

STAINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023
At Hood Green Pavilion commencing 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mr S Lockwood-Dukes, Mrs D Winder, Mrs A Riley, Mr T Shaw

In attendance: PC Jameson (South Yorkshire Police), 2 residents, Mrs A Sturdy (Clerk)

1943 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda:

No apologies for absence received from Parish Councillors, apologies received from Ward Cllr Alex Burnett. No disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests were declared.

1944 Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 26th October.: The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2023 were approved as a true record.

1945 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None raised.

1946 Items from Members of the Public

There was discussion regarding the condition of the hanging baskets in the village. **Resolved:** if proceeding with hanging baskets in 2024, Clerk would raise again with supplier as previously done.

1947 Neighbourhood Policing/ Local Crime

PC Jameson of the South Yorkshire Rural Crime team/Dog Legislation Officer attended the meeting. He gave an update regarding local rural crime issues and actions being taken, including the thefts of quad bikes especially from farms, which in turn are being used to commit crimes on farms. The Police work in conjunction with Nature Watch and the RSPCA with regard to some crimes involving wildlife and livestock, including poaching.

The new legislation regarding "Bully XL" breeds comes into force early 2024, reported attacks by any dogs especially high amongst postal workers.

With regard to residential crime, suggestions included:

- Ensure camera doorbells are hard wired, as wireless can be jammed
- Perimeter alarms are good – advising if someone is on drive/path
- Have security lights which are permanently on, not with PIR or PIR with camera
- Locks should be "Secured by Design"
- Thumb twist locks
- If car has keyless ignition, keep keys safe in a Faraday pouch where the signal can't be accessed
- "Disclok" on steering wheel
- Use "smart water" on valuables
- Neighbourhood watch within the villages.

Leaflets available if residents would like any. The Chair thanked PC Jameson for his informative update.

1948 Report from the Clerk regarding outstanding items not covered on the agenda.

- There had been no responses received to the newsletter.
- Still awaiting new bin by the bus stop, Hood Green Road
- Results from the Speed indicator recently installed for a period on Hood Green Road will be requested in January.
- South Yorkshire Road Rally had been cancelled this year.
- Following a request from a resident, Cllr Shaw has spoken with the Woodland Trust regarding seating in Bagger Wood, it is not policy to install benches but may be a possibility of putting in some logs to use for seating.
- Licensing (alcohol) for Pavilion – enquiries made to confirm we would only require a licence for alcohol *sales* as it is the sale of alcohol that is licensable, not its consumption.

1949 Pavilion, Play Equipment and Recreation Ground

Playground:

Mulch : The Clerk has sourced a contact for playground mulch but an estimate of volume was needed. Another local source of mulch to be assessed as to suitability.

Playground Equipment: initial discussion about what repairs are required to existing equipment. The Clerk had sourced some options for a new piece of playground equipment. **Resolved**: to be discussed at the January meeting.

Recreation Ground:

A resident offered to cut the field side hedge but as previously resolved, the Parish Council will wait for the commencement of the Community Support system being put in place by the Penistone Area Team, due to costs and safety concerns.

1950 Christmas arrangements

The Christmas tree in Hood Green has been sourced at a cost of £95.00; delivered and erected with the assistance of 2 residents and Parish Councillors. The tree at the Stainborough crossroads is fully illuminated. **Resolved**: Letters of thanks to be sent to residents who assisted in connection with the Hood Green and Stainborough Christmas trees.

Resolved: discuss the condition of the electrical connection box at the Pavilion at the January meeting

1951 Issues relating to Highways, Footpaths, Trees/Vegetation within the Parish

(i) **Highways** – Notification of road closure (December 2023) advised

(ii) **Footpaths and Rights of Way Issues** - No issues reported

(iii) **Trees/Hedges/Vegetation Issues** - No issues reported

1952 Hanging Baskets

The Clerk had received the estimate of costs for hanging baskets 2024. Confirmation of locations from BMBC is still awaited. Maximum number of baskets of 11 agreed. **Resolved**: Approved to proceed with provision of hanging baskets. The cost of each basket would be £65.00, plus the cost of a plaque if required. The Clerk to work with the supplier to look at the locations to mitigate any passing damage occurring and to ensure baskets are all of good quality.

1953 Neighbourhood Services

No issues reported.

1954 Planning:

(i) **Planning applications received between meetings:**

2023/0143 Agricultural Building, Bagger Wood Road, Hood Green – no comments

(ii) **Planning applications received:**

2023/0909 Quarry Cottage, Lowe Lane, Stainborough, S75 3EP – a reply required by 19th December. Councillors to supply comments before Planning deadline.

(iii) **Planning applications received since agenda produced:** None received

1955 Planning: Information on previous planning applications - None

1956 Pavilion - energy use

The Clerk had received information regarding an Energy Consultant in conjunction with YLCA to look at advising on energy use. **Resolved**: agree to proceed.

1957 Finance:

(i) Items to be included in next year's budget inc room hire charges

Agreed to include defibrillator consumables. **Resolved**: to assess room hire charges at the end of the financial year.

(ii) Salary increase for Clerk (agreed by Local Government Association) backdated 1st April 2023: agreed

- (iii) Payment of excess hours undertaken by the Clerk 2023 noted but Clerk proposed to re-assess the situation at the end of the financial year.
- (iv) Forms required to be completed in connection with NS&I account – the current situation was discussed. NS& I require a certified copy of the Minutes noting that the NS&I account holder should be the current Clerk, Avril Sturdy, and the correspondence address should be the Clerk’s home address, and the Clerk to prepare a letter (draft at this meeting) informing NS&I that Brian Moss, the previous Clerk had died, and that all future correspondence should be sent to the current Clerk, Avril Sturdy. This letter to be signed by at least 3 current Councillors and the Clerk, and to be returned to NS&I together with the signed NS&I forms and a copy of these Minutes.

(v) **Payments to be authorised**

Payments by direct debit to be noted

Eon Next (DD 21 st November 2023)	£19.85
Eon Next (DD 21 st December 2023)	£35.23

Payments for approval

Clerk salary (November and December 2023) inc back pay to 1 st April 2023	£ as agreed
Clerk’s expenses including 123 Reg, Christmas tree	£ 148.48
Business Stream water charges	£ 32.11

1958 Financial Report year to date and provisional Budget Plan for 2024-25

The Clerk circulated the Financial Report year to date and the provisional Budget Plan for 2024-25, for Councillors to consider. Suggested additional items to add to the Budget included repairs for the noticeboard and defibrillator consumables. **Resolved:** the Budget Plan and Precept request to be considered at the January meeting.

1959 Dates of the Parish Council meetings 2024

Resolved: discuss January meeting

1960 Correspondence:

- None

1961 Any other business:

- None raised

1962 Venue, Date and Time of next meeting: The next meeting will be held at Hood Green Pavilion on **Thursday 18th January 2024** at 7.00pm.

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Cllr Sam Lockwood-Dukes

Chairman – Stainborough Parish Council

Dated