

STAINTONDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 10th September 2026
in Ravenscar Village Hall
at 7.30pm

Public welcome

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
2. To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.
3. To receive member's declarations of interest in items of business on this agenda.
4. Minutes of Council meeting of 9th July 2026 (*enclosed*) to approve and sign
5. Public Open Forum.
6. To consider & agree action as appropriate on matters raised in the Public Open Forum.
7. Reports to receive (as available) & agree action as appropriate – Unitary Cllr. C Pearson, Parish Councillors, Clerk - not to exceed 30 minutes in total.
8. To note that due to the resignation of Cllr. Russell there is a vacancy in Ravenscar Ward, the necessary notice has been posted and if there is no request for an election then a Co-Option to a Casual Vacancy notice will be posted in due course.
9. Correspondence:-
 - a) To receive a request from a prospective purchaser of The Old School in respect of the Parish Field and agree action as appropriate (Clerk will give verbal details at meeting).
 - b) Correspondence received after 4/9/26 requiring a response before next meeting.
10. Planning Matters:-
 - a) Applications received:- none at preparation of agenda.
 - b) Decisions Received to note:- none at preparation of agenda.
 - c) To agree comments/note any planning matters/decisions received after 4/9/26.
11. Finance & Regulatory Matters:-
 - a) Internal Audit recommendations [*Minute 32/26b* refers] – (deferred from July meeting) (*documents emailed to councillors 8/6/26*) – to receive update by Cllr. Terry to agree action as appropriate;
 - b) To consider the purchase of a laptop with operating system & software and agree action/expenditure as appropriate.
 - c) To note 1] the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed a pay award for the 2026/27 financial year which averages an increase of 55p/hour and 2] to resolve to pay this award (backdated to 1/4/26) to staff employed by council on 1/4/26 along with any resulting additional pension contributions.
 - d) To note 1] HMRC has increased the tax-free Approved Mileage Allowance Payment (AMAP) rate for cars and vans from 45p to 55p per mile for the first 10,000 business miles, backdated to 6 April 2026 and 2] to resolve to pay this amended rate with effect from 6th April 2026.
12. Accounts to certify: Ravenscar Village Hall (hire for tonight's meeting) £10-00; J Marley (wage April-Sept) £375-74 and reimburse postage to HMRC £3-80; Ravenscar Cricket Club (26/27 ground maintenance contribution) £309-88; T Harland (2 rural verge cuts) £1800.00.

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13. Exclusion of Public on the grounds the matters to be discussed relate to sensitive financial and staffing matters
 - a) Working from Home Allowance [*Minute 36/26 refers*] (deferred from July meeting) - to receive updated/additional information and agree action as appropriate.

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Clerk to the Parish Council

5th September 2026

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF SAINTONDALE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
SAINTONDALE VILLAGE HALL, THURSDAY 9th JULY 2026 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor W. Terry (Chairman)
Councillor G Agar
Councillor C Broadhurst
Councillor S Darrington
Councillor K McEwen
Councillor V Russell

NY Cllrs. Bastiman and Pearson (left 8.56pm), R. Darn (NYMNP for Dark Skies presentation) left 8.15pm, 2 members of public (left 8.56pm), Mrs J Marley (Clerk).

Absent: Councillor P Maynard.

20/26 **APOLOGIES GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF MEETING:-** None.

21/26 **REASONS FOR ABSENCE:-** None to receive.

22/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

23/26 **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12/3/26**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meeting of 12th March 2026 were **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman.

24/26 **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14/5/26**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meeting of 14th May 2026 were **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman.

25/26 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

North Yorkshire Cllr. Bastiman reported on the Maritime & Coastguard Agency proposals for all Coastguard Rescue Officers to become volunteers from September with the resulting withdrawal of all payments. This was being strongly resisted at a national level and had been the subject of an emergency debate in the House of Commons.

Richard Darn then gave an update on the Dark Skies project including the availability of 75% grants to cover the cost of lights being converted. The NYMNP Authority wished to include the areas covered by Hackness Group Parish Council and Sainton Dale Parish Council within the Dark Skies area.

