

Minutes of the 241st meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 9 October 2018 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

Present: Parish Councillors D. Coupe (Vice Chair), A. Conroy, C. Dean, A. Cooper, B. Neale, J. Holmes (Clerk to the Council).

72/18. Apologies and Declarations of Interest – Cllrs. A. Liddle, D. Fewtrell.

73/18. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council
– None

74/18. The Minutes of the 240th meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2018 were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Vice Chair.

75/18. Matters arising from the above Minutes

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** - An update was given by the Vice Chair. Slow but positive progress was being made by the Neighbourhood Plan Group who were now concentrating on the wording of policies. When finalised the plan would need to be approved by the Neighbourhood Plan Group and the Parish Council after which it would be submitted to the Inspector for approval, hopefully before the end of the year. It is anticipated the completed Neighbourhood Plan would be submitted to Middlesbrough Council in early 2019. The next meeting of the NP Group is scheduled for 23 October.
- b) **Provision of Bus Services through Stainton** – The extension to the current service has commenced and the bus now goes to Coulby Newham and the Parkway Centre. It appears to be well used. Cllr. Coupe reported he attended a site meeting yesterday with representatives from Stagecoach, Middlesbrough Council and Tees Valley Connect regarding the re-positioning of bus stops in Strait Lane and Hemlington Road. New sites had been identified and the re-positioning will take place in due course.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – New signage had been requested from MBC but has yet to arrive. Dog fouling problems still exist, most prevalent times being early morning and late evening. Situation to be monitored.
- d) **106 Monies** – Cllr. Conroy reported he had recently had several conversations with Taylor Wimpey and he had been assured that the legal paperwork had been cleared and the monies would be released by the end of next week at the latest.
- e) **Parish Council Website** – The Clerk reported that he had consulted with other parish councils and on advice had invited Chris Cutler of CPC-Computing to quote for the design and hosting of the proposed parish council website. The domain name www.staintonandthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk had been acquired on request and a demonstration website had been created. The set-up costs for the site design, pictures and domain name would be £160 and the website hosting and maintenance fee would be £25 pcm on a month by month contract.
Resolved: CPC-Computing be engaged to create a website for Stainton & Thornton Parish Council.
- f) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Cllr. Coupe reported Middlesbrough Council had sited recording equipment on Seamer Road and Thornton Road and in these 20mph areas the average speed of vehicles was 29.9mph in Seamer Road and 27.7mph in Thornton

Road. Recording devices would be sited in Strait Lane and Hemlington Road by MBC in due course. Middlesbrough Council were also prepared to set up flashing speed display units on a temporary basis allowing the parish council to digest the viability of purchasing permanent equipment.

- g) Asset Register** – Cllr. Conroy reported that he had completed a scrutiny of the Asset Register based on the decision to disregard any item under the value of £100. The register also contained some items that should not have been listed as assets. It was agreed that an up to date list of parish council assets be compiled in a new Asset Register and it was noted that Cllr. Conroy was prepared to undertake and manage this task.

Resolved: A new Asset Register to be purchased and then maintained by Cllr. Conroy.

76/18. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

1. The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Clerk & Councils Direct, The Clerk.

2. NALC circulars and information received from CLCA have been forwarded to all councillors where appropriate.

3. Financial Statement 9.10.18.

Income since last meeting: **£329.00**

30.8.18. Plant stall, Gala Day. 79.00

13.9.18. Grant from Community Council. 250.00

329.00

Expenditure (Payments) since last meeting: **£585.81**

14.8.18. Memorial Hall (Donation for clock repairs) 100.00

4.9.18. A.Liddle (Printer inks NP) 27.50

4.9.18. Water Rates – KGG 11.68

9.9.18. SLCC (subscription renewal) 41.00

21.9.18. Hall Hire (Parish Council) 16.00

21.9.18. Hall Hire (Neighbourhood Plan) 64.00

21.9.18. Hall Hire (Environment Committee) 32.00

30.9.18. J.Holmes (Clerk's salary Sep 2018) 293.63

585.81

Balances: Parish Council **£11235.19**. Neighbourhood Plan **£386.50**.

