

Minutes of the 245th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11 June at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

Present: Parish Councillors - A. Liddle (Chair), C. Dean, B. Neale, A. Cooper, D. Coupe, R. Dennison.
Clerk the Council - J. Holmes.

46/19. Apologies and Declarations of Interest – Cllr. A. Conroy (Holiday)

47/19. Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Councillor Ron Dennison was welcomed to the meeting after which he made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as councillor for the Parish of Stainton and Thornton.

48/19. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – None

49/19. The **Minutes of the 244th meeting held on Tuesday 9 April 2019** were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair.

50/19. The **Minutes of the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Stainton and Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 May 2019** were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair.

51/19. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was almost complete however the new Mayor, Andy Preston has asked Middlesbrough Council to look again at the preferred options in Local Plan 2018 and review it, leaving the approved Local Plan 2014 as the current document to be used. Following a review the new Local Plan will hopefully be ready for submission later in the year after further consultation with all concerned. The outcome may mean the Neighbourhood Plan will have to be adjusted to take into account any change of policy by MBC.
- b) **Fly Tipping Problems** – Still continues to be a problem in and around the garages in Vernon Court. The local street lamps are not high enough for CCTV cameras to be affixed. MBC aware.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – New signage, requested from Middlesbrough Council, to be displayed in identified locations.
- d) **Parking issues** – The recent letter distributed by the Parish Council to every household appears to be having the desired effect although there are still the occasional problems in Hemlington Road and Glebe Gardens. MBC enforcement team will be made aware of problem areas as will the police in cases of blatant obstruction of the highway.
- e) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – MBC to install temporary roadside display units in Thornton for assessment purposes. Road Traffic police were still monitoring and enforcing speed limits in unannounced visits. Cllr. Coupe has names of residents who are prepared to assist in the Speedwatch Scheme with local police.
- f) **Gala Day.** – To note that the village Gala Day this year will be on Sunday 28 July and organised by local residents who have formed a Gala Day Committee. No Parish Council involvement.
- g) **Risk Assessments 2019** – Clerk reported that all risk assessments in respect of parish council assets – seats, noticeboards, planters, tubs and troughs – have been completed and filed.

- h) Councillor Training** – To note that Cllrs. Neale and Dean would be attending Councillor Training organised by CDALC, on 19.6.19. at the Music Room, Preston Park Museum, Yarm.

52/19. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

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

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

c. Financial Statement 11.6.19.

Balance brought forward at 1.4.19. **£7922.80**

Income since last meeting: **£7718.00** (Precept)

Expenditure since last meeting: **£2054.79** Approval required.

10.4.19.	A.Liddle	Printer inks	373	61.70
10.4.19.	CLCA	Subs	374	259.92
10.4.19.	Info. Comm.	GDPR	375	40.00
10.4.19.	J.Holmes	Toner Inks	376	62.40
10.4.19.	CLCA	LCR sub	377	17.00
30.4.19.	J.Holmes	Salary	378	235.03
30.4.19.	HMRC	PAYE	379	58.60
14.5.19.	C.Whitehead	Internal Audit	380	50.00
14.5.19.	C.Cutler	Website	381	50.00
24.5.19.	WAVE	KGG Water	DD	37.23
25.5.19.	Came & Co.	Insurance	382	581.59
29.5.19.	H.Heaviside	Plants	383	49.05
29.5.19.	MBC	Printing	384	85.34
31.5.19.	J.Holmes	Salary	385	234.83
1.6.19.	HMRC	PAYE	386	58.80
4.6.19.	M.Holmes	Plants	387	134.90
4.6.19.	Baines Jewitt	Pro. Services	388	<u>38.40</u>
				2054.79

Balances: Parish Council **£13,586.01**

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.

d. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018/29. – Process completed and all documents and financial records are available for view on the Parish Council Website.

e. **Parish Council Precept 2019/20** – To note that the sum of £7718.00 had been received from Middlesbrough Council made up of requested amount of £7252 and £466 Community Support Grant.

f. **Insurance renewal** – To note that the Parish Council had renewed its Council Combined Insurance policy through the broker Came and Company on a 3 Year Long Term Agreement plan at a cost of £581.59 per annum. Public Liability £10,000,000. Insurance details are displayed on parish council website.

53/19. Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning applications received.

19/0308/FUL. 3 Low Farm Close – Porch extension to front.

19/0302/FUL. 8 Seamer Road – Two storey extension to side and single storey extension to side, porch extension to front, and installation of detached garage.

No objections by Parish Council.

Environment. – Councillor Coupe reported on a recent meeting of the Green Finger Gang held 4.6.19. Summer plants had been sourced from Rainbow Nursery and B&M Store as well as the geraniums lifted and saved from last year. The plants had been distributed to all helpers enabling all tubs, planters, beds and troughs to be planted up with summer flowers. A special thanks to Maureen Holmes who was the mainstay in the overwintering of the geraniums, purchasing and distribution of summer plants resulting in a significant financial saving.

It had been discovered recently that a pipe from the new builds in the grounds of Stainton House was discharging 'grey water' into the beck in Kell Gate Green. The matter has been reported to Middlesbrough Council who are investigating.

Crime and Disorder – The Chair reported that there had been a sharp increase in the number of recorded crimes in recent weeks particularly in the Vernon Court area where a known drug user was now in residence. The police and Middlesbrough ASB team are aware and are taking action wherever possible. Cllr. Neale proposed that a Problem Solving Group (PSG) involving the parish council, police and Middlesbrough council be established in an effort to resolve issues sooner rather than later. Cllr. Coupe to make necessary arrangements. Steve Elwick who heads the Middlesbrough ASB team to be invited to the next Community Council meeting to address resident's concerns.

54/19 Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces

Chair reported that the FSTGS group had received a grant of £9910.00. This would be used to install hardcore footpaths into the Quarry, establish a field drain in Kell Gate Green, extend the path from the bridge and owl seat in Kell Gate Green and improve the drainage between Maelor's Wood and High Rifts field. Work to be carried out by Jay Marrison, from the firm 4Nature, over the coming months.

Erimus Rotary Club, Middlesbrough would be supervising a group of sixth form students from Kings Academy on a Community Action Week with environmental projects in both Stainton and Thornton commencing 24 June. The group will be working in Maelor's Wood refurbishing the animal sculptures, rubbing trail posts and seat. Digging over and levelling the old flower bed at Thornton T junction, tidying up and edging the flower bed in Strait Lane, cutting back lower growth from large tree near the badgers on Strait Lane, site and plant up new planter in Rose Cottage.

Cllr. Dennison stressed the importance of replacing felled and diseased trees in the Fawcett Avenue area and the possibility of creating a new woodland area in High Rifts field. Enquiries to be made with Middlesbrough Council who own High Rifts field and who need to return and grind out the tree stumps from the felled trees in Fawcett Avenue.

55/19. Cleveland Local Councils Association – To note that the next general meeting of the CLCA will be on Tuesday, 25 June at the Cleveland Community Safety Hub commencing at 4pm.

56/19. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 13 August 2019. 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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