

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 12 July 2016 at 7.15pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Angela Cooper.

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

Apologies: M.Newbould, M.Cliff, M.Holmes.

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

Police Report – Police not in attendance. Reason unknown.

Alan Liddle reported to the meeting that there had been instances of anti-social behaviour by youths congregating around the seat at the entrance to the Quarry off Cedarwood Glade which was causing distress to a nearby resident at number 83. The Police and Middlesbrough Council have been informed. Erin Graham, Neighbourhood Safety Officer has letter- dropped residents in Cedarwood Glade and would ask them to immediately report to the police any groups of youths seen to be going into the quarry. It has been suggested that the seat be removed to prevent the youths congregating, however this would only be a last resort. Persons attending the meeting stated the seat was well used and an asset to the Quarry and should remain in place. Situation to be monitored.

Speakers – Chris and John Hobson both ward councillors for Marton West gave an interesting talk about how they compiled and prepared the Marton West Neighbourhood Plan carefully explaining in detail what it entailed. The plan goes before Middlesbrough Council later this year and if approved would mean that the residents of Marton West have a great say about what happens in their area. Copies of the plan with relevant information on how to prepare such a document were left with the Chair.

It was agreed that Stainton & Thornton Parish Council should progress the idea of a similar Neighbourhood Plan.

Minutes of Last Meeting – The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10 May 2016 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Ward Councillor's report – David Coupe

At the last meeting I presented a cheque from Councillor Chris Hobson to the Community Council for £500. As Chris is here this evening I would like to formally thank her for such a generous donation.

Judging for the Britain in Bloom is on Friday 22nd of July. I would like to thank all the people who have worked so hard to make the village look so good.

Cleveland Police are progressing their new Hub which is to be built near to Stainton Grange. I understand that work is planned to commence by the end of this year as they need to vacate their existing site within 18 months.

Every 5 years the council publish a plan for the town and surrounding area. This gives an idea where building would be permitted. We are 2 years into the current plan and already they are looking at the next plan. I am sure we will have an input. The Neighbourhood Plan which Chris and John Hobson are putting in place at Marton West would help this area to determine its own destiny.

I am pleased to say that road resurfacing will take place this week and next in Pennyman Way, Quarry Drive and Roseberry Drive. I think this is long overdue. I have also asked the council to look at the footpaths in the same area. To this end there is to be footpath repairs in Roseberry Drive within the next 6 weeks and they will also look at others. There has been some work carried out in cedar Drive Thornton on a collapsed sewer. Hopefully this will help with the flooding in Cedar Drive.

I am also please to say that Seamer Road Thornton is to be repaired next week from the corner of Cedar Drive to the boundary with Stockton-on-Tees on the way to Coldpool. There are still a few paths and roads that need attention and I will press Middlesbrough Council to get repairs carried out as soon as possible. I receive a copy from the council of road works in Middlesbrough. If any road works affect this area I pass them to Jim Holmes for distribution. Can I thank Jim for his efforts in keeping us all informed of what is going on in the area.

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.

Planning Applications – MBC are currently updating and improving their Planning Portal and as a consequence it has been out of action since 27.6.16. It was meant to take two weeks but it is still unavailable. The applications presently being dealt with have to do with trees. The tree at 43 Hemlington Road now has a Tree Preservation Order on it. Mr Woodall from Stainton House has applied to remove the 2 trees, an oak and a beech, in the grounds of Stainton House. MBC Planning Officer, Peter Wilson and MBC Arboriculturist Richard Ward are due to attend next week to examine the 2 ‘dead’ trees.

Alan Liddle, Chair of the Parish Council, Ward Councillor David Coupe and Councillors Chris and John Hobson explained to the meeting how decisions by MBC Planning Committee are taken. There are 8 council members on the committee of which 5 are Labour (as is the Mayor). The labour councillors follow the party line and vote accordingly, effectively always having the majority vote on planning matters.

Gala Day 2016 – Unfortunately this year’s Gala Day due to be held on 31 July has had to be cancelled for a variety of reasons the main one being the lack of volunteer helpers to run the event. A meeting is to be held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 6 September when the Gala Day Committee will discuss the viability of future events. Everyone is invited to the meeting.

Northumbria in Bloom - Summer judging will take place on the morning of Friday 22 July. The Thursday morning group will be doing a litter pick from 9.30am the day before judging.

If anyone would like to help contact Alan Liddle in the first instance. Residents are urged to keep their frontage neat and tidy.

Treasurers Report – The balance in the account stands at £2165.76. The Community Council is in the process of changing their banking arrangements from Santander to HSBC. The new signatories are Alan Liddle, David Coupe and Jim Holmes. Any two from three to sign. Angela Cooper will be added as a signatory once the account is opened. The generous contribution of £500 (to be spent on environment projects) from Chris Hobson will be paid in once the new account is running. Cheques for £20 (MBC Printing) and £16 (Hall hire) to be paid out leaving a working balance of £2629.76. Approval was sought, and given, to contribute £200 towards the cost of the new sign for Maelor's Wood. The cost to be shared by the Community Council and Parish Council.

Any Other Business

St. Peter & St. Pauls church would be serving Afternoon Teas in the church grounds from 3pm. Cake stall, children's face painting and other events. Church open and history display. Donations for plant stall requested.

Concern expressed about no barrier on new footpath on Stainton Way to prevent children running across road rather than using footbridge.

Time and date of next meeting: Community Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 1 September 2016 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 9pm