

Parish of Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the general meeting for the Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in Stainton Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 9 May 2023 at 7pm.

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Angela Cooper.

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

Apologies for absence: None

Officers and parish councillors in attendance: A Cooper (Chair), Cllr D. Coupe (Vice Chair), R. Ellison (Secretary), C Lee (Treasurer), B. Hogarth, P. Brennan, A. Conroy, J. Cooper, C. Dean, J. Holmes, A. Liddle and M. Russell.

Report from Cleveland Police – PCSO Jak Fisher and Ron Baker, Cleveland Police

There is a [Ward Newsletter](#) for Hemlington, Stainton and Thornton alongside what is happening in [Stainton and Thornton](#): the local officer, the latest crime statistics and advice, appeals for information and what the Neighbourhood Policing Team are doing to tackle crime in Middlesbrough South.

Mr Baker is available on 302341.

Community Speedwatch: Members of the local neighbourhood policing team over the last few months have been attending local speed watch programmes within the community.

Since the start of the year, police have conducted numerous speed checks on vehicles within the ward when they have been free to do so. PCSO Fisher is planning to host one on Saturday 20th May at approximately 11pm so he is just

checking availability for that date. He did not host one in April during the preelection period.

PCSO Fisher and a colleague are the rural officers for the area.

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

[Report crimes and incidents](#): if you feel that you have been affected by crime in any way please contact the police ([report online](#), call 101, [visit a police station](#) or in an emergency call 999; 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.

Guest Speaker – Marie Kerr, Dementia Friends Training

Marie Kerr from Dementia Action Teeside attended the meeting to deliver a Dementia Friends Session, for those who want to learn more about dementia.

Dementia Friends is a national initiative designed to help people develop an understanding of dementia and the small things they can do that could make a difference to people living with dementia. For example, helping someone find the right bus, or spreading the word about dementia on social media.

The session was engaging and interactive.

For more information visit the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends programme [Website](#).

Minutes of the general meeting held 14 March 2023

The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 14 March 2023 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 are currently still in the planning process. Unfortunately, due to the nature of how CityFibre are able to work at present and the fluid working procedures, Sophie is unable to give a timeline at present for when CityFibre full fibre broadband will be available.

To be the first to know when CityFibre are coming to your street and when you can access full fibre broadband, CityFibre kindly advise you sign up with CityFibre via their website for their latest updates and announcements <https://www.cityfibre.com/homes>

No Cold Call Zones (Trading Standards): please give evidence of a history of unsolicited visits from businesses in the parish of Stainton and Thornton to Councillor Coupe.

Report from the Ward Councillor – Councillor David Coupe

Cleveland Police will hopefully be carrying out a Community Speedwatch in and around Stainton in the coming weeks. There has been an increase in the theft of bikes and property in the area. There have also been several attempted break ins of motor vehicles. Please also note that antisocial behaviour increases during the summer months. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

Tonight, we have had a talk by Marie Kerr from Dementia Action Teesside which was an excellent presentation. I hope that Emma McInnes, who should have been with us this evening, feels better shortly.

I do continue to walk round Hemlington Grange, which is part of our Ward and Parish. This continues to expand at very fast rate. I am still trying to encourage residents to attend our meetings. It is important that they establish a community spirit and feel part of the Stainton Community.

Elderwood – The two woodland areas may be on the list to be chopped despite the wildlife – we saw a deer when we were putting out the Stainton and Thornton newsletters as well as there being frogs and toads.

Taylor Wimpey plan to finish the completion works and resurface the roads for Rose Cottage Phase 3 by the end of June or beginning of July.

The Walk the Ward on 31st May will cover Stainton and Thornton from potholes to overgrown trees.

No Mow May does not exist according to Middlesbrough Council but they are very busy with the rate of growth and equipment failures. We have tried to get a schedule but they do not want to give one out. I will continue to press them on this (so has Alan Liddle).

The 13 and 13A bus service continues to serve the people of Stainton as well as the main part of Hemlington. Hemlington Grange does have bus stops, but no service. I am working with other councillors and officers to plan a bus service for the south of Middlesbrough.

The resurfacing of Thornton Road is now complete. Hemlington Road in Stainton is due to be resurfaced in the coming financial year. I will let you know

when I have the details. I have also asked the council to review the roads in Winstone and Priory drives, as I know they are in a poor state of repair.

Trees are still proving to be a hot topic. Trees should not be cut down without confirming with Middlesbrough Planning Department that you are able to do so, especially in the Conservation Area. We need more trees not less, but I accept the large Leylandii trees may be replaced by a better native tree.

The flashing speed signs on Hemlington Road, Stainton and Seamer Road, Thornton are now installed. This helps to show a visible warning to speeding motorists.

Again, there is no news on the land previously owned by Angela Swift Developments near to Rose Cottage Phase 2.

The review of the local plan continues. This should come into effect early 2025, with our existing Local Plan and our Neighbourhood Plan helping to protect our area.

