

Parish of Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the general meeting for the Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in Stainton Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 12 July 2022 at 7pm.

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Angela Cooper.

Present: The attendance list recorded 23 people present at the meeting.

Apologies for absence: F & R. Rix, L. Pearson and H. Wren.

Officers and parish councillors in attendance: A. Cooper (Chair), Cllr D. Coupe (Vice Chair), R. Ellison (Secretary), C. Lee (Treasurer); A. Liddle, C. Dean and J. Holmes (Parish Clerk).

Report from Cleveland Police – PCSOs J Fisher & R Warrick, Cleveland Police

There were [antisocial behaviour](#) calls: [report](#) online (using [Report It](#)) or call the [council department or agency](#) responsible; contact the Neighbourhood Safety Team by email asbunit@middlesbrough.gov.uk or Neighbourhood Policing Team by calling 101 (nonemergency) or 999 (emergency).

[Get safe online](#) and [stay secure](#) plus [Tips for dealing with a violent situation](#) and [Tips for making other people feel safer on the streets](#)

[Keeping your garage safe and secure](#): keep your garage locked at all times

[Preventing car and vehicle theft](#): Lock your vehicle and double check electronic locking (manually, before walking away)

Damage to an excavator but the developers have stepped up security.

[Report crimes and incidents](#): if you feel that you have been affected by crime in any way please contact the police (call 101, [report online](#) or [visit a police station](#); anonymously to Crimestoppers [online](#) or by 0800 555 111; fraud and cybercrime to Action Fraud [online](#) or 0300 123 2040) even if you are not sure the incident or event was a crime. This informs budget allocation and distribution.

[Stop arson](#): Cleveland Fire Brigade shares information about arson to the police so they are aware of arson, which is not recorded by the police unless there is criminal damage.

A [Community Speedwatch](#) is in the process of being set up but is awaiting equipment and approvals.

The police community support officers distributed information on policing and deliberate fires.

Guest Speaker – Emma McInnes, Age Friendly communities

Happy to come back when feasible to deliver the Dementia Friends Training. This takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour and is an interactive session to raise awareness and understanding of Dementia.

Emma McInnes, the South Tees Public Health Ageing Well Lead, leads Age Friendly Middlesbrough on behalf of Public Health and Middlesbrough Council. Two former members of Ageing Better Middlesbrough Staff have joined Public Health to work alongside Emma on AFM.

Age-friendly Communities Framework was developed by the World Health Organisation in consultation with older people. It is built on the evidence of

what supports healthy and active ageing in a place and includes eight interconnected domains, or areas, that places can address to better adapt their structures and services to meet people's needs as they age. These include community and health support, the built environment and social environment.

Middlesbrough Council are aiming to join the World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC), which was established to connect cities, communities, and organisations worldwide with the common vision of making their community a great place in which to grow old. The mission of the GNAFCC is to stimulate and enable cities and communities around the world to become increasingly age friendly.

Emma gave some examples of age-friendly initiatives including a 'Please have a seat campaign', 'Age-friendly Middlesbrough training' and a transport guide. Emma also mentioned that a community consultation with older people identified 10 priorities that older people said are needed in Middlesbrough to help them live happy, healthy and active lives.

See baseline assessment report for more information Middlesbrough: [an age-friendly town? executive summary](#)

For more information please go to [Local age-friendly initiatives | Middlesbrough Council](#)

Emma will be coming back to a future meeting to introduce an Age Friendly Ambassadors programme and she sent a copy of the [Age Friendly E-bulletin August–September](#).

There is an Ageing Well Team at The [Live Well Centre](#) and there will be new issues of [What's On](#) in Middlesbrough, which were distributed alongside the [Transport Guide](#).

Minutes of the annual general meeting held 10 May 2022

The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 10 May 2022 were agreed and accepted as a true record. These proper minutes are on the [Stainton and Thornton Parish Council website](#) and circulated by email through the Community Council database.

Matters arising

The villages of Stainton and Thornton will seek advice around the [Neighbourhood Watch](#).

Treasurer's Report – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

Thanks to Alan for keeping things going whilst the new account is being opened. The new account is with Virgin to have free banking for low monthly volume of transactions. The account opening process (all online) started on 13 May. The account is open and Virgin have all they need regarding signatories with the mandate sent to them on 26 June but they did not order a cheque book or paying in book, which was completed again on Tuesday, 12 July 2022: the books will be delivered in 7 to 10 days (complaint logged).

