NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE:	**Tuesday 8th September 2026**
TIME:	**7.30pm**
LOCATION:	**North Stainley Village Hall**
PRESENT:	**Councillors Glenys Bailey** (chairing)**, Ian Alston, Edward Bryant, Jim Buckley, Liz Falkingham,** and **Margaret Goddard**
CLERK:	**Nick Reed** (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE:	**2 members of the public (MoP)**

26.23	**Declarations of interest** and requests for dispensation There were none.
26.24	**Apologies** and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mike Porter.
26.25	**Minutes** of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2026 The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair of the meeting.
26.26 26.261	**Ongoing issues from minutes for updating** (not related to other agenda items) **Wathvale Joint Parishes Forum**: The Council heard that the meeting of 21st July had discussed highways and transport issues, particularly bus services, with the discussions per July's agenda item 26.18 relayed to the group and NYC officers present.
26.27	**Questions or comments from members of the public / report from North Yorkshire Council** The MoPs present discussed their plans to use the Staveley Arms car park to host an artisanal coffee business, subject to a planning application for change of use which has been submitted but not yet circulated to the Parish Council. This would be a facility for local people and also a destination venue for e.g. motorcyclists touring the Dales, in the same way as Masham Market Place is. Working with North Stainley Estates, the facility would also include a wildflower meadow in the adjacent field with 'pick your own' available, and woodland games. The Council noted this, and indicated that they would be likely to approve of the planning application as and when it is received.
26.28	**Planning matters** There were neither any new applications to consider nor any principal authority decisions to report.
26.29	**Financial statement and approvals for payment** The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Clerk (salary); Greensphere Grounds Ltd (£1,173+VAT, grass cutting); Arborlutions (£675, tree work per survey); and Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (£36+VAT, payroll administration) The cash book balance after these transactions was NOTED as being £5,551.31, with the second tranche of the precept due at the end of the month.
26.30	**North Stainley Sport and Recreation Trust** The Council heard that the Trust stands to lose in the region of £3,000 per year with the closure of the primary school, and that they would put in place a PR campaign to replace school bookings with other more commercial hires of the village hall and recreation ground.

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26.31	**Caretaker task list** There were no tasks identified for the Caretaker beyond routine maintenance per the service level agreement. However, the following issues within the parish were discussed: The bark underneath the zipwire needs replacing; this could be done on a like-for-like basis for iro £3,000 plus the cost of renewing the timber edges, by replacing the bark and timber with grass and rubber matting for iro £9,000, or replacing the entire zipwire for iro £22,000. It was agreed to submit a bid to the National Lottery Awards for All fun for the full replacement, and if that is unsuccessful to replace the bark and timber per the first option. Dumping of garden waste in the area between The Shepherdies and the allotments / play area remains a problem. It was agreed to contact Yorkshire Water to see if they could suggest a means of preventing this issue. The hedge between Manor Farm And Watermill Lane has been cut back, but it was agreed to contact NYC Highways to see if it could be required to go further back to the boundary line.
26.32	**Correspondence**
26.321	**LDLT / North Stainley Primary School**: Notice that North Stainley Primary School is to close at the end of the Summer Term 2027.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th November

SIGNED: ..... (Chair)

DATE: .....