

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Stainforth Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 14 April 2015

Present: Cllrs Sharp (Chairman), Asher, Fairweather, Mills and Warren. Also the Clerk, County/District Cllr R C Welch and one parishioner.

As the current Chairman of the Council, Cllr Sharp acted as Chairman of this Meeting.

1 Apologies – none.

2 Police Report

During the last year, local crime had continued at a low level with nothing major being reported. Pc Dave Ridler of Craven Safer Neighbourhood Team had sent the monthly edition of 'Country Watch' which was summarised by the Clerk.

3 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 3 June 2014

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

Cllr Welch remarked that NYCC was still experiencing 'challenging times'. Settle Library had now been relocated to Limestone View but consultations were still ongoing as to how it was going to continue, future staffing being an important issue. Regarding transport, the loss of the Pennine Bus Service had had an effect but it was being successfully replaced by the new operator, there having been a recent report of an extension in the service. Cllr Welch then commented on the process for dealing with pot holes, changes to grass cutting, the provision of a skate park in Settle and changes to car parking arrangements in Settle Market Place. Craven DC - Council tax frozen for the current year. Garden Waste Scheme – this had been successful having generated £148K. All members of CDC to be provided with iPads. Finally, Cllr Welch reminded the meeting of the numerous bodies on which he represented the district. These include NYCC, CDC, YDNPA, Forest of Bowland AONB, Settle Area Swimming Committee and many others. Cllr Welch was then thanked for his report whereupon he retired from the meeting.

6 Provision of a defibrillator in Stainforth

The Clerk advised that the Council was arranging for a defibrillator to be installed at the Craven Heifer in Stainforth. This would be received shortly, the total cost being in the order of £1500 ex VAT.

7 Clerk's Report

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Finance – balances at end of year £9468 (£8803) which represents an increase of £665.

Precept for 2015/16 - unchanged at £5240.

Street lights - repaired as required.

Agendas & Minutes – posted regularly on the Village website. Thanks were due to Mr Frank Woodhams for his help in this regard. Agendas and notices continue to be posted on the Council's notice board in Stainforth. The notice board for Little Stainforth was still undergoing renovation.

8 Parishioner Concerns

Allotments - following the recent repair, there was comment on how these had been handled in the past. The Clerk remarked that times had changed as indeed had the way these had to be dealt with and that even so, once reported, the repair had been dealt with expeditiously.

Street lights – comments made. As usual on 1 May, 2015, these would be turned off for the summer.

Highways – give-way sign outside vicarage – damaged - reported twice for repair.

Local charities – enquiry re village representation – the Chairman advised that unfortunately, it had not been possible to find volunteers.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

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