Accounts 2021–2022

Balance brought forward	£2628.16
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Receipts

Middlesbrough Council Annual Grant	£750.00
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Expenditure

Annual donation to Friends Group	£150.00
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Brass band for Christmas Lights	£70.00
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Middlesbrough Council printing of newsletters	£218.35
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Memorial Hall hire for meetings	£48.00
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HSBC bank charges (December–April)	£27.40
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Totals	£513.75	£3378.16
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Balance to carry forward	£2864.41
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7 May 2022

Grant Applications – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

J Cooper of the Morning Art Group explained the rising annual costs. Up to £50 was requested towards the cost of running the Morning Art Group.

Members present at the meeting opted to award up to £50 for the Morning Art Group to offset annual costs in conjunction with applying for the [Community Chest](#) fund from Middlesbrough Council and the [Arnold Clark Community Fund](#) (reopening later in 2022).

Planning applications of importance to the parish of Stainton and Thornton – Alan Liddle, Parish Councillor

The Maltby Road planning application remains largely similar to the rejected application but with the materials changed; the Parish Council has opposed the application.

Report from the Ward Councillor – Councillor David Coupe

It was good that a member of the Neighbourhood Police Team was able to be here tonight and they have sent the latest crime figures. Hemlington continues to have serious ASB. To this end Middlesbrough Council are in the process of installing more cameras in and around Hemlington. This continues to take a lot of police time. There have also been a lot of problems in and around Larchfield. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

Tonight we had a talk by Emma McInnis, Officer from Middlesbrough Council. Unfortunately Steph Carter-Smith from CityFibre was unable to make it but promises to be here in September.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been passed by MBC I have some bound copies available. I would like to record my thanks to the group whose dedication over the last 3 years have enabled this plan to be implemented.

Hemlington Grange, which is both part of our Ward and Parish, is certainly getting bigger all the time. I spent last Saturday walking round with the CC leaflets and talking to residents. One of their main concerns is green spaces and children's play areas as well as footpaths. This will be addressed as the area is developed. The development will continue to expand in the land to the south of the existing development, and also some development behind The Gables Pub.

The 13 and 13A Bus Service is continuing to run and serves as an important lifeline for the village. Please use it or the service may be curtailed or even lost.

I did mention last time about blocked drains and footpaths and roads covered in leaves and other debris. I managed to get the council to clean not only the drains on Strait Lane and Meldyke Lane but also the pavements and roads in Stainton and Thornton. There are 531 street drains in the area of Stainton and Thornton. Potholes continue to be a problem especially on Hemlington and Thornton Roads. Despite the council spending 3 days here late last year there are even more appearing. The council have again patched up the road and I am pleased to say Thornton Road is on the priority list to be resurfaced during the next financial year. This will also include the fitting of a traffic calming scheme.

The news on the flashing speed signs on roads in Stainton and Thornton via the MBC small members is that the money has been approved along with money direct from the Parish Council. This will allow for the installation of the flashing signs and traffic calming on Thornton Road.

There is still no news on the police Speed Watch. I will be taking this matter up with the PCC for Cleveland.

I usually mention the land previously owned by Angela Swift Developments near to Rose Cottage Phase 2. Once again there is no news good or bad.

The problems of broadband I mentioned in the newsletter. I met with CityFibre this morning which was very fruitful. Please let me know your thoughts on the coverage in this area. I hope to get CityFibre to our next meeting to discuss their plans for the area.

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

Middlesbrough Council have announced that they will again offer a domestic vermin control service. This will be available at a competitive rate of £15 per visit.

I try to attend the Saturday Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall if anyone wishes to bring any problems or concerns, or you can email or telephone me.

Any other business

Tees Valley Wildlife Trust and The Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces group will be running a series of free outdoor [nature activities](#) for children and their families each Wednesday in August: 3rd, 10th, 17th and 20th. The [sessions](#) will run from 10.00 am till noon at various locations: Maelor's Wood, Kell Gate Green and Stainton Quarry.

Next meeting

Members present at the meeting agreed: Tuesday, 13 September 2022 at 7pm in Stainton Memorial Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

The minutes of meetings are available on the Stainton and Thornton Parish Council website under the Local Groups tab for Stainton and Thornton Community Council: staintonsndthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk.