

Minutes of the 247th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 22 October 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

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

67/19. Apologies and Declarations of Interest – Cllrs. A. Liddle (Holiday), B. Neale - (Hospital).

68/19. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council.

Mr & Mrs Andrew Bulpitt, residents of Stainton, attended the meeting and enquired as to when the right of way footpath which leads from behind The Wynd, Stainton to Low Lane would be re-opening in the light of the Rose Cottage phase 3 development which was almost complete. Cllr. Dennison informed them that Taylor Wimpey were due to leave the site in March 2020 however remedial work was needed on the right of way before it can be fully re-opened. Some fencing required repair, hedging removed, and a kissing gate installed. MBC Footpaths Officer and Ward Councillor were monitoring situation.

69/19. The **Minutes of the 246th meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2019** were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the acting Chair – Cllr. D. Coupe.

70/19. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Acting Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing and almost complete. Some sections of the plan had been submitted to Middlesbrough Council for comment. The current review on the preferred options in the MBC 2018 Local Plan was still ongoing and Cllr. Coupe was to attend a meeting on this tomorrow at the Council offices. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Group was scheduled for next Tuesday (29.10.19).
- b) **Fly Tipping Problems** – It was noted that recent instances of rubbish being dumped on Seamer Road and at Plum Tree Farm were quickly removed by Middlesbrough Council who appear to re-act swiftly to reported incidents.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – Whilst complaints of this nature had reduced the problem still exists and would probably increase now the dark nights are with us.
- d) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Cllr. Coupe reported the roadside speed display units on Thornton Road were now installed and in operation and appear to have the desired effect on traffic speeds at that location. Police were still conducting speed checks in Thornton on an ad hoc basis. It is hoped that further speed display units can be obtained for Strait Lane.
- e) **Grey water, Kell Gate Green beck** – Cllr. Liddle reported by email that there had been no update from Middlesbrough Council on this matter so he had reported it directly to the Environment Agency who will hopefully investigate further.

71/19. 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 22.10.19.

Income since last meeting: Nil

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1649.30** Approval required.

13.8.19.	C.Cutler	Website	397	50.00
13.8.19.	FSTGS	Donation/Maintenance	398	700.00
23.8.19.	WAVE	Water supply KGG	DD	19.20
31.8.19.	J.Holmes	Salary (August)	399	234.83
31.8.19.	HMRC	PAYE	400	58.80
2.9.19.	A.Liddle	Printer inks	401	34.00
2.9.19.	MBC	Printing (Newsletter)	402	65.34
16.9.19.	SLCC	Membership renewal	403	43.00
25.9.19.	Memorial Hall	Room hire	404	72.00
30.9.19.	J.Holmes	Salary (September)	405	235.03
30.9.19.	HMRC	PAYE	406	58.60
7.10.19.	C.Cutler	Website	407	50.00
7.10.19.	H.Heaviside	Bedding plants (EC)	408	28.50

1649.30

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

Balance: Parish Council as per Bank Statement 14.10.19 **£11213.66.** (£11154.36 actual)

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

72/19. Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning applications received. - No objections by Parish Council.

19/0591/LBC 4 Marwood Wynd, Stainton. Replacement door and frame to rear.

19/0597/RES Land at Phase 2, Hemlington Grange. Reserved matters application for 201 dwellings, landscaping and associated works on application M/FP/0082/16/P

19/0602/AGR Stainton Vale Farm, Low Lane. Erection of agricultural barn.

Cllr. Coupe reported he had received complaints about a recent extension at a property in Roseberry Drive. 18/0431/FUL. However, planning permission had been granted by MBC after it was noted that 7 neighbours had been consulted and no objections had been received.

Environment. – Cllr. Coupe reported on a recent meeting of the Environment Committee, aka Green Finger Gang. Winter planting was to be left to the discretion of the people who looked after tubs and troughs etc and who would be reimbursed for any reasonable expenditure. The use of a polytunnel, at Hemlington allotments, had been sourced for the overwintering of plants and was now in use. The offer of new planters by the FSTGS had been put in abeyance until it could be determined there would be residents available to look after them.

Crime and Disorder – It was noted that the dedicated Neighbourhood Officer for Stainton and Thornton, PCSO Simon French was leaving the force and it was not known if there was to be a replacement. Cllr. Coupe reported that the police office at Coulby Newham was to reopen as a 24 hour operational station. It was also apparent that recent criminal activity was being reported and highlighted on social media rather than being reported to the police.

73/19 Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces

Cllr. Conroy reported on the work carried out by 4Nature as a result of the £9k grant received earlier this year. A new path had been installed in the Quarry, from the gate down to the steps. A path from Maelor’s Wood to High Rifts field had been laid, and a new field drain had been put into Kell Gate Green. The laying of a 45 metre path from Kell Gate Green to steps in the Quarry had to be abandoned owing to atrocious weather. This work will be rescheduled when conditions improve. The FSTGS has also formed a sub-group looking at ways to enhance the village using the 106 monies. New village signage is being looked at which could include village information boards, additional resin seats to be purchased and the setting up of 6 educational sessions with TVWL. A suitable variety of trees have been identified to replace the diseased trees removed from Fawcett Avenue once the diseased tree stumps have been ground out by MBC. Other work currently undertaken by the group includes the planting of 6300 spring bulbs at various locations, the restoration of a small path in the parish churchyard and the repair of a drystone wall leading to the church room.

The village Christmas lights will be put up by Galliford Try on 21.11.19. and the ‘switch on’ will take place on 29.11.19. Cllr. Conroy and helpers will test and check the lights on morning of 12.11.19. in the Memorial Hall. The Parish Council are going to ask centenarian, Mrs Ethel Coupe, to perform the switch-on ceremony.

74/19. Cleveland Local Councils Association – To note the next meeting of the CLCA will take place at 3pm on 20.11.19. at the Community Safety Hub, Cliffland Way, Hemlington. – Cllr. Liddle to attend.

75/19. Bus Service 13 and 13a – Stagecoach had recently decided that these services would no longer run the extension from Hemlington to Coulby Newham as they were not financially viable. Stainton would still be served by these services which will now terminate at Hemlington. Cllr.Coupe and MP Simon Clarke will be meeting with Stagecoach to express their concerns about this loss of service but were not hopeful of reinstatement.

76/19. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 10 December 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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