

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 12 September at 7.15pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. David Coupe

Present: The attendance list recorded 36 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: A & J Cooper, E.Revett, H.Dennison, C.White, M.Holmes.

Officers/Councillors in attendance: P/Cllrs. A.Conroy, D.Coupe (Vice Chair) A.Liddle (Treasurer), J.Holmes (Secretary).

Police Report: PCSO 7896 Neil Coverdale was in attendance to give the police report. Crime in general was down (14 reported crimes in August as opposed to 20 in July) however there had been a slight rise in instances of Anti-Social Behaviour (11 in August as opposed to 9 in July). The officer gave suitable advice when concerns were expressed about young men calling at properties, pertaining to be door-to-door sellers. Anything suspicious should be reported to the police.

Barry Copinger, Police & Crime Commissioner, Sarah Wilson and Sgt. Paul Baker updated the meeting on the building progress of the new Community Safety Hub. The construction work was on schedule and the building will be due to be completed and handed over to the police in May next year, becoming fully operational by late summer.

Speaker: Steve Walker, MD Stagecoach North-East, informed the meeting that following representations from Cllr. David Coupe, a new bus service would be introduced to serve the residents of Stainton. Initially the Service 13 will be passing through on an hourly basis entering Stainton from Low Lane, travelling up Strait Lane into Hemlington Road leaving the village via Stainton Way. The statutory notification period will take 56 days but it is hoped the new service will be in operation by late November. Initially this hourly service will operate 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday, however the whole route for the Service 13 is currently being analysed with the possibility of a service frequency being increased to half-hourly in the early part of next year. This information was warmly received and Mr Walker was applauded for his action.

Minutes of Meeting held 11.7.17. The Minutes of the Community Council meeting on 11 July 2017 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising – Nil

Ward Councillor's report – Cllr David Coupe.

I am very glad that the Neighbourhood Police Team are here this evening. There has been a slight increase in crime in the area, including theft from cars. If you see anything suspicious going on in the villages you should call Cleveland Police on the 101 number. I admit that I recently tried the 101 number but could not get through to the Control Room. I am hoping that that was an isolated incident and does not reflect on the service. If you have difficulties

with the 101 service please let me know and I will take it up with Cleveland Police. If the incident is serious and an immediate threat then you should ring 999.

I would especially like to thank Steve Walker, Managing Director of Stagecoach North East for attending our meeting this evening. The announcement that as from the end of November to early December we will be getting a bus service through Stainton is fantastic news. I am awaiting the full details but the plan is for the number 13 bus to have an hourly service from 7 am to 7 pm 6 days a week (this excludes Sunday). This is something I have been working on for some time and I am delighted it has come to fruition. If the bus is well used there is a chance of an even better service.

On Sunday 10th September Simon Clarke our new MP attended a "Meet Your MP" event at Stainton Memorial Hall. This was a great success with over 40 people attending. I am hoping that we will have another one in December. Thank you to all who attended. Simon looks forward to working with us to improve the villages and surrounding area.

The bus service on Monday mornings to Coulby Newham Shopping Centre continues to be very popular. I hope people can continue to use it.

Middlesbrough Council are looking at land behind the new Police Hub as a possible site for light industry. This has been part of the plans for a number of years. Originally it was going to be on the site of the old Hemlington Hospital but this has been designated for housing. The only other planning matters concern tree cutting and small extensions.

On the 30th August I carried out another Walk the ward with MBC and Alan Liddle. Many defects were pointed out and I have just received a list of the problems discussed and their suggested solutions. Footpaths were very much to the fore and I hope that they will be repaired over the coming weeks. Some foot paths and roads have been added to the council's long term plans and will be included on the new 3 year Highway Maintenance Plan starting next year which is currently being prepared. Priory Drive footpath and carriageway will be considered for inclusion on a priority basis as resources allow. This also applies to other roads and pavements. I will invite an officer from the council's highways department to our meeting in November to discuss parking and other problems.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton is going very well thanks to the hard work of all concerned. The next neighbourhood plan meeting is on 19th September at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Hall. We are still awaiting the grant money we have applied for. Middlesbrough Council has not released details of the next local plan but we do know some of the ideas and plans for the South of Middlesbrough that greatly affect us.

The presentation and awards for the Northumbria in Bloom will take place tomorrow 13th September 2017 at the Lancaster Suite, Gateshead which I will attend. I would again like to thank everyone whose hard work made the villages of Stainton and Thornton look so good.

A foot note is that we won a Silver award for a Large Village, a Silver Gilt for Maelor's Wood and a Silver for the best garden. A grateful thanks to all concerned.

There is again no news on the development of Apartments by Angela Silk Developments.

My Facebook page which is **Stainton & Thornton Community**, which 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 try to 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.

Neighbourhood Plan – update: Alan Liddle reported on the progress so far and that the next meeting of the Action Group will be on 19 September. Some funding had been obtained and a new comprehensive questionnaire/survey would be distributed to all residents shortly.

Gala Day 2017 – A successful Gala Day held on 16 July and well attended by residents. It was also a success financially making a profit of over £900 and leaving a carry-over of £1400 for next year's event. However, a new organising committee will be required as the present Chair and Treasurer are unable to carry on their roles owing to other commitments. To this end a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 27 September. 7.15pm in the Church Room and it is requested that anyone wanting to the Gala Day to continue should try attend this meeting.

Northumbria in Bloom – Summer judging took place in July and the competition results are due to be disclosed tomorrow at an award event in Gateshead.

Treasurers Report - Alan Liddle reported that the MBC grant had been received and after Hall Hire and Printing costs the Community Council bank account stood at £2400.00

Grant Applications – None received.

Planning Applications – All recent planning applications received were non-contentious and within permitted development.

Any Other Business - Nil

Time and date of next meeting – Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.15pm.
The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 9pm.

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.

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