26/26 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** **Resolved** Council was unanimous in its objections to the proposals by the MCA and fully supported Cllr. Bastiman's actions, in his capacity as Chairman of the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group, in writing to local government minister Keir Mather asking for a pause in implementation of the changes. **Resolved** Council was unanimous in its support for the area covered by the Parish Council to be included within the Dark Skies area.

27/26 **REPORTS**

- a) **Unitary:** Cllr. Pearson reported 1] North Yorkshire Council was supporting the National Park Authority's wildfire prevention campaign; 2] the money allocated by the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority for highways maintenance—including fixing potholes—between 2026 and 2030 would create a £20 million funding shortfall over the next four years compared to former direct government allocation; 3] North Yorkshire would host stage 4 (Helmsley to Leyburn) of the Tour of Britain cycle race.
- b) **Parish:** Cllr. Agar reported numerous potholes the full length of Church Road/Bent Rigg Lane (Clerk to refer to Highways).
- c) **Clerk:** no matters to report.

28/26 **UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-**

- a) Land adjacent Old School Parish Field [Minute 13/26a) refers] – **resolved** item deferred to end of meeting.

- 29/26** **PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES** Having been circulated with the agenda, the draft minutes of the 2026 Parish Assembly were confirmed as accurate.
- 30/26** **CORRESPONDENCE**
- a) Correspondence received after 1/7/26 & requiring a response before next meeting – NYMNP Joint Parish Forum to be held at Danby on 29/7/26 – **agreed** Cllr. Darrington to attend.
- 31/26** **PLANNING MATTERS**
- a) **Applications received** – none.
b) **Decisions received & noted:** none.
c) **Planning matters received after 1/7/26:-** none.
- 32/26** **FINANCE MATTERS**
- a) Amended draft agreement from NYC re. churchyard maintenance funding (to replace money paid for churchyards via Model Agreement) [Minute 16/26a) refers] – Clerk reported the amended agreement was now more appropriate for purpose. **Resolved** agreement be accepted and Chairman and Clerk authorised to sign on behalf of Council.
- b) Internal Audit recommendations [Minute 16/26c) refers]. **Resolved** the report by the Clerk/RFO and associated documents, as emailed to councillors 8/6/26, be **received & noted**. **Resolved** points 3 and 4 of the report had been addressed. **Resolved** comments by Cllr. Broadhurst on points 1, 2 and 5 to be incorporated and amended documents to be brought to September meeting for consideration. **Resolved** purchase of laptop and software to be placed on September agenda.
- c) Special Motion received 25/6/26, proposer Cllr. Broadhurst, seconder Cllr. Terry "Working from Home Allowance as agreed on 12/3/26 [Minute 63/25a)] – To receive guidance advice from YLCA and Parkinson Partnership, review previous decision and agree action as appropriate". **Resolved** motion be carried and item deferred to end of meeting.
- 33/26** **ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY**
- Having been previously notified the following were authorised for payment:-
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| HMRC | Tax/NI April-June | £124-80 |
| Parochial Church Council | 26/7 churchyard maintenance contribution | £189-10 |
| Staintondale Village Hall | Hall hire tonight's meeting | £10-00 |
- Resolved** invoices be **authorised** for payment, Cllrs. McEwen and Terry to do the online authorisations.
- 34/26** **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**
- Resolved** at 8.56pm that the public be excluded from the room on the grounds the matters to be discussed related to sensitive financial and staffing matters.
- 35/26** **LAND ADJACENT OLD SCHOOL**
- This item had been deferred from earlier in the meeting [Minute 28/26a) refers]. Clerk gave details of an offer to purchase the land adjacent which was currently rented out. **Resolved** the offer was not acceptable. Clerk to inform the prospective purchaser.
- 36/26** **WORKING FROM HOME ALLOWANCE**
- This item had been deferred from earlier in the meeting [Minute 32/26c) refers]. Clerk reported she had spoken to HMRC and was now awaiting a formal written response from them (letter was read to the meeting). **Resolved** an additional point of clarification was needed from HMRC and the Chairman is to request this in writing. **Resolved** item deferred to September meeting to allow all HMRC advice to be to hand.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.29pm.

W. Terry (Chairman)

10th September 2026