



STAINLAND & DISTRICT

PARISH COUNCIL

Stainland & District Parish Council

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THURSDAY 4th JANUARY 2024 at 7.00pm in The Old Library.

Cllrs Present – Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Fieldhouse, Cllr Bottomley & Cllr Mullany

Minutes taken by Mrs L Peckover (CLERK)

MINUTES

Cllr Mitchell opened the meeting.

24.63.01. To appoint a Chairman of the Council who, unless he or she resigns, becomes disqualified, is no longer a Councillor, or is otherwise replaced by resolution of the Council, shall continue in office until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council, and to allow the newly elected Chairman one calendar week to accept, sign and return the Acceptance of Office to the Parish Clerk.

Cllr Mitchell nominated Cllr Fieldhouse as Chair, Cllr Mullany and Cllr Bottomley agreed with this, Cllr Fieldhouse accepted the nomination and role of chair to SDPC.

Cllr Fieldhouse chaired the meeting from this point.

24.63.02. Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio recording of this meeting

24.63.03 Apologies

3.1 To receive apologies for absence and record these in the minutes

3.2 To consider the approval of reasons for absence given by councillors

No apologies received.

24.63.04. Dispensations

4.1 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation

4.2 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations made

24.63.05. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 14TH December 2023, as a true and correct record.

Resolved to approve the previous minutes.

24.63.06. To discuss and make comment on planning application 23/01123/FUL, Land Adjacent 18 South Parade Stainland Elland Calderdale. Construction of a dwelling.

Previously objected to this application, new application submitted. It was noted that it is close to a listed building and in the conservation area. Previous application was refused on grounds of heritage, aspect of tenter posts and the design.

This application has addressed most of these issues however we have concerns around the materials to be used and the change to the view point of the street.

There is a local group that is actively conducting research on the site.

Resolved to maintain objection and Cllr Mullany will add comments to the portal.

24.63.07. To discuss and make appropriate amendments to the reserve policy.

Discussion took place around the practicality of having a 9 month reserve and this would impact on projects being undertaken. Resolved that we will amend to 3 months precept reserve.

24.63.08 To discuss and approve contractors for work

8.1 For Shaw park pond work

Cllr Fieldhouse gave an overview of the work to be done.

One contractor has given the quote of £2500, the work can be done in January/February. The removed waste would potentially be placed in one of two sites within the park.

Resolved that all Cllr's approve the quote for work to start.
Cllr Mitchell proposed, Cllr Bottomley seconded.

8.2 For Drury Lane Allotments

Resolved that we would like to select use a particular contractor and the clerk to send over a purchase order for work to start.

Can start end of January 2024.

8.3 Other projects

Resolved there were no more approvals to be made.

24.63.09 To discuss and make comment on the proposed boundary changes.

Resolved that we have concerns around transport issues if the proposed changes take place. Cllr Mullany will make comment on the consultation on behalf of SDPC.

Clerk to circulate the boundary change on social media and ask local councillors for their opinion on this.

24.63.10 To appoint a trustee to Stainland & District Community Charity (The Old Library) to replace our previous nominated Parish Councillor Trustee.

Discussions took place Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Bottomley and the Parish Clerk all showed an interest Resolved that Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Bottomley shall be put forward as trustees for the library.

24.63.11 To discuss and approve the Biodiversity policy.

Resolved to adopt the policy.

24.63.12 To discuss and make resolution on Graveyard maintenance Is SDPC able to commit to taking on the graveyards for HGURC

It was noted that HWG Reformed church has closed as of 31/12/23 and the building is to be sold.

The synod in Morley is coming back with information for our next meeting.

Clerk to do EIO to community fund.

Add to next agenda

24.63.13 To consider a response to the consultation on the bus reform in West Yorkshire.

Cllr Mullany gave an overview, it was noted that we would like to see routes restored. Cllr Mullany to make comments on behalf of SDPC

24.63.14. To discuss and make resolution on the proposed budget for 2024/25

Clerk to request precept figures for all items

24.63.15 To discuss and make resolution on the precept for 2024/25.

Deferred till 25th January 2024

24.63.16. To resolve to exclude members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the nature of the business to be transacted at agenda item 24.63.16 to being prejudicial to the public interest

24.63.17. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

Grant for library, Support for HWG Church building.

24.63.18. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 25th January 2024.