

Parish of Stainton and Thornton Community Council
Annual Report for 2022/2023

As per our constitution, the Community Council held 6 business meetings during the year 2022/2023, including the Parish Assembly, a joint meeting with the Parish Council. The average attendance was 22 per meeting.

We are grateful that the police were able to attend 3 Community Council meeting this session Even though the police were unable to attend every meeting due to operational requirements, they did supply the Secretary with the crime statistics.

After many years of service we said goodbye to Jim Holmes as Community Council Secretary and Alan Liddle as Community Council Treasurer. My thanks to both for making my role as Chair so much easier and enjoyable. As a result of these departures, during the Annual General Meeting in May, Ruaridh Ellison was elected Secretary and Caroline Lee elected Treasurer.

Once again the Environmental Committee AKA the Green Fingers Gang has continued to help and encourage people to plant and maintain the flower beds, troughs and tubs throughout the villages. Thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers who plant and maintain these throughout the year and make our villages such a beautiful area to live in.

This session has seen a diverse selection of guest speakers at our meetings and I would like to thank them all for their interesting and informative talks.

- In May, Rob Farnham, Principal Transport Planning Officer at Middlesbrough Council, talked to the meeting about the proposed traffic calming measures and resurfacing of Thornton Road.

- July's speaker was Emma McInnes who discussed Age Friendly Communities.
- Stephanie Carter-Smith gave an overview from City Fibre at our September meeting.
- In November Emma McInnes returned to explain the Age Friendly Ambassadors programme
- January's speakers were Ron Baker, Cleveland Police Crime Prevention Officer and Cllr. Tony Grainge, Executive Member at Middlesbrough Council for Neighbourhood Safety explained to the meeting about the benefits of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- In March, our speaker was Geoff Field who is the Director of Environment and Community. He answered questions and responded to comments and concerns put to/from the residents who attended the meeting.

Thanks to David Coupe, our Ward Councillor for keeping us up to date on the latest happenings at Middlesbrough Council.

Thank you to Ruairidh Ellison for taking the minutes of the meetings and to Caroline Lee for her meticulous accounting as Treasurer.

Thank you to Florence and Ray Rix for distributing the leaflets for many years to our volunteer deliverers, as well as delivering to many houses themselves.

Finally a big thank you to all the residents who attend and participate in these meetings, without you there would be no meetings.

Angela Cooper

Chair Parish of Stainton & Thornton Community Council