

## **Stainton & Thornton Community Council**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 10 May 2016 at 7.15pm

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

**Present:** The attendance list recorded 30 people present at the meeting.

**Apologies:** M.Newbould, C & N Dean.

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

**Police Report:** PCSO Neil Coverdale was in attendance to give the police report. Whilst the month of March had been relatively quiet reports of criminal activity had risen during April with 5 burglaries occurring, 4 in the Hemlington part of the parish and 1 in Thornton. In total 13 crimes had been recorded in April against only 1 in March. Instances of reported anti-social behaviour had however dropped with only 5 reports in April against 8 in the previous month. Damage by vandals to display boards and sculptures in Stainton Quarry has resulted in this area being listed as a policing priority and there will be regular patrols to deter further occurrences.

The officer promised attention, during normal patrols, to incidents of inconsiderate parking in High Rifts and Cedarwood Glade. He would also make enquiries about the availability of the 'Speedwatch' equipment for use in the area.

Details of a new Neighbourhood Policing shift system was explained which will result in more officers working on late shifts rather than early shifts as the demand for their services was later in the day.

Visit the police website at [www.cleveland.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.police.uk) to discover what is going on in this area. Neil Coverdale can be contacted by email [Neil.Coverdale2@cleveland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Neil.Coverdale2@cleveland.pnn.police.uk) for non-urgent matters. Alternatively the police can be contacted on the general phone number 101.

### **Speaker**

**Police Safety Hub:** Liz Byrne, Project Manager, ably assisted by Police and Crime Commissioner Barry Copinger gave the meeting an update on the proposed Police Safety Hub to be built at Hemlington Grange. The main changes being a reduction in the size of the building which has resulted in new specifications and different facilities. Although smaller than initially proposed there will be land set aside for any future expansion. It was hoped work would commence by the end of this year with a completion date of Summer 2018.

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12 January 2016 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

**Bus Services through Stainton:** The Chair, Alan Liddle informed the meeting that the Service 30, the day time, weekday service run by Croft Coaches, would cease operating next month on 18 April. Despite the service being supported by residents the operator could not make it commercially viable and had given the statutory 56 days notice of cessation to the Traffic Commissioners. In addition, the evening and weekend service, operated by Stagecoach would also finish in April as the subsidies from the 106 monies from Taylor-Wimpey expired then leaving the village without any sort of bus service whatsoever. Stagecoach had been approached to ask if their Service 13 could be re-routed through the village but the company had ruled against this suggestion.

This news prompted a lively debate about the logic of axing bus services in a village that was expanding in size. An alternative means of public/private transport would be sought but the outcome is not hopeful.

**Planning Matters:** The meeting was reminded that Middlesbrough Council had approved the application by Taylor-Wimpey to develop the land on the west side of Strait Lane and the construction of 172 houses would commence later this year when the current Rose Cottage Farm site is completed. The Taylor-Wimpey/Persimmon application to develop the Hemlington Grange site (near the proposed Police Safety Hub) had also been approved and the first stage will be accessed from the Stokesley Road.

There was also an application from Silk Health Care to build a 3 storey, 85 bedroom residential private care home as well as a supported accommodation block on the land at the bottom corner of Strait Lane opposite the Sporting Lodge. Plans of the development were on display and the biggest topic of debate was the size of proposed building. The length and height of the care home would dwarf any nearby residences and it was thought that aesthetically it would not be in keeping with the surrounding buildings. Access would be from Strait Lane and the road safety issues from increased traffic at the Low Lane junction were highlighted. The Parish and Community Councils would be lodging objections to the application and residents were urged to do likewise. Objections can be lodged online by visiting Middlesbrough Council's website at [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk) Planning application M/FP/0141/16P.

Silk Health Care will be holding a Consultation Meeting at the Sporting Lodge on **Wednesday 6 April from 4.30pm-7.30pm**. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and discuss any concerns with the developers.

### **Ward Councillors Report – David Coupe**

Since the last meeting of the Community Council the new number 30 service commenced on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10.00am. Unfortunately the take up of passengers along the whole route is not sufficient for the bus to continue beyond 18<sup>th</sup> April. The service by Stagecoach on an evening and weekends will also cease when the Rule 106 Money comes to an end in early April. Alternatives are being sought but no readily available monies from Middlesbrough Council will be forthcoming so other sources would be required.

As I have mentioned before there is little or no prospect of any money from the next phase going to support any future bus service.

You may notice over the next few weeks that a number of diseased trees in Stainton & Thornton are to be felled. Yesterday an Ash Tree on Maltby Road was removed due to Honey Fungus. It is hoped that some of these trees can be replaced.

Silk Healthcare are planning a large development for a Care Home and Flats situated on the land off Strait Lane opposite the Sporting Lodge. This will have a large visual impact upon the entrance of the village. If you wish to comment on this it is important that you contact Middlesbrough Council by next week.

As we have seen tonight Taylor Wimpey has now been granted planning permission for 172 houses to the West of the current Rose Cottage Farm development as well as a joint development with Persimmon for part of the land on Hemlington Grange. The Hemlington project will last over a period of at least 10 years.

Dog Fouling once again is a big problem both in Stainton, Thornton as well as in Hemlington and I have received a lot of complaints from people regarding the unacceptable mess left by the dogs. It is of course an offence to allow your dog to do this which should be bagged and put in the bin.

The new energy efficient LED Street Lights in Stainton and Thornton seem to be working ok with the possible exception of Kell Gate Bridge. Middlesbrough Council are looking at this.

Seamer road between Cedar Drive and the boundary with Stockton Area has degraded quite badly this winter. I am hopeful that the council will remedy this in the not too distant future.

Finally I am very pleased to say Middlesbrough Council have erected a new fence in Cedar Drive to replace the old one that fell into a bad state of repair.

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.

**Gala Day 2016** – This year Gala Day is scheduled for Sunday 31 July, 12.30-3.30pm. Volunteers are required to run stalls and/or help on the day. Unwanted gifts, suitable for a raffle or tombola stall would be most welcome. Please contact Trudi Sagar at [trudi.sagar@ntlworld.com](mailto:trudi.sagar@ntlworld.com) if you can help on the day or willing to donate gifts.

The village Environment Committee intend to run a plant stall on Gala Day selling plants to raise money for village displays. Gardeners are requested when potting seedlings etc to pot an extra one and to donate for the stall. Contact Elizabeth Revett, 01642 591076 for further details.

**Treasurer's Report** – Following minimal recent expenditure the current account stood at £1551.76. Up to £700 has been 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. The Memorial Hall Management Committee were thanked for their gesture of waiving the hall hiring fees for February and March thus allowing the Parish and Community Councils to hold their meetings at no cost.

#### **Any Other Business**

- Town Hall tours - David Coupe gave details of tour dates available for Middlesbrough Town Hall before it close for extensive modernisation.
- Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – A question was asked if the Community or Parish Council had any plans to celebrate this event. This was raised at the January meeting and suggestions were requested, however none had been received. It was known that Stainton WI would be celebrating the occasion with their own event.
- Community Council Database – Residents are urged to register their email address with the Secretary, [jamhol@btinternet.com](mailto:jamhol@btinternet.com) in order that appropriate information can be sent to everyone electronically, email now being the accepted means of communication. Please remind neighbours and friends to do so.
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The Chair, Alan Little reminded the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election and a new Chair of the Community Council would be necessary. He residents to give due consideration to this matter as the next meeting, in May would be the AGM when a Chairman and Officials would be elected.

**Time and date of next meeting:** Community Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 May 2016 in the Memorial Hall. The Annual Report would be given and Annual General Meeting held at this time.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 9.30pm