

Minutes of the 249th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11 February 2020 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle (Chair), A. Cooper, R. Dennison, B. Neale, C. Dean, A. Conroy

Clerk the Council - J. Holmes.

01/20. Apologies for absence – Cllr. D. Coupe

02/20. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council.

Ian Geldard, resident in Thornton Road enquired as to why the roadside speed display signs in Thornton Road had been removed. The speed of vehicles, in his opinion, had increased dramatically since the signs had been taken down. He was informed that the signs had been taken down by Middlesbrough Council in order that data from the speed recordings could be analysed and the batteries in the units replaced. Despite requests for the results of the analysis and the re-siting of the equipment, Middlesbrough Council were yet to respond.

Resolved: That the Chair, on behalf of the Parish Council would write to the Mayor expressing dissatisfaction in the way Middlesbrough Council consistently failed to respond to issues and concerns raised by the Parish Council.

03/20. The **Minutes of the 248th meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2019** were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair – Cllr. A. Liddle

04/20. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Plan would be presented to Middlesbrough Council, for opinion and comment, by the end of March. After which it would be go out for public consultation.
- b) **Fly Tipping Problems** – No recent incidents. Item removed from agenda.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – No recent complaints received. Item removed from agenda.
- d) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – see item 02/20 above.
- e) **Stagecoach services 13 and 13a** – Cllr Coupe had previously indicated that Stagecoach were going to provide a service to Coulby Newham between 9.30am and 2pm, Monday to Friday. However, further details, including start date were unavailable at the present time.
- f) **Right of Way footpath – Wynd to Low Lane** – The latest information from Taylor Wimpey was that they would be on-site at Rose Cottage phase 3 until the end of June. A closure extension was already in force, but the ROW footpath would be re-opened once Taylor Wimpey were off site and remedial work completed.
- g) **Maintenance and Cutting of Hedges/Footpaths** – Hawthorn hedging in Strait Lane, adjacent to the Rose Cottage developments has been cut back as requested. The outer hedging in Maelor's Wood, owned by MBC, has been cut back but cutters unable to access inner hedging until ground conditions improve. MBC representatives attended a 'Walk the Ward' in Stainton and Thornton last week with Cllr. Coupe. Various footpath and drainage defects were pointed out and noted by MBC. Attention promised.
- h) **Cold calling signage – High Rifts** – Chair has arranged for Gerry McBride from the Crime Prevention Team to address the Community Council next month on the subject of Doorstep Callers. Information leaflets on this subject have already been circulated to residents. Chair and Cllr. Neale making enquiries as to the legitimacy of 'No Cold Calling' areas.

- i) **Housing developments – Elderwood Park and Ashwood Park.** – These new housing developments are all within the Stainton and Thornton parish ward, albeit at the edge of the parish boundary. Advertising material by the builders, Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes state the developments are at Hemlington whilst many residents at these new houses believe they are living in Coulby Newham. Parish Council tax precepts on these properties will be paid to Stainton and Thornton Parish Council and whilst the Parish Council Newsletter is circulated to all the properties in these new developments it is apparent that residents are unaware of this fact. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep the residents informed and hopefully seek representation in due course.
- j) **Parking Issues** – Most residents realise it is in their own interests to park responsibly. Problems do arise around the ‘Square’ as parking space outside the Memorial Hall and in Meldyke Lane is very limited. It is noted the MBC Enforcement Team visit the area occasionally and deal with blatant vehicle obstructions. Yellow lines and signage as promised by MBC is yet to materialise.

05/20. 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 **11.2.20.**

Bank balance at 10.12.19: **£10505.01.** (£10446.21 actual).

Income since last meeting: **£137.08** (VAT reclaim)

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1741.97** Approval required.