The proposed respite care home will be coming to the Planning Committee possibly at the June meeting.

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. We are always looking for more helpers so if you feel you can help please contact either Maureen Holmes or myself.

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.

The annual report on the last year's activities – Angela Cooper, Chair

The Chair will circulate this with the assistance of the Parish Clerk.

The accounts of the Community Council – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

Marske Brass Band have not yet presented the cheque for payment for the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Financial update

Opening Balance as at 14 March 2023			2676.38
<i>Receipts</i>			
Virgin Money Cashback		0.26	
Total Receipts			0.26
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Grant – Helen Ward: Bouncy Castle – Coronation Street Party	200.00		
Memorial Hall Hire for Meetings (Jan & March 2023)	32.00		
Total Expenditure			232.00
Closing Balance as at 24 April 2023			2444.64

Accounts prepared on an annual basis

Annual Accounts 2022–2023			
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Opening Balance as at 7 May 2022			2864.41
<i>Receipts</i>			
Virgin Money Cashback		0.50	
Middlesbrough Council service payment		750.00	
Redress – Virgin Money re complaints		100.00	
Total Receipts			850.50
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces Grant	100.00		
Middlesbrough Council Printing Costs	390.71		
Grants (£250 & £200)	450.00		
Bank Charges re previous account @ HSBC	38.56		
Brass Bands (£125 & £70)	195.00		
Memorial Hall Hire for Meetings	96.00		
Total Expenditure			1270.27
Closing Balance as at 24 April 2023			2444.64

Election of the Officers and members of the Executive Committee

Chair: Tia Ellahi

Vice Chair: Councillor David Coupe

Secretary: R Ellison

Treasurer: C Lee

Executive Committee members: A Liddle and J Cooper

Grant Applications – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

Residents can request small grants for local groups in writing to the Secretary at least one week before the Community Council meeting but special or urgent requests for grant aid can be considered by the meeting at the discretion of the Chair.

Report from Coronation Street Party – Helen Ward

Activities related to honouring the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen, including a bouncy castle and ice cream thank the Community Council for the grant.

Please pass on our thanks to the Community Council for the £200 grant for our street party.

We had a wonderful afternoon, with approximately 45 residents attending and the sun shone for us luckily. Everyone brought their own food and drinks; we had a Royal quiz, bingo, face painting provided free by resident Nicola Rowling, children's games and music courtesy of resident Graham Mockler. It was marvellous, the children loved the bouncy castle and candy floss maker.

Planning applications – Alan Liddle, Parish Councillor

Residents can comment on valid planning applications on the [Citizen Portal Planning](#) by clicking on the [Latest weekly list – registered](#) or [searching](#) then click the tab labelled ‘Comments’ (you will need to [Sign up](#) and Log In to submit a comment).

Planning reference	Proposal	Location	Registration date	Decision date
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23/0198/FUL	Portico to front, construction of a boundary wall and siting of a domestic outbuilding	14, Thornton Vale, Middlesbrough, TS8 9QP	04/05/2023	
23/0232/CLD	Conversion of existing garage (replace garage door with a window & change a window to an entrance door)	3, Thornton Road, Middlesbrough, TS8 9BS	02/05/2023	03/05/2023
23/0233/FUL	Single storey extension at rear	27, Maltby Road, Middlesbrough, TS8 9BU	27/04/2023	
23/0227/FUL	Single storey rear extension	17, Strait Lane, Middlesbrough, TS8 9BB	26/04/2023	
23/0063/FUL	Construction of a detached domestic garage	3, Thornton Road, Middlesbrough, TS8 9BS	26/04/2023	
23/0200/FUL	Single storey extension at rear and removal of patio doors	40, Seamer Road, Middlesbrough, TS8 9DG	19/04/2023	
23/0162/PNH	Single storey extension at rear (length 4.38m, height 3.15m & eaves 3.15m)	40, Seamer Road, Middlesbrough, TS8 9DG	28/03/2023	31/03/2023
23/0143/FUL	Single storey extension to rear	8, Seaward Close, Middlesbrough,	06/03/2023	28/04/2023

		TS8 9GN		
23/0117/FUL	Single storey rear extension	15 Primrose Way, Middlesbrough, TS8 9FH	16/02/2023	18/04/2023
22/0669/COU	Change of use from residential property (C3) to residential respite (C2)	42, Cedar Drive, Middlesbrough, TS8 9BY	30/01/2023	
23/0058/FUL	Porch to front	15, Chapel Garth, Middlesbrough, TS8 9BH	19/01/2023	22/03/2023

Appeal by ML Retail (Developments) Ltd. Proposed commercial development (Use Class E) including access, parking and associated infrastructure and development for the Land at Low Lane Middlesbrough under Middlesbrough Council Planning reference 20/0510/OUT and inspectorate reference APP/W0734/22/3313867 held in Middlesbrough Town Hall 3rd May 2023.

