

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the Community Council meeting held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 14 January 2020 at 7pm.

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Angela Cooper

Present: The attendance list recorded 30 people present at the meeting.

Apologies: J. French, E. Revett, C & H Wren.

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

Police Report – PCSO Josh Murphy attended the meeting to give the police report and also handed out business cards with his full contact details. There had been a slight decrease in reported crimes (37) in November and December compared to the previous 2 months. (39 in September and October). 3 of the reported crimes were burglary. Currently there is a spate of criminal activity on Phase 3 of the Rose Cottage development. Residents are urged to contact the police if they see anything suspicious occurring on the site. The incidents of anti-social behaviour over the same period had decreased to 18 (previously 19) with the majority of the incidents being of the nuisance type.

The officer is happy to be contacted by email if necessary, joshua.murphy@cleveland.pnn.police.uk or by mobile phone 07870 386292. Crimes in progress should be reported via the '999' system. All other matters can be relayed by phoning '101'. Calls to 101 would be free from April.

Concerns had previously been raised about Doorstep Fraud and Cold Callers. Leaflets, issued by Cleveland Police, regarding Fraud Advice were distributed at the meeting.

Speaker – Emma McInnes, Health Improvement Practitioner, gave a talk on Dementia Friendly Communities. She explained how she was hoping to sign up all the businesses and organisations in Stainton and Thornton to be Dementia Friendly making the village being recognised as a Dementia Friendly Community. Emma would also be informing residents of the benefits of the scheme at a talk to be arranged at the Saturday Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall.

Minutes of Meeting held 12 November 2019 – The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12 November 2019 were agreed and accepted as a true record. All minutes of Community Council meetings are available to be viewed on the Parish Council website under the Local Groups page. www.staintonandthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk

Matters arising - None

Ward Councillors report – Cllr. David Coupe

We welcome the Neighbourhood Police Team this evening. There has once again been a number of thefts and ASB in the area especially in the new homes at Rose Cottage. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

Can I thank everyone who attended the New Year's Eve party here in the Memorial Hall. I would especially like to mention the cast and crew of the Pantomime and I especially would like to thank the writer for all her hard work and patience.

Again, can I mention the new development at Hemlington Grange, which is both part of our Ward and Parish. John Cooper and I delivered the newsletter there and again we ran short by about 10 leaflets. There are now over 300 houses built with the vast majority either being occupied or just about to be.

The roads and footpaths in Rose Cottage phases 1 and 2 will shortly be adopted by Middlesbrough. This should mean we can get some waste bins sorted out, which should help the dog fouling problems.

I mentioned at the last meeting that over 50% of the council's income is spent on adult and children's social care. Can I tell you that this is now closer to 60% of the budget. At a meeting last week, I was informed that it can now cost upwards of £8000 per week to keep some of the children from problem families in care. This is an astonishing figure and is perhaps why there is a £4 Million black hole in Children's Social Care budget. Middlesbrough Council are in the process of building a new Children's Care Home for up to 6 children. This is being carried out with help from North Yorkshire Council who have great experience with this.

I mentioned at the last meeting that the 13 and 13a Bus Service is now going to terminate at Hemlington rather than traveling on to Coulby. The good news is that after a series of meetings with I Steve Walker the MD of Stagecoach North East and other councillors there will be a service starting in March on weekdays. This service will run on a morning and lunchtime and will start at the Blue Bell, and travel to Stainton via Brookfield and on to Hemlington and Marton and Nunthorpe. I know that the free bus to Coulby Shopping Centre on Mondays and Fridays is still proving very popular. We will have to see what its future is.

The flashing speed signs on Thornton Road between Stainton and Thornton were supposed to be put either back on Thornton Road before Christmas. As you can see this did not happen, but I have been assured it will happen shortly.

The new Puffin Crossing on Strait Lane has come into full operation. I have noticed that it is quite dark near to the crossing making it difficult to spot people crossing. I have asked the council to look at improving the streetlights around the crossing.

The good news is that after a meeting Cleveland Police have agreed to carry out Speed Watch with residents. I am hopeful this will take place in the spring at the latest. Please can we have some names of people who wish to take part.

The nuisance calls are still being made to residents in this and other areas. The advice from the police is to put the phone down without engaging with them. One of the latest scams is that your bank has transferred £600 of your money out of your account. Again, this is just a scam. The banks, BT, Amazon and other companies will never contact you like this.

I have had a site visit with MBC to review Hemlington Road, Strait Lane and Meldyke Lane. One result of this is that the parking spaces outside the Memorial Hall are to be widened and one added

next to the no parking bay in front of the door to the hall. There will be other areas of improvement later in the year.

Angela Swift Developments have now sold the land next to the care home to a builder. There will be plans published shortly and I will update everyone when I see them.

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. Again, thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers who plant and maintain these throughout the year.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Stainton & Thornton is progressing and should be complete before Easter. We now need to look at proposals from MBC who are reviewing the Local Plan. I have been in detailed meetings with the Mayor Andy Preston regarding keeping the identity of the villages and surrounding area.

Can I announce that Ben Houchen, the Tess Valley Mayor has agreed to come to our next meeting in March

My Facebook page is **Stainton & Thornton Community**, which is for 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 – Current account stands at £2230.76 with no outstanding invoices. The finances were in a healthy state and in the absence of grant applications it was agreed in principal to part fund the purchase of roadside speed signs which the Parish Council were wanting to acquire.

Planning Applications – There had been 5 recent applications of which 4 were non-contentious. However, there had been an application to build a 4 bedroomed dwelling and detached garage on land south of Marwood Wynd, in the grounds of Stainton House. Various residents had objected to this application (19/0710/FUL) and the decision would be made by MBC Planning Committee whether or not to approve the application.

Grant Applications – None received.

Any other business - None

Next meeting – Tuesday 10 March 2020. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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