

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 10 January 2017 at 7.15pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Angela Cooper

Present: The attendance list recorded 34 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: J.Ellis, M.Newbould, M.Holmes, E.Revett.

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

Police Report: PCSO 7725 Mark Ballinger attended the meeting and gave a very comprehensive report explaining the slight rise in overall crime figures and the ways and means Cleveland Police deal with seasonal incidents. Anti-Social Behaviour reports had decreased significantly thanks to the work undertaken by Hemlington Linx, a detached youth work project, which engages with youngsters aged 13 -16. He gave an example how on 'Mischievous Night' (Halloween) thanks to the work by Linx there wasn't a single incident of anti-social behaviour reported. The officer reassured the meeting that Stainton and Thornton was a low risk crime area (compared to others) but also gave sound crime prevention advice particularly in relation to the security of property and vehicles.

Deputy Chief Constable Simon Nickless was also in attendance and highlighted the dangers of cybercrime, particularly online fraud. Any suspicious incidents should be reported to the Action Fraud team. You can report fraud or cybercrime to Action Fraud any time of the day or night using the online fraud reporting tool at www.actionfraud.police.uk You can also report and get advice about fraud or cybercrime by calling 0300 123 2040 Monday to Friday 9am-6pm.

Speaker: Christopher Hudson, Pest Control Manager with Middlesbrough Council gave a well-received talk about his work pointing out all the ways we attract vermin to our properties and giving advice on how to reduce the risk. Information/Advice leaflets were left for distribution. Free advice is available from his department on 01642 728666 or via the council website www.middlesbrough.gov.uk

Ward Councillor's report – Cllr David Coupe. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland has announced that Esh Build has been named as the build partner for the new state-of-the-art Community Safety Hub within the Parish of Stainton & Thornton, following a competitive procurement process. The building should be open in the summer of 2018. Tonight we have the Deputy Chief Constable of Cleveland, Simon Nickless with us who is happy to answer questions regarding the Safety Hub and other police matters.

I am glad a member of the Neighbourhood Police Team is here this evening. I think he gave a very comprehensive report.

Last week Taylor Wimpey commenced the work on Rose Cottage phase 3. As can be seen a very large length of hedge has been removed which was not on the plans. This is for

drainage work as well as the construction of the new entrance. I have been assured by MBC Planning Department that the hedge will be reinstated in the areas not covered by the plan. As a result of this the public Right of Way from Thornton Road Stainton will be closed from 4th January 2017 and will reopen as soon as possible. There will be a new Right of Way from this path, through the new development onto Strait Lane.

Middlesbrough Council Website contains a discussion document for the new Local Plan. The documents are available on the council's consultation portal up to 30th January 2017.

As we all know Silk Healthcare have commenced work on their new care home in Stainton with various problems including parking on the grass and causing difficulties to people trying to get onto Low Lane. I have contacted the Council and Silk Healthcare and have written assurances that they will all be using the on site car park. The application for 64 apartments in a three / four storey building has been modified to be less obtrusive and in fact it did not come before last week's Planning committee but may be on the next one in 6 weeks time.

Lowcock Properties have applied to build 3 houses on Upper Farm Thornton. The plans are on MBC Planning site.

The initial application for The Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton has now been submitted to Middlesbrough Council. The area is the Parish of Stainton and we await the start of the process over the coming weeks. There will be consultation and a chance for residents to have their say. This will start on 20TH January 2017 for 1 month.

A few weeks ago the Councillors for South Middlesbrough met to discuss the bus service or in our case the lack of it, in the south part of Middlesbrough. With all the new development there should be a bus service through Stainton. The council made mention of possible Community Transport but I think that the best option would be the number 12 or 13 to run through the village. I intend to pursue this with Middlesbrough Council.

The new signs have been put up this week in Maelor's Wood. Congratulations to all concerned.

I now have a Facebook page which is **Stainton & Thornton Community**. I try to keep it up to date with matters that affect our communities. I hope as many of you can view it and it is also available for comments concerning the villages.

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.

Minutes of Meeting held 8.11.16. The Minutes of the Community Council meeting on 8 November 2016 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising – Nil

Gala Day 2017 – Secretary reported that a Gala Day meeting scheduled for early November had been cancelled with no re-arranged date.

Treasurers Report - Alan Liddle reported that there had been very little expenditure since the last meeting. Printing and Hall hire totalled £36. The £500 donation received for environmental use had been transferred to the Parish Council for use by the Environmental Committee. £2007 remained the Community Council current account.

Grant Applications – Ron Dennison asked if the Coffee & Kids group (a self-financing group who meet at the Church Room on a Wednesday morning) could be allocated £40 to purchase a ‘street mat’ for the children to use. – Unanimously agreed.

Planning Applications - New application received for two storey extension to an existing property at 42 Cedar Drive, Thornton. Objections to be raised with MBC Planning.

Alan Liddle detailed to the meeting the objections he had lodged with MBC, on behalf of the Parish Council, in respect of the Silk Healthcare application for 62 apartments off Strait Lane.

Any Other Business

Alan Liddle – Copies of the Neighbourhood Planning Introduction document were available for interested person.

Alan Liddle – New signs were now in situ at Maelor’s Wood and a Maelor’s Wood Nature Trail booklet was available for distribution.

Angela Cooper – Thanks to Clare Wren who organised the New Year’s Eve social event in the Memorial Hall – it was a very enjoyable evening.

Time and date of next meeting – Tuesday 14 March at 7.15pm. This would be the PARISH ASSEMBLY – a joint meeting with the Parish Council.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 8.55pm

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.

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