

PARISH OF STAINFORTH (North Yorkshire)

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Stainforth Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3 June 2014

Present: Cllrs Asher, Fairweather, Mills, Sharp and Warren. Also the Clerk and one parishioner.

Cllr Sharp was elected Chairman at the last council meeting and hence acted as Chairman during this meeting, the Council not having a permanent Chairman. He welcomed all present.

1 Apologies – none.

2 Police Report

The local Beat Officer, Pc Harry Carpenter had recently been transferred to Skipton and pending his replacement, reports were being received from Sgt Les Moorhouse, the local commander. During the year, crime had remained at a low level, several incidents being reported on a monthly basis. During May, there had only been one incident, the theft of a flat-bed trailer on Goat Lane in Stainforth during 4/5 May. Nothing has been seen or heard since. The Council was asked to let residents know that there have been two sneak-in burglaries in Settle, and two vehicles broken into on the 22 May. In each case, property had been left insecure. In order to prevent crime, property and vehicles should always be left secure when unattended. House burglaries were rare overnight as there was always a chance of being disturbed. However, if it is not necessary to break in, it's a different story.

The district continues to suffer from cross border crime, i.e. individuals from Lancashire, and West Yorkshire coming in to commit crime. Tour de France (TDF) – is expected to bring hundreds if not thousands to the dales, and there are concerns that travelling criminals may come too. People need to think about this in the week up to and over the event, and ensure they keep items secure. Extra patrols are being mounted from the Thursday before, and over the weekend concerned, to ensure police visibility and to offer reassurance.

In conjunction with the Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable, is to present the Operational Policing Model on 11 June 2014. This will set out the Force's policing plan through to 2016.

3 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 16 April 2013

The minutes were circulated before commencement of the meeting and following approval, were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising - none

5 Report on County and District Council matters

Unfortunately, Cllr Welch was unable to be present hence there was no report.

6 Clerk's Report

Meetings - 11

Finance – balances at end of year £8803 (£7836) which represents an increase of £967). (Included council tax grant of £444). Precept for this year remaining at £5240.

Street lights repaired as required – eight lights converted to run on programmable devices, to come on at dusk and off at a pre-determined time.

Agendas & Minutes – posted regularly on the Village website. This task had been undertaken by Mr Michael Simpson but having advised that he was to leave the parish, handed over to Mr Frank Woodhams. Thanks were due to both of them for their help.

Parish Grant scheme – the PC had decided to consider assistance for voluntary organisations within the parish. Guidelines and an application form had been drawn up but final details were still to be agreed.

Gritting – a hand-operated gritter has been obtained with the benefit of a grant under the Winter Weather Agent scheme. This is being operated by volunteers.

7 Parishioner Concerns

There was still concern at noise levels at a local venue despite action to limit the nuisance which had been reported during the last year. This matter would be discussed as an agenda item of the Council meeting to be held immediately after this meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.42pm.

