

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 13 September 2016 at 7.15pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. David Coupe

Present: The attendance list recorded 37 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: M.Newbould, R.Dennison, R.Rix, A.Cooper, A.Liddle, C.Dean.

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

Police Report – PCSO Craig Powell attended the meeting to give the police report. He explained that a change in shift patterns and team priorities meant that the police would attend future meetings however it would be subject to the demands of the service at the time. It was hoped that notification would be given if they were unable to attend. Reported crime for the month of August was up slightly and a breakdown of the offences, where and when they occurred can be viewed on the website www.Police.uk in the ‘Your Neighbourhood’ section.

The officer explained that a change in policy meant there were no longer any specific ‘policing priorities’ for a particular ward. Instead there were now ‘team priorities’ which covered high risk areas and Stainton and Thornton were not in a high risk area. Cllr. Coupe sought assurances that our area would not be neglected by the officers because police visibility was a significant factor in crime prevention and gave reassurance to residents.

Speakers – Paula Taylor and Bridget Bowker from ‘Ageing Better Middlesbrough’ addressed the meeting explaining the aims of the organisation which include ‘Working to reduce loneliness and social isolation for people over 50’. Volunteers are required to help in this project and further information can be viewed at www.ageingbettermiddlesbrough.org.uk Information leaflets were distributed and anyone considering volunteering can contact the Development Officer on 01642 803613 volunteer.centre@mvdauk.org.uk

Barry Coppinger, Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner, addressed the meeting briefly explaining his Police and Crime Plan 2016/17 and distributed leaflets which explained the plan in detail. He also distributed information on Cleveland Connected – a crime and community safety messaging and advice system. Barry would welcome comments on the Crime Plan and can be contacted at pcc@cleveland.pnn.police.uk

Liz Byrne, Project Manager, Hemlington Community Safety Hub update the meeting and answered questions on the progress of the Community Safety Hub where work is due to commence in January 2017 with a move in date of late Summer 2018. Enlarged detailed plans would be displayed in the Memorial Hall in due course.

Chris and John Hobson (both ward councillors for Marton West) recapped how they progressed the 'Neighbourhood Plan' for their area. It had been agreed at the last community council meeting that Stainton and Thornton should consider a similar plan. The Parish Council would drive the plan with the help of local residents and it was encouraging to note at least 8 residents had indicated their willingness to engage with this project. Chris Hobson left a copy of the 'Neighbourhood Plans and Roadmap Guide' which the Parish Council would use to start the process.

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

Ward Councillor's report – David Coupe

Judging for the Britain in Bloom was 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. The results will be announced shortly

Cleveland Police are progressing their new Hub which is to be built near to Stainton Grange. It is good to see the Police and Crime Commissioner here who can give you an insight into the development over the next 2 years.

Silk Healthcare are hoping to commence work on their new care home in Stainton in the next few months. They also cut back their hedge on Strait Lane making it better for pedestrians.

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. The plan will take a lot of effort to put together but the end result should be worth it. I am glad Chris and John are here at this meeting to help us start our plan.

I am pleased to say that road resurfacing was carried out in Pennyman Way, Quarry Drive and Roseberry Drive. I believe 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. I can understand the frustration of the residents of both Priory Drive and Whinstone drive. The council have explained that they did not reach the criteria for resurfacing although repairs would be carried out. I am working to try and persuade the council to resurface both roads.

Seamer Road Thornton has now been re-surfaced from the corner of Cedar Drive to the boundary with Stockton-On-Tees on the way to Coldpool.

There has been a great upsurge in Fly-Tipping in the area. If you see anything suspicious please report it to Cleveland Police and Middlesbrough Council giving as much relevant information as possible.

Planning Applications – No contentious applications received.

Gala Day 2017 – Sunday 16 July has been identified as the date for next year's Gala Day which will hopefully have a musical theme as the main attraction. Volunteers will be required to help and the next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 1 November, 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

Northumbria in Bloom - Summer judging has taken place and the results are due to be announced tomorrow (14 September).

Treasurers Report – There has been no large expenditure recently and the balance of the account stands at £2609.76. Printing costs and Hall Hire bills are due.

Any Other Business

Rose bed at Thornton T junction – Elizabeth Revett pointed out the current poor condition of the rose bed and requested suggestions re-planting - Environment Committee will progress this request at their meeting next month.

Walkway between Fawcett Avenue and Vernon Court – George Green stated the hedges on both sides were now obstructing pedestrians and required cutting back. – Cllr Coupe to visit.

Time and date of next meeting: Community Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 November 2016 in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 9pm