

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 13 November 2018 at 7pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Cllr. Angela Cooper

Present: The attendance list recorded 32 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: A. Liddle

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

Police Report: PCSO 7725 Mark Ballinger was in attendance to give the police report. Recorded crimes in September and October were up (25) compared to the previous 2 months (18), but lower than the same period last year (32). Incidents of anti-social behaviour (14) (nuisance) were down slightly on the previous 2 months (12) but higher overall on the same period last year (9). Concerns were raised about doorstep cold callers in the area and the officer gave suitable advice on how to deal with them. He was reminded that speeding vehicles were an ongoing problem and he noted there were ample volunteers to man a 'speed awareness' event should the equipment become available. The officer also gave advice on how to combat theft of vehicles with keyless entry.

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

Speaker: Jim Finnegan from Bloodrun Emergency Voluntary Service (EVS) gave a very informative talk about the work of this charity which provides a free, voluntary courier service to North East NHS hospitals and Trusts. The talk was well received and afterwards the meeting decided to donate £100 to Bloodrun EVS to help towards the running costs of the charity.

Minutes of Meeting held 11.9.18. The Minutes of the Community Council meeting on 11 September 2018 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising – nil

Ward Councillors report – Cllr David Coupe

Once again thanks to the members of the Neighbourhood Police Team were able to be with us this evening. There has been an increase of theft in the area especially lead from roofs. The new Neighbourhood Policing is now coming into force and now covers a larger area. Let us hope this does not adversely affect our policing in this area. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

At a recent meeting at the Town Hall I questioned the Director of Children's Services of Middlesbrough Council regarding the provision of any new schools in the South of Middlesbrough. Looking at the new development at Hemlington Grange, which is both part of our Ward and Parish, there are many families moving in. I spent some time walking round and there are now over 100 houses built and occupied. I spoke to a few people who were not aware of their connection to Stainton & Thornton and the schools and facilities in the area.

The Speeding problems in the area continue. Middlesbrough Council carried out a speed survey and the results in Thornton showed that very few people stuck to the speed limit. There were quite a few recorded as travelling over 40 MPH and 2 were recorded at over 60MPH! This is totally unacceptable and so it is the intension of Middlesbrough Council to fit flashing warning signs as well as traffic calming measurers. I am hoping shortly to have the Police Speed Watch operating in the area.

There are problems with parking in and around Meldyke Lane in Stainton. There was a recent incident where an Ambulance was unable to get through, so the Paramedic had to attend on foot. This caused a great deal of distress to the people concerned. Middlesbrough Council are looking at changes including the addition of Yellow Lines along part of Meldyke Lane. There has been an increase in dog fouling especially in and around Meldyke Lane. It is incumbent on all dog owners to remove any waste left by their dogs and to dispose of it in an appropriate manor.

The new Cleveland Police Safety Hub is now nearly fully operational. I have been there this afternoon for a meeting and can I say it is very good inside. I have spoken to the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding holding a Community Council Meeting there in the future. This hopefully will encourage some of the new residents from Hemlington Grange to attend.

The 13 and 13a Bus Service changes that came into effect on 3rd September continue to be used on a regular basis. This allows residents to not only travel into Middlesbrough but also to Coulby Newham Shopping Centre. There is also the free bus to Coulby Shopping Centre on Mondays and Fridays.

The Environmental Committee AKA the Green Fingers Gang is there to help and encourage people to plant and maintain the flower beds and tubs throughout the villages. Can I again thank the dedicated team of volunteers who plant and maintain these throughout the year. Without their help the villages would not look as good as they do.

The new Care Home on Strait Lane now has quite a few new residents both on long term and for respite care. The appeal for The Planning Application by Angela Silk Developments for 64 Apartments which was turned down by MBC is due to be heard at Middlesbrough Town Hall on Wednesday 5th December.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton, thanks to the hard work by members of the committee, is still progressing very well. The next meeting will be on 27th November. The talks with the Unicorn Centre, Riding for the Disabled are still continuing. The Local Plan is in consultation at the moment. You can view it on Middlesbrough Councils Website. There is a link on my Facebook page.

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.

Fly-tipping problem – Recent incidents of fly-tipping especially in The Spinney, Maltby Road and Seamer Road were highlighted and residents were asked to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity. Hopefully unsightly waste is removed by MBC within 24 hours.

Dog fouling problems – This is still an on-going concern with particular problems in Meldyke Lane. It would appear that late night and very early mornings were the particular problem times and once again residents were asked to be vigilant and report any sightings of dog fouling. It was acknowledged that even responsible dog owners were treated with suspicion because of the ongoing problems.

Treasurers Report – In the absence of the Treasurer, who was on holiday, the Secretary informed the meeting that since the last meeting £502 had been spent on grants, printing and hall hire leaving the balance of the Community Council bank account standing at £2333.00.

Planning Applications – None

Grant Applications received - None

Any Other Business

Maureen Holmes, on behalf of the Green Finger Gang, reported that plants/shrubs had been stolen from the teardrop bed on Hemlington Road. This area had now been replanted with new plants and asked residents to be aware.

Deb Perks requested that another defibrillator awareness session be run. She had a list of interested people who had expressed interest in such an event. Sue Elgie present at the meeting stated she was a defibrillator trainer and was prepared to facilitate the session. Event to be arranged in the New Year.

Clare Wren on behalf of the Memorial Hall reminded the meeting that the village Christmas Lights switch-on would start at 6pm on Friday 30 November. No ticket required and there would be music and light refreshments provided free of charge. There was also a New Years Eve party arranged which included a shared supper, music and a star-studded pantomime! Entry is free, but tickets were required and available from the Memorial Hall on Coffee mornings.

Jim Holmes reported that Stainton and Thornton Parish Council now had its own website which contained all information relevant to the parish council as well as information, Minutes of Meetings etc. of other groups such as the Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces, the Environment Committee (Green Finger Gang), Neighbourhood Plan Group as well as the Community Council. Future events could be advertised on the site which can be found at www.staintonandthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk

Time and date of next meeting – Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7pm.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 8.35pm

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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