noticeboard, noting that while renovated at Council expense in 2020, the noticeboard is neither a Council asset, nor on Council land, nor used for Council business. The Council therefore agreed that no action or comment was needed.

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- 25.56 North Stainley Primary School**
The Council heard that the school's enrolment has been falling to concerning levels, due to a variety of circumstances including fewer primary age children in North Stainley village and a disappointing Ofsted report. The Council AGREED its continued support for the school's work, and for the continuation of primary education provision within the parish.
- 25.57 North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust**
Further to the above, the Council heard that the Trust is helping the school where possible, notably with village hall hire rates and by taking over management of various bits of kitchen equipment.
- 25.58 Caretaker task list**
There was no work identified beyond regularly contracted maintenance for the caretaker.
The receipt was noted of two complaints regarding leaf sweeping within North Stainley village. The Council agreed that the footpaths were generally clear, but that there had been notable build-ups of leaves outside the Church and on the footpath leading south from the former garage out of the village.
ACTION: Clerk to request leaf clearance / path sweep from North Yorkshire Council highways
- 25.59 Correspondence**
25.591 **North Yorkshire Council Countryside Access:** Notice of new bridleway access from Eight Acre Lane and Eight Acres Woods to Cockshaw Bank.
25.592 **North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre:** Thanking the Council for its recent donation.
25.593 **North Yorkshire Council Finance:** Acknowledging receipt in good order of the Parish Council's 2026-27 precept requirement.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Date of next ordinary meeting: Tuesday 10th March

SIGNED: (Chair)

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