

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Community Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 8 May 2018 at 7.15pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. David Coupe (Vice Chair)

Present: The attendance list recorded 27 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr. C. Dean, A & J Cooper, B. Hogarth, E. Revett, M. Holmes.

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

Police Report: PCSO Ian Simpson was in attendance to give the police report. Recorded crimes (8) in March dropped significantly against the February figures (19) but spiked again in April with a total of 19 recorded crimes. However, 7 of these crimes were contained to 2 particular locations. Anti-social behaviour also risen slightly to 10 incidents however some related to driving incidents on A.174 and should be disregarded. In reality there were only 4 genuine ASB incidents. Once again, the main concern to residents was the speeding of vehicles through Stainton and Thornton and also of litter/bottles being discarded by occupants of passing vehicles. The officer warned residents to be wary of opportunist thieves and to ensure their property is secured when working outside in the garden.

Visit <https://www.police.uk/cleveland/Coulby> and see the Crime Map for our area.

Speaker: Rebecca Hughes gave a very informative talk on the work in the community undertaken by Ageing Better Middlesbrough in relation to combatting isolation and loneliness in old age. Information leaflets and membership forms were made available for distribution. She was very impressed with the number of different activities that took place in the Memorial Hall which residents could participate in and enjoy. Many of these activities were listed in the ABM 'What's on' guide distributed to all the members in Middlesbrough.

Minutes of Meeting held 13.3.18. The Minutes of the Community Council meeting on 9 January 2018 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising – nil

Chair's Annual Report of the Community Council

As per our constitution, the Community Council held 6 business meetings during the year, including the Parish Assembly, a joint meeting with the Parish Council. The average attendance was 34 per meeting. The Minutes of the Community Council meetings were diligently taken by Jim Holmes and circulated by e-mail to all residents who have registered their e-mail address.

This year has seen the completion and opening of Montpellier Manor Care Home in Stainton run by The Methodist Homes Housing Association (MHA) and the progression towards

completion of Phase 3 of the Rose Cottage Farm development and the Cleveland Community Safety Hub.

Although Middlesbrough Council Planning Department has turned down the Planning Application by Angela Silk Developments for 64 apartments, they already have outline planning permission for something to go on the site. If and when they appeal to the building inspector, which could take a number of months, we will see what they have in mind for the site.

There has been another rise in reported crime this year in the two villages, but it is still much lower than in other parts of Middlesbrough. The police have attended all but one of our Community Council meetings and have provided us with the monthly crime figures and useful preventative information, especially the need to report crime.

A huge rise in the dumping of rubbish in and around the Stainton and Thornton area has been noticed, especially electrical items and building rubbish.

The speed that some vehicles travel through Stainton and Thornton is very disturbing and the numbers seem to have increased at an alarming rate. Speeding through the villages is becoming even more dangerous with the growing volume of traffic, cyclists, horse riders and parked vehicles.

From having no bus service in Stainton, we now have a half hourly service with, one Stagecoach bus in either direction to and from Middlesbrough and onto Stockton. The free bus operated by the Parkway Centre from Thornton via Stainton to Coulby Newham shops is now operating on Mondays and Fridays.

With the rising number of dog walkers, dog fouling has been a continuing matter for concern throughout the two villages. The MBC Dog Warden had attended the problem areas and new posters and signs have been placed around the villages and in the Green Spaces to hopefully remind dog owners to pick up and dispose responsibly of their pets' poo.

Following the decision to cancel Gala Day in Kell Gate Green this year, a small group of residents proposed a different sort of event to be held in the car park of the Stainton Inn, Meldyke Lane and in the Memorial Hall. The Family Fun Gala Day will take place on Sunday 15 July with an entertainments bus in Meldyke Lane outside the Stainton Inn, stalls and games in the pub car park and teas and crafts in the Memorial Hall. Volunteers to help on the day are still required.

I would like to thank the wide variety of fascinating and informative guest speakers at our meetings throughout the year. In May Alan Liddle, Chair of the Parish Council, spoke on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton, emphasising that although Parish Council led, the plan required much input from local residents; July heard Helen Akiens, a Risk & Control Manager with Barclays Bank, and local resident, give a talk and presentation on 'Computer Fraud Awareness' highlighting the ways fraudsters attempt to access personal accounts and what to do and who to contact if anyone suspects their accounts have been compromised; September's speaker was Steve Walker, MD Stagecoach

North-East, who informed the meeting of a new hourly bus service, which was introduced in November and has now been extended to a half hour service; November saw the return of Helen Akiens, a Risk & Control Manager with Barclays Bank who gave the second part of her Computer Fraud and Scams talk; Rob Farnham, Principal Engineer, Traffic Planning and Management with MBC was January's speaker, whose talk was on how the highway improvement schemes are planned, funded and eventually completed throughout the MBC area.; March's guest speaker was Pam Hardy, a freelance Food Safety Trainer, who gave an interactive talk on food hygiene in the home environment.

