

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Assembly held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 8 March 2016 at 7.15pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Alan Liddle.

Present: The attendance list recorded 38 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: M.Newbould, C&H Wren, R&H Dennison, R.Rix, M.Holmes, R.Oliver, R.Matthews, S.Bishop.

Officers/Councillors in attendance: Cllr. Alan Liddle (Chair), Cllr. Jim Holmes (Secretary), Angela Cooper (Vice Chair). P/Cllrs. David Coupe, Alan Conroy, Brian Edgar and Chris Dean.

Police Report: PC2154 Andy Tonergowland was in attendance to give the police report. Reported crime in December had increased slightly compared to the same month in the previous year. However there had been a reduction in reported incidents of anti-social behaviour. Criminal activity in our area is far less compared to other parts of Middlesbrough but residents are urged to be vigilant by reporting any suspicious incidents as well as taking steps to protect their own property.

There are no current policing priorities and the ongoing problems of speeding vehicles and incidents of inconsiderate parking will continue to be monitored during general police patrols.

If residents want to report any non urgent matters PC Tonergowland can be contacted by email Andy.Tonergowland@cleveland.pnn.police.uk. Alternatively they can contact the police on the general phone number 101.

Ward Councillor's report – David Coupe

Since the last meeting of the Community Council there has been a lot of work to try and reinstate a bus service for the village. I am very please to say that the new number 30 service will commence on the 18th January 2016 at 10.00am. There are copies of the time table available here.

There have been a number of meetings with Middlesbrough Council at the Town Hall and many telephone calls. I would especially like to thank Alan Liddle for all his hard work and

support in bringing this about. As you may be aware the money to support this service comes from the residue of the 106 money from Rose Cottage Farm. This money is due to run out at the end of March and so I urge you to use the bus as often as you can.

At the present time there is little or no prospect of any money from the next phase going to support any future bus service. As you may have seen in the Gazette and Country File, we are not alone in Middlesbrough with the lack of support for bus services. After the end of March there are no supported services in Redcar & Cleveland as well as Middlesbrough.

Taylor Wimpey has now been granted planning permission for 172 houses to the West of the current Rose Cottage Farm development, which is currently their fastest selling development in the North East. They hope to finish the current phase by the end of this year and go straight onto the next phase involving the 172 dwellings.

The level of Anti-Social Behaviour and other crimes in the area has dropped but we should all be vigilant especially during these dark nights. Dog Fouling is a big problem both in Stainton, Thornton, Hemlington as well as other parts of Middlesbrough. Hopefully some new bins will go some way to help but if people will not use them I would hope that they would take it away with them not leave it for others to deal with..

Middlesbrough Council have recently replaced the Street Lights in Stainton and Thornton with energy efficient LED Lights. I have reported a few gaps with the lights which the council are looking at. In the past few days MBC have improved the lights on Thornton and Maltby Road. Taylor Wimpey has stated that part of the 106 money from the next phase should go to providing street lights down the full length of Strait Lane. I have no time scale for this at present.

I have looked at the state of the roads and paths in the area, some of which have been repaired but there is a lot more to do.

I mentioned at the last meeting about faster broadband in the area. It does seem that both BT and Virgin Media did not consider the new development in Stainton worthy of installing superfast broadband. I understand that they are reconsidering this.

I usually attend the Saturday Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall if anyone wishes to bring any problems or concerns, or you can e-mail or telephone me on **07802 389399**

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Minutes of Last Meeting – The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10 November 2015 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Matters arising

Bus Services through Stainton. - The Chair reported to the meeting on the progress of securing a daytime bus service which is due to start next week. The service 30 operated by Croft Coaches will commence on Monday 18 January and residents are urged to support the service. All fares will cost only £1 and timetables are now available for distribution.

Litter/ Dog Waste Bins – 2 new bins are to be provided by MBC and it was decided that one would be sited on Seamer Road, Thornton near the Cedar Drive junction and the other at Rose Cottage Farm where the footpath leads to Stainton Wood. The Community Council will hopefully provide a further bin and this would be sited at the bottom of Strait Lane near the Low Lane junction.

Speaker – Karl Fishburn, Staying Put Agency.

Karl Fishburn and Nicola Dobson from Middlesbrough Council's Staying Put Agency talked to the meeting explaining in detail all the various services the agency provides. Various products were available for demonstration and information were leaflets distributed. Both Karl and Nicola were happy to answer questions about the services at the end of the meeting. Residents can enquire about the services provided by emailing the agency at stayingputagency@middlesbrough.gov.uk Freephone 0800 5875184 or by visiting the website www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/spa

Gala Day 2016 – A reminder that the next Gala Day Progress Group meeting would be on Tuesday, 21 January in the Memorial Hall. Unwanted Christmas presents and the like would be gratefully accepted as a donation towards the raffle and tombola stand.

Treasurer's Report – Following minimal recent expenditure the current account stood at £1571.76. Up to £700 would be ear-marked to provide the additional Litter/Dog Waste bin. It was not known, at this stage, what funding to Community Councils would be available from MBC in the next financial year.

Planning Matters – The proposed development on the west side of Strait Lane (Rose Cottage Farm phase 2) and the future development at Wellbury (old Hemlington Hospital site) were the current contentious planning issues. Phase 2 of Rose Cottage Farm would commence about this time next year. The Wellbury site would also start next year with the construction of the Community Safety Hub. The first houses to be built would be on the Stokesley road and the full development, some 1000 homes would take 10 years to complete.

Grant Applications – None received

Future Events –

Tees Valley Wild Life would be running a Woodland Wander event for all on 15 February. Meet 9.30am in the Memorial Hall. Posters advertising the event would be on display beforehand.

The Queen's 90th Birthday would be celebrated countrywide on 21 April 2016. Suggestions on how residents may wish to celebrate the event should be brought to the next meeting or emailed to Alan Liddle 49liddle@gmail.com

Any Other Business – Renaming of Stainton Wood to Maelor Wood. In answer to a question about the delay by MBC in renaming Stainton Wood to honour the memory of Maelor Williams, Councillor Coupe stated he was expecting a response from MBC within the month.

The Chair, Alan Liddle reminded the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election and a new Chair of the Community Council would be necessary. He asked the meeting to give due consideration to this matter as there was only one further meeting of the Community Council before the AGM in May.

Time and date of next meeting: Community Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 March 2016 in the Memorial Hall. This would be a joint meeting with the Parish Council and takes the form of our Parish Assembly.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 8.30pm

The Minutes of the Community Council meetings will be circulated by e-mail to all residents who have registered their e-mail address on our database. Please encourage your friends/neighbours to register by sending me an email to jamhol@btinternet.com .

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