

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 8 November at 7.15pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Angela Cooper

Present: The attendance list recorded 52 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: D.Coupe, R & H Dennison, M.Cliff, R.Matthews, M.Newbould.

Officers/Councillors in attendance: Cllr. Angela Cooper (Chair), P/Cllrs. A.Conroy, C.Dean, A.Liddle (Treasurer), J.Holmes (Secretary).

Police Report: Despite reminders having been sent out the Police, unfortunately, did not attend the meeting. Concerns were expressed about their non-attendance as residents had various issues to raise particularly in respect of shed break-ins (Rose Cottage), suspicious youths on cycles (Fawcett Avenue) and prowlers (Thornton).

Secretary to contact Police requesting explanation for non-attendance.

Speaker: Charlton Gibben and Katherine Whitwell (MBC Planning Department) talked about the MBC role in progressing a Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton, answering questions and addressing concerns raised by residents at the meeting. A request was made for interested persons to join a working group with the Parish Council to kick-start the project.

Residents at the meeting also took the opportunity to express their concerns and reservations – detailing all the ancillary problems associated with the proposed additional development at the Silk Healthcare Care Home site off Strait Lane.

Alan Liddle (Chair of Parish Council) explained how the proposed development was contrary to the Local Plan for the Ward and had informed MBC Planning accordingly.

Several residents had already contacted MBC objecting to the proposed further development.

Although the planning application for the development was not in their remit the two speakers stated they would relay the feelings of the meeting back to the appropriate planning officer. The Chair, on behalf of the meeting, thanked them for their attendance.

Minutes of Last Meeting – The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 13 September 2016 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising – None

Ward Councillor's Report – Cllr.D.Coupe

Cllr. Coupe was unavailable (away on business) however his report was read out by the Chair.

The results for the Northumbria in Bloom were announced after the last community council meeting. The village received a Silver Gilt Award overall and a Silver for the Best Garden was

awarded to Elizabeth Revett of Thornton. Stainton Quarry received a Gold Award for the 5th year running along with Kell Gate Green in the Conservation Class. Congratulations to all involved.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland should be announcing the final details later this month regarding the new Hub which is to be built near to Stainton Grange. Work on its construction should start in Spring next year.

Silk Healthcare have commenced work on their new care home in Stainton last week and to this end road works have also commenced on Strait Lane to construct the new entrance. As you may be aware they have outline planning permission for a further development on their land. They have now submitted further plans to Middlesbrough Council Planning Department. This would consist of 64 apartments in a three / four storey building which is completely out of keeping with the village. This is one of the main reasons to have a Neighbourhood Plan so that we as a community can have more control of our future. I have left large scale drawings at the hall for everyone to see.

You can make your comments to Middlesbrough Council by going to the link:- <https://publicaccess.middlesbrough.gov.uk/online-applications> and putting in the reference 16/5284/OUT

The Neighbourhood Plan which Councillors Chris and John Hobson are putting in place has been voted for by the people of Marton West and now awaits final approval at the next council Meeting. Hopefully the talk tonight by Paul Clarke, head of planning at Middlesbrough Council will help explain some of the processes we will need to go through to enable Stainton & Thornton to have a Neighbourhood Plan of our own.

Next May there will be elections for a Mayor for the Tees Valley Combined Authority. This will bring devolved powers from London to this region. One of the planned powers for the future will be in the area of transport. This should include provision of bus services. To this end there will be a meeting shortly to discuss a joint strategy in South Middlesbrough including Stainton and Thornton. We will have to see if this can give us the bus service the area needs.

The Green Waste collection has been extended through November enabling us to recycle more of our garden waste.

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 2017 – The Gala Day progress group was due to hold its second meeting last week but unfortunately it has had to be rescheduled owing to the non-availability of some of the group.

Treasurers Report – The current account presently shows £2593.76 available for use. The only know expenditure being the cost of Hall Hire for meetings and the cost of printing the Agenda/Newsletters.

Grant Applications – New barrel containers are required for flower displays at various locations and new planting is required at the rose beds in Thornton and Strait Lane. It was agreed that up to £500 be awarded to the Environmental Committee to facilitate the purchases.

Planning Applications - Other than the application for the previously mention development by Silk Healthcare no new applications have been received.

Any Other Business

Rose bed at Thornton T junction – Volunteers required to help with re-planting. Please meet 2.30pm Friday 11 November.

Environmental Committee – New members required to assist with village planting, caring for displays etc. Details of meeting will be circulated in village newsletter.

Maelor's Wood – New sculptures are now in situ. Please visit and enjoy.

High Rifts grass verge near WI Rose-bed. Removal of small trees requested.

Rat infestation – Fawcett Avenue and Cedarwood Glade. MBC and Environment Agency aware and dealing.

Parish Council has provided and installed a Defibrillator and cabinet on outside wall of Memorial Hall. The defibrillator is fully automatic and does not require any training for use.

New Year's Eve – A social evening will be held in the Memorial Hall. This free event will include a shared supper. More details to be circulated in village newsletter.

Time and date of next meeting: Community Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 January 2017 in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 9.15pm.

The Minutes of the Community Council meetings will be circulated by e-mail to all residents who have registered their e-mail address. Please encourage your friends/neighbours to register with me.

Send me an email to jamhol@btinternet.com requesting minutes of the meeting.

Minutes taken by:

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