Date	Payee	Reason	Cheque No.	Amount
10.12.19.	A.Liddle	Printer inks	414	34.00
20.12.19.	Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	415	80.00
22.12.19.	Galliford Try	Xmas Lights	416	684.12
30.12.19.	J.Holmes	PC Software	417	99.98
30.12.19.	J.Holmes	Salary	418	235.03
30.12.19.	HMRC	PAYE	419	58.60
7.1.20.	M.Holmes	Plants	420	54.41
7.1.20.	C.Cutler	Website	421	50.00
15.1.20.	A.Liddle	Storage Boxes	422	33.00
20.1.20.	Stainton PCC	Hall Hire	423	64.00
30.1.20.	J.Holmes	Salary	424	234.83
30.1.20.	HMRC	PAYE	425	58.80
11.2.20.	J.Holmes	Toner Inks	426	55.20

Less unrepresented cheque (394). 31.7.19. HMRC. £58.80

Balance: Parish Council as per Bank Statement **£8900.12 (£8841.32 actual)**

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

06/20 Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning applications received.

19/0744/FUL. Coulby Lodge, Hemlington Village Road – Single storey extensions and alterations to external elevations of existing building. – No objection by Parish Council.

19/0737/FUL. 4 Quarry Drive, Stainton. – Conservatory to front. – No objection by Parish Council.

20/0039/FUL. 43 Cedar Drive, Thornton. - Erection of attached garage to front and two-storey extension to side. – Objection by Parish Council (lodged 28.1.20.) on grounds of over development.

20/0086/TCA. 10 Seamer Road, Thornton – Lateral and height reduction of conifer and yew trees. – No objection by Parish Council,

Environment. – Grey water discharging from grounds of Stainton House into Stainton Beck – No reply as yet from Environment Agency regarding this matter.

To note that an overloaded and unlit skip on the road outside 1 Hemlington Road had recently been removed following request from Parish Council.

Crime and Disorder – Parish Councillors unaware of any recent serious incidents.

07/20 Middlesbrough Council – Budget Consultation. MBC had issued their proposed budget for 2020/21 which included a reduction in certain services. The proposals were put out for consultation until 31.1.20. and the Parish Council and individual councillors responded and sent in their comments accordingly.

08/20. Draft Budget Proposal and Precept 2020/2021. – The Clerk reported that in reviewing expenditure so far in this financial year and in anticipation of likely expenditure until 31.3.20. the Council were within the budget set for 2019/2020. At the previous PC meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council precept for the year 2020/2021 would remain at £9.31 per household. It was now known that the number of properties had increased from last year (779) to 869 which would realise a total precept of £8090.00. There would also be a Council Tax Support Grant payable to the parish council, but this amount is as yet, unknown. The Clerk proposed consideration for the 2020/2021 budget to be set at £9500 and that any shortfall from the precept and support grant be taken from Parish Council reserves.

Resolved: Parish Council precept 2020/21 remains at £9.31 per household. Parish Council budget for 2020/21 set at £9500.00

09/20 Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces

Cllr. Liddle reported that refurbishment of village noticeboards was currently taking place. The next meeting of the Friends Group was scheduled for next week (17 February) and a full update will be reported at next meeting of the Parish Council.

10/20 Cleveland Local Councils Association – Cllr. Neale reported he had sent an expression of interest for appointment as a lay member for the Police Independent Advisory Group but as yet to receive a reply. The next CLCA meeting is scheduled for 19.2.20. The Chair hopes to attend.

11/20 Dementia Friendly Middlesbrough Project – Cllr. Cooper reported the progress of this project which is attempting to include Stainton and Thornton as a dementia friendly community. The Parish Council was supportive to this project.

12/20 Water supply – field next to Kell Gate Green. – Clerk reported the charges for the water supply in the field next to Kell Gate Green (water supply provided by Parish Council as a condition in the lease for KGG) had nearly tripled in comparison to the previous year. This suggested a leak in the system – to be investigated.

13/20 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 14 April 2020. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm

Agreed and signed as a true record Date

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