Thanks to Jim Holmes, Community Council secretary, for his meticulous reporting of the minutes, David Coupe, our Ward Councillor for keeping us up to date on the latest happenings at MBC and Alan Liddle, Community Council treasurer for keeping a tight hold on the purse strings. Finally, a big thank you to all the residents who attend these meetings, without you they would cease to exist.

Angela Cooper. Chair Stainton & Thornton Community Council

The Accounts of the Community Council – Treasurer Alan Liddle

Stainton & Thornton Community Council Accounts 2017-2018

Balance brought forward	£1945.16	
Receipts: -		
Annual Grant from MBC		750.00
Expenditure: -		
Annual Donation to Friends Group	100.00	
Donation to STRA for Gala Day		
(minutes of meeting 9/5/2017)	100.00	
MBC for printing	140.00	
Hall hire for meetings	96.00	
Speaker costs.	<u>25.00</u>	
Totals: -	461.00	2695.16
Balance to carry forward: -		£2234.16

N.B. MBC have agreed to continue funding for Community Councils for 2018-2019 at the same rate, £750.00 as in previous years. This money is normally paid by MBC in June.

Election of Officers

The following persons were nominated and re-elected to the positions identified.

- Chair – **Angela Cooper**
- Vice Chair – **David Coupe**
- Secretary – **Jim Holmes**
- Treasurer – **Alan Liddle**

Election of Executive Committee

The following persons were re-elected as members of the Executive Committee.

Keith Brentall, John Cooper, Christopher Dean.

Ward Councillor's report – Cllr David Coupe.

I am pleased that a member of the Neighbourhood Police Team was able to be with us this evening although he does not normally cover this area. The latest targets for the thieves have included bins which have been either stolen or vandalised. There has also been rubbish dumped in both Stainton and Thornton. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

There are proposed changes to the 13 and 13a Bus Service, which hopefully will come in during September, which will see the village have an hourly link into the town and an hourly link to Hemlington and Coulby Newham Centre. I will circulate the new timetables as soon as I have them.

I was hoping that Nathan Stanislawski, Operations Manager from Stagecoach on Teesside, was going to be with us this evening to answer any questions regarding the bus service. Unfortunately, other issues prevented this but he hopes to be at our next meeting in July.

The Environmental Committee has changed its name to the Green Fingers Gang. We welcome any new members.

The bus service on Monday and Friday mornings to Coulby Newham Shopping Centre is as popular as ever.

The 106 monies from Taylor Whimpey are still somewhere in the pipeline. We are putting great pressure on MBC.

As a result of Walk the Ward with MBC Officers various repairs to pavements and roads have been carried out. I am especially pleased with the repairs to the corner of the Drive and Meldyke Lane. This has been long overdue which I have been pressing the council for some time. I know that there are a lot of other repairs required especially Strait Lane. I will continue to press the council on this matter. There is a tree outside 7 Roseberry Drive that will be felled due to it being infected by *Ganodermaspp*.

The new Care Home is now open. They have had a number of open days for people to look round at all the facilities on offer.

I have had a few long conversations with MBC Social Care as to their involvement in Montpellier Manor. May I just explain that Middlesbrough Council Social Care will offer places at Montpellier Manor Care Home to people who meet the social requirements required by Middlesbrough Council. Can I also explain the Council will not top up fees for people but will only pay the full amount for people eligible to receive social care.

As mentioned last time the Planning Application by Angela Silk Developments 64 Apartments has been turned down. There is still no news on any appeal. They have 6 months to do so.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton is ongoing. The MBC Local plan has just been released. One of the proposals is about 500 houses in and around the Sporting Lodge with all the traffic onto Low Lane and that will entail. This is just a draft document which will be presented the Middlesbrough council Executive on 15th May. There will also be expansion to Hemlington Grange but there is no mention of any other building in and around Stainton and Thornton. The Hemlington Grange site will have a big impact on The Unicorn Centre, Riding for the Disabled. There are ongoing talks to make sure that The Unicorn Centre has as little disruption as possible.

My Facebook page 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.

Gala Day 2018 – Preparation for the Gala Family Fun Day are well advanced. Attractions include Elsie - the Community Fun Bus, Circus Skills, Storytelling, Badgemaking, Face and Glitter Paints, Book and Plant Stalls, Refreshments, Raffle and Tombola and lots more. All taking place inside and outside of the Memorial Hall and in the Stainton Inn car park on Sunday 15 July, 1pm-4pm. Donations of books and tombola prizes are very welcome. Help on the day still required. Anyone willing to help should contact Clare Wren on 01642 599771.

Grant Applications – The Annual Donation of £100 to the Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces was approved by the Meeting.

Planning Applications—All recent planning applications received were non-contentious and within permitted development. The Preferred Options document recently released by Middlesbrough Council includes Hemlington Grange and Stainton Vale Farm as areas of large developments and this will be open to public consultation. MBC will be holding public consultation in the Memorial Hall next month.

Any Other Business - Nil

Time and date of next meeting – Tuesday 10 July 2018 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.

Send an email to ccdatabse@btinternet.com requesting to be added to the database.

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