Total: **11621.69**

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.

77/18 Committee Reports:

a) Planning

i) The appeal by Angela Swift Developments for the construction of 60 apartments behind the new care home is to be held on 5.12.18. at 10am in the Mandela Room at MBC when the Government Inspector will hold a public hearing and listen to arguments by both the Developer and Council. Anyone who had objected to the planning application would be permitted to attend the hearing.

ii) Stainton Way Extension – The current local plan had made provision for a spine road to run from Brookfield to Mandale junction near the A19 to ease traffic flows on the south of Middlesbrough. There were now objections to this proposal mainly from residents of new developments in the Brookfield area and an action group were urging the Council to cancel this project. Following discussion, it was agreed that the proposed road was vital for traffic flows and any cancellation would have an adverse effect on the proposed housing development at Stainton Vale Farm.

Resolved: That the Parish Council write to Middlesbrough Council expressing their support for the proposal of new spine road as an extension of Stainton Way.

b) **Environment Committee (aka Green Finger Gang):** A report on the meeting held on 25.9.18. was given by Cllr. Coupe. It was noted that a grant of £250 had been received from the Community Council to assist with the purchase of plants for winter and spring planting. A hundred or so geraniums had been lifted from the flower beds in the villages and were currently stored for winter in Stewart Park. Thanks to Nunthorpe Parish Council for assisting in this matter. The waste bin next to the new seat at Thornton T junction had been removed and replaced by a new planter.

c) **Crime and Disorder:** It was noted that thieves had twice visited the parish church recently and had stolen lead from the church roof. This is in addition to a similar incident earlier this year when the cost to repair came to £6500.

78/18. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces: Cllr. Conroy gave a report on the meeting held on 21.9.18. It was noted that a Big Lottery Grant application for £9650 had been unsuccessful however this will not affect any further application being made. No decision had been made as to where to site the restored badger carvings, but it was hoped that the church will agree to them being sited in the church grounds, visible from the road.

79/18. The Spinney – Fly tipping has been a frequent problem in this area with vehicles gaining access along the footpath from Hemlington Road and off Stainton Way. Vehicle access to this area needs to be prevented and it was thought that large rocks would make an appropriate barrier to vehicles and less costly than a permanent fence. Cllr. Coupe to make enquiries with MBC.

80/18. Preliminary Budget discussion – The Clerk circulated figures on current and proposed spending in preparation for a budget submission in the new year. Councillors were requested to study the figures and make amendments where necessary.

81/18. Christmas Lights – Cllr. Conroy advised that arrangements were in hand for the Christmas lights to be erected prior to the ‘switch on’ on 30 November. Galliford Try would assist in putting the lights up and taking them down in the new year however it was noted that the cost of this operation had risen to £570 plus VAT – a rise of 23.4%. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to provide the Christmas Lights for the village and cover the costs involved for this year. Traditionally the lights are switched on by a local resident and it was suggested that John Cooper be invited to perform this task.

Resolved: The Parish Council will provide and cover the costs of the village Christmas lights for 2018.

82/18. Cleveland Local Council Association – The Clerk reported on the meeting held 19.9.18. at Loftus where the main topic was the recent CLCA meeting with the Tees Valley Mayor, Ben Houchen. Training for parish councillors was another subject discussed and the possibility of councillors undergoing training en bloc was to be explored.

83/18. Standards Committee – A representative from the Parish Council was required to serve on the MBC Standards Committee as and when required.

Resolved: Cllr D. Coupe was nominated to represent the Parish Council on MBC Standards Committee.

84/18. Polling Stations – Public Consultation – Following correspondence from MBC on this matter it was agreed that the current arrangements for polling stations at Hemlington Hall School and the Memorial Hall, Stainton serve the needs of all electors and alternative sites were not necessary.

Resolved: MBC to be informed that the current polling station arrangements are satisfactory and suitable for elector needs.

85/18. Date of the 242nd meeting of the Parish Council: Tuesday 11 December 2018. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm.

Agreed and signed as a true recordDate

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