

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 9 July 2019 at 7pm

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Angela Cooper

Present: The attendance list recorded 19 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: E.Revett, C.White, N.Dean

Officers/Councillors in attendance: P/Cllrs. A. Cooper, D. Coupe, A. Liddle, C. Dean, R. Dennison.

Police Report – No police in attendance. Crime statistics supplied show a decrease in reported crimes in May and June compared to the previous 2 months especially with regard to burglary, theft and criminal damage. There was also a slight decrease in the reported number of anti-social behaviour incidents.

Speaker: John Regan, a resident of Stainton, an author and poet, gave an interesting talk on 'Why I love words' followed by an example of some of his poems, explaining his inspiration for writing. John has published four novels, all available on Amazon and Kindle. Check out his Facebook page, 'John Regan – Author.'

Steve Elwick, Intervention and Prevention Officer at MBC, was due to speak at the meeting but did not attend – reason unknown.

Minutes of Meeting held 21.5.19. The Minutes of the Community Council meeting on 21 May 2019 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising – nil

Ward Councillor's report – Cllr David Coupe.

Unfortunately, Steve Elwick from Middlesbrough Council is unable to attend this evening. I hope that he will be able to attend in September.

The Neighbourhood Police Team are unfortunately unable to be with us this evening. They will however be at the coffee morning later in the month. There has once again been a number of thefts and ASB in the area. There has been vandalism and fires in the Quarry as well as other crimes. To this end I will be meeting in Stainton with the manager of MBC Intervention Team and the police to discuss the problems. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

Again, I mentioned the new development at Hemlington Grange, which is both part of our Ward and Parish, it is on course for 250 houses over the next year. Having recently walked round I can report that more houses have been occupied since the last time I visited.

Over the last few months Cleveland Police carried out speed checks across Middlesbrough and Stockton. This included Stainton & Thornton. Cleveland Police are now enforcing the 20MPH limit. With regards to the temporary flashing speed signs on Thornton and Seamer Roads, I am still awaiting a date from the Council, but I am hopeful these will be fitted within the next month. The delay has been caused by equipment problems.

The council has carried out further speed checks in the area including Strait Lane. Although many people were doing under 30 MPH a lot were doing 30 to 40 MPH and above including 2 who were recorded at over 60 MPH. Action by Cleveland Police including a Speed Watch with residents will happen as soon as possible.

The parking in and around Meldyke Lane as well as on Hemlington Road still persists, to this end Middlesbrough Council have fitted bollards but this has spread the problems around the area. This has caused problems to the bus service. This will be reviewed over the next month to find a better solution.

Strait Lane and the state of the road is still an ongoing problem I have had various complaints over the last few weeks and beyond. I have a commitment from Middlesbrough Council that resurfacing work will be carried out when Rose Cottage is completed.

Angela Swift Developments are still in the process of reviewing the plans for the flats next to the care home. Negotiations with Middlesbrough Council are continuing.

The 13 and 13a Bus Service continue to be well used. This allows residents to not only travel into Middlesbrough but also to Coulby Newham Shopping Centre. The free bus to Coulby Shopping Centre on Mondays and Fridays is also extremely well used. Please continue to use it so that the service will continue to be improved.

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 once again thank the dedicated team of volunteers who plant and maintain these throughout the year.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton is now very near to completion. The Mayor has decided to review the Local Plan with regards to development on green land. He would like more development on brown field sites within the town. I am very hopeful this will help to protect the villages and surrounding area from over development

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.

Treasurer's Report – Alan Liddle reported that the annual grant of £750 from Middlesbrough Council had been received and following payments for printing and hall hire the balance of the Community Council account stood at £2800.00. The annual costs of running the Community Council meetings amounted to £250 leaving £500 for general use.

Grant Applications – Ron Dennison had applied on behalf of the Unicorn Centre for a grant of £250 to help towards the cost of entering 11 competitors into the RDA Championships to be held later this week. – Approved by those persons present. Application granted.

Planning Applications – None

Any Other Business

C.Wren - Gala Day, 28 July. Donations and help on the day still required.

Time and date of next meeting – Tuesday 10 September at 7pm.

The meeting was formally closed by the Chair at 8.30pm

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