Inspector Philip Major heard arguments from both the appellant, local residents, Middlesbrough Council planning officers and representatives of the owners of The Parkway Centre at Coulby Newham as to why the proposed development should go ahead or be refused. All matters relating to retail matters (Sequential and impact assessments), transport matters (impact on traffic, sustainable travel and relationship to projected catchment) and design, townscape or landscape were discussed. Following a site visit on the 4th May, the inspector would consider the arguments and make his recommendation in the near future. A decision would probably be made within 4 weeks.

Any other business

Please contact the committee about matters in the ward.

Proposed alterations to the constitution

Proposed changes to send to Middlesbrough Council (and all Community Councils) for agreement:

4.1 (b) (delete , *and*)

5.3 (delete *and Equality & Diversity Statement*)

6.4 (Capitalise *officer* and insert) of the Community Council

6.4 *next* (insert) full

7.1 (b) (delete *and* and insert) (c)

7.4 (delete *meeting of the*) *Community Council* (insert) meeting

7.5 (thrice delete *Executive Officer* and insert) member of the Executive Committee

7.5 (delete *they* and insert) that person

7.8 (Capitalise *executive committee*)

8.1 (b) (delete *kept* and replace with) looked after

8.1 (b) (Capitalise *secretary* delete *and posters giving notice of meetings must be displayed across the area covered by the Community Council*)

8.1 (c) *member* (insert -s) s

Residents would not typically know when the Executive Committee meets, if an Executive Committee exists, but 10 days in advance of a General Meeting

would give time to consider agenda items for inclusion: 8.1 (e) (delete *Executive Committee* and replace with) General

Since anyone may speak through the Chair, any person should be able to raise items of Any Other Business not included on the agenda, at the discretion of the Chair, as with special or urgent requests for grant aid: 8.1 (g) (delete *prior to the meeting*)

8.1 (h) (delete *(h) Where necessary, extracts from the Minutes shall be reported by the secretary of the Community Council to an appropriate Officer from organisations operating in the Middlesbrough Partnership*)

8.1 (i) (reletter) h

8.1 (j) (reletter) i (delete *It is incumbent on the Secretaries of Community Councils to* and insert) The Secretary will

8.2 (c) *vote* (insert comma) ,

9.2 (a) (delete *last years activities* and insert) activities of the last year

9.2 (b) (delete *a minimum* and insert) at least an

9.3 *Officers* (insert) of the Community Council (delete *positions identified above* and insert) , if an Executive Committee exists, members of the Executive Committee

10.2 (uncapitalise *Seven*)

10.3 (delete 7.2 and insert) 8

11.4 (Capitalize *terms and conditions of grant aid*)

11.7 (delete *Community Council*) (delete *he/she* and insert) the Treasurer

Due to the move towards online banking, including Middlesbrough Council for paying invoices, and since Middlesbrough Council auditors shall have reasonable access to the accounts, the Treasurer needs online banking (this seeks to maintain the integrity of transactions and ensure best use of resources (by avoiding expensive accounts)): 11.9 (delete *The bank account will require two from three signatories to carry out transactions. These signatures will include the Chair, the Treasurer and one other.* and replace with) The bank account will be operated by the Treasurer and transactions examined by the Chair or another local resident who does not have a close relationship with the Treasurer.

11.13 (delete *officers* and replace with) members of the Community Council

12.1 *Executive* (insert) Committee

12.2 *Executive* (insert) Committee

12.2 *Community Council* (twice insert) meeting

Roles and Responsibilities

(nine times Capitalise *community council*)

Chair (delete *-person* and insert) a Vice Chair

(four times delete *office bearers* and four times insert) Officers of the Community Council

communities (insert comma) ,

(delete *Constitution for Community Councils* and insert) *model Community Council Constitution*

(delete , followed by an outline of other potential roles within a Community Council)

Chairperson

Chair (twice delete -person)

(delete *run on-time* and insert) timely

Vice Chair

(delete *Is* and insert) The Vice Chair is

Chair (delete -person)

(delete *they are* and insert) the Chair is

meetings (insert comma) ,

(delete *they will* and insert) the Vice Chair will then

(delete *run on-time* and insert) timely

occurrence (insert comma) ,

(delete *full community a council meeting* and insert) a full Community Council meeting

Treasurer

(Move Treasurer section to below the Secretary section)

(delete *his or her* and insert) the

responsibility (insert of the Treasurer)

(delete *get* and insert) run

(delete *They are* and insert) The Treasurer is

community council (delete *are* and insert) is

Secretary

(delete *They are* and insert) The Secretary is

(delete *committee members* and insert) Officers of the Community Council or members of the Executive Committee

Next meeting

Members present at the meeting agreed: Tuesday, 11 July 2023 at 7pm in Stainton Memorial Hall and each second Tuesday of alternate months thereafter.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.

The minutes of meetings are available on the Stainton and Thornton Parish Council website under the Important tab then Stainton & Thornton Community Council: staintonandthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk.