

STAINBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2024
At Hood Green Pavilion immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting commencing 7.00 p.m.

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

In attendance: Cllr A Burnett, 3 residents, Mrs A Sturdy (Clerk)

2024 APM 1 Welcome: The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked all for attending.

2024 APM 2 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2023, had been previously circulated. The Minutes were approved as a true record.

2024 APM 3 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported on the last year of the Parish Council and thanked the Parish Councillors for their work within the Parish.

The Hood Green Pocket Park grass cutting was the biggest expense for the Parish Council. It had been decided to repair, rather than replace, the playground equipment due to cost. Again in order to save costs, the Parish Council were proposing to use a living tree on the green outside the Pavilion as the Christmas Tree, with the initial costs of upgraded Christmas lights.

Finally the Chairman noted that the Parish Council had decided not to increase the Precept for the next Financial Year due to the cost of living crisis.

2024 APM 4 Financial statement 2023-24: The Financial Statement for the year 2023-24 was presented discussed and approved. Copies of all financial audit documents were given to the meeting.

2024 APM 5 Matters raised:

Cllr Barnard had sent a report which was read out at the meeting.

- With regard to the Boundary Review currently being undertaken, the proposals do not affect Stainborough Parish.
- There had been a Council Tax increase. Barnsley remains financially sound.

Cllr Burnett

- confirmed he is still chasing the bin provision
- confirmed that he and Cllr Roberts plan to alternatively attend the meetings

A resident raised concerns regarding the maintenance of the Hood Green recreation ground, and felt there had been a decline in the standard of maintenance with areas left uncut, whilst wild flower areas had been strimmed, and hedges have not been cut over the last 2/3 years. The Parish Council was questioned regarding future plans.

The Clerk confirmed that the Penistone Environmental Team had been approached to cut the hedges. The Clerk will request an update.

Resolved: The Parish Council will provide 2 "wild flower area" signs, Cllr Lockwood-Dukes to order, and the contractor will be advised when installed.

A question was raised about the grass cuttings being left. The Clerk will speak with the contractor.

The Annual Parish meeting closed.