

Parish of Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the general meeting for the Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in Stainton Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 10 January 2023 at 7pm.

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Councillor David Coupe.

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

Apologies for absence: A and J. Cooper, A. Conroy, J. Holmes, A. Liddle, F and R. Rix and M. Russell.

Officers and parish councillors in attendance: Cllr D. Coupe (Vice Chair), R. Ellison (Secretary), C. Lee (Treasurer).

Guest Speaker – Ron Baker, Crime Prevention Officer, Cleveland Police

A Community Speedwatch (CSW) programme is being set up alongside local residents (Date to be announced).

Wynyard speed camera vans will be sent.

Recommend [Amazon Ring](#) internet-connected camera-enabled doorbells, Autolok 2000 Steering Wheel Lock and Secure by Design products.

Mr Baker will return in April or May and is available on 302341.

Guest Speaker – Andy Preston, Mayor, Middlesbrough Council

Each of the No Cold Call Zones (Trading Standards) is requested by residents who have stated they do not wish to receive unsolicited visits (cold calls) from businesses, there is a consultation process and a supermajority of residents within the Zone must say that they want a Zone setting up.

The Council wants your views on its [proposed budget for 2023/24](#).

Minutes of the general meeting held 8 November 2022

The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 8 November 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

CityFibre is running part of the main network into the villages.

Report from the Ward Councillor – Councillor David Coupe

It was good that we were able to welcome the Inspector of the Neighbourhood Police Team here tonight. I am having ongoing discussions with Middlesbrough Council about having cameras in Stainton. The police will be shortly carrying out speed checks in the area. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

Tonight, we have had a talk by Cleveland Police regarding crime prevention. Although there has been a reduction of incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour in the ward, there has still been a number of attempted burglaries and theft from motor vehicles. Continuing police activity over the past month has helped but please continue to be vigilant.

The big issue of the moment with Middlesbrough Council is the £15M budget deficit. At the Council Executive meeting today, it was decided to put the budget out to public consultation. We are very much listening to what people think.

I was pleased that The Mayor Andy Preston was able to be with us this evening, with such a deficit that we have due to an overspend in children's services as well as staff remunerations. There is no easy fix for this, and it will inevitably lead to some difficult choices regarding council services.

Hemlington Grange, which is both part of our Ward and Parish, continues to expand at a very fast rate. We are trying to encourage residents to attend our meetings. As I have mentioned before, it is important that we help the residents become a community and be a part of the parish and ward. Talking to several residents they are not sure what part of the area they belong to.

I am pleased to say that the 13 and 13a Bus Service is being used by more people. I believe the service is a vital part of the village. Please continue to use it or we may lose it. As mentioned, I am hoping that a new service running from Stainton through Hemlington Grange will happen, although this could be in a few years' time.

The resurfacing of Thornton Road is still a priority. Like many things all capital spending is being reviewed but should still happen early in the new financial year. I have also managed to get the council to clear the roads and pavements of leaves etc in both Stainton and Thornton and the drains cleaned out to prevent flooding. There is an upcoming plan to resurface pavements in Middlesbrough for which I will pass on details when known. It will be one per ward. As a postscript I have worked with the council to make sure that Thornton Road should be resurfaced before April 2023.

As residents may know, there has been a number of trees cut down in the area. The tree cut down in Rose Cottage did have full permission and will have another tree planted elsewhere on that estate. Perhaps it would have been better to plant the new tree before cutting down the old one. Trees should not be cut down without confirming with Middlesbrough Planning Department that you are able to do so, especially in the Conservation Area.

As mentioned in November, the flashing speed signs on roads in Stainton and Thornton are in the process of being installed. This should be completed in February. This will allow for the installation of traffic calming on Thornton Road. Please be aware that the whole of Strait Lane will become 20 MPH by April this year. I am aware there are still parking issues on Hemlington Road Stainton.

There is still no news on the land previously owned by Angela Swift Developments near to Rose Cottage Phase 2. The council is in the process of reviewing the local plan, which came into effect in 2014. Part of this is a call for

sites which means that any landowner can put forward land for possible future development. This does not mean that the council will accept any proposals but will consider them in light of requirements for building, which we currently have more than 5 years land supply.

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.

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.

Treasurer's Report – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

Middlesbrough Council have now paid the £750 Grant Monies into our new account and updated their records for future payments. We now have an account set up with them to enable us to be invoiced for and pay online for our printing costs.

Opening Balance at 8 November 2022		2374.09	
<i>Receipts</i>			
Middlesbrough Council Grant Monies		750.00	
Total			3124.09
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Hire of hall	48.00		
Printing costs	87.45		
Printing costs – Agenda 10/1/23	68.95		
<i>Outstanding Payments</i>			
Brass Band – Christmas Lights Switch On	70.00		
Total			274.40

Balance			2849.69
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Grant Applications – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

Friends Group, Alan Liddle

I would like to propose that the Community Council make a donation of £100.00 to the Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces to assist with their “running costs”.

As you are aware, the group consists of primarily retired residents who look after our green spaces, carrying out various tasks NOT covered by MBC Area Care. This includes grass cutting and strimming in the quarry. Kell Gate Green, The Spinney and Maelor’s Wood.

The group has managed this, by receiving donations in previous years from both the parish and community councils and this is their only source of income.

Major projects such as children’s nature events, sculptures and footpath improvements are normally funded through grant applications, but running costs, petrol for the cutters and replacement line for the trimmers are NOT covered in these applications and as such we rely on these donations to continue to operate.

A special request for grant aid was received by the Chair and the consensus of members present at the meeting agreed to award a grant of £100.

The activities related to honouring the photograph from the Coronation of George V (1911) around the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen include staging a photograph on Saturday, 14 January 2023 during the coffee morning, weather permitting, framing and a (brass) plaque with funding agreed in principle and support from Stainton and Thornton Parish Council an idea.

Planning applications – Alan Liddle, Parish Councillor

The only planning application that has come through since the last meeting is: 22/0786/FUL for 19 Strait Lane Stainton TS8 9BB for a front dormer extension and the reduction of a side window. On the face of it, there probably would be no objection from the Parish Council, but nearby residents should be made aware and they can object if they feel so inclined.

Retrospective planning for 8 Hemlington Road has been approved by MBC.

The [Emerging Local Plan](#) from MBC is open to residents for consultation until 31st January 2023. At the moment, it is what they call a “call for sites”. This is where landowners and developers put forward their land for development. MBC then consider if they would like to take them up on their offer and put the land forward as a site for housing and development.

I must stress that although several sites have been put forward, most of the land around Stainton and Thornton, not all, if any, sites will be converted into development land. MBC already have enough land allocated for development for the next 11.5 years and so, in mine AND the parish council’s opinion, they do not need to allocate any more sites for development. It is early days in the development of the Local Plan and several more consultations will take place allowing residents and parish and community councils the opportunity to comment/object.

Any other business

Nikki Willis is the community education coordinator for the British Red Cross covering Teesside and Co Durham area. The British Red Cross offer free wellbeing workshops to groups to help build resilience to communities.

The British Red Cross offer community education workshops which have been designed to help you learn new skills that will support you during challenging times of your life. These vital skills can make a real impact on your life and those of others. The topics covered include first aid, loneliness and adapt and recover from adversity. We can include CPR and defib skills in the first aid which have proved popular with the increase of community defibrillators being purchased and installed in the area.

Next meeting

Members present at the meeting agreed: Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 7pm in Stainton Memorial Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.

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.