

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the general meeting for the Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in Stainton Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 at 7pm.

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Tia Ellahi.

Present: The attendance list recorded 11 people present at the meeting.

Apologies for absence: A and J. Cooper, T Lucas and C Wren

Report from Cleveland Police – PCSO Jak Fisher, Cleveland Police

He will not be able to attend today's meeting as he is currently dispatched to Operation Checkpoint which is a rural related police operation designed to deter and identify offenders involved in activity such as poaching. Stainton and Thornton are included within the areas of concern so we may see him passing through tonight.

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.

Ensure vehicles are always locked and do not leave valuables within.

Remember to close and lock windows and doors including those for outbuildings and garages.

Photograph, mark and record serial numbers of items of value such as motorbikes.

Use timer switches to turn lights on while you are out. A well lit home gives the impression someone is in.

Residents are advised to regularly review their home security measures. For advice, visit the [National Security Inspectorate](#) and the [Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board](#).

Use D locks to secure bikes within sheds and garages.

Store keys, including vehicle keys in a safe place, not near your front door.

[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 – Women’s Meetup Social Group, T Lucas

Wednesday, 29th November 2023

Stainton Memorial Hall in Statinton (TS8 9BB)

Call Tina for more details (telephone number on posters around Stainton)

Come and discuss what you want from a group

Meet up with Women of all ages; come and have a chat at a cuppa!

Minutes of the general meeting held 12 September 2023

The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 12 September 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 CC database.

Matters arising

Gavin Leach can confirm that CityFibre have conducted advanced works in Stainton Village; however, CityFibre are currently in the process of contract award for the continuation of their build which is yet to be concluded.

Unfortunately he cannot give any timescales at this moment in time of when their build will start in Stainton Village.

Once their build plan has been confirmed, he is sure Steph Carter-Smith will keep us updated.

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>

Report from the Ward Councillor – Councillor David Coupe

It was unfortunate that Cleveland Police were unable to be with us this evening. There has again been several attempted break ins of motor vehicles in both Stainton and Thornton. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

Road surfacing: I am pleased that the road surfacing in Hemlington Road, Stainton, and Maltby Road, Thornton, has been carried out. There is also work being carried out to remove old 20 mph speed limit signs on Strait Lane.

Parking in Hemlington Road, Stainton, and outside the Memorial Hall and Stainton Pub: the council are proposing to put bollards at the entrance to

Stainton House and look at putting box marking at the entrance to the Stainton Pub car park.

One of the problems with the roads in Hemlington Grange is that they have not been adopted by Middlesbrough Council so they are still the responsibility of the builders. Any signs have to be put up by them.

I am pleased to report that the issues with the O2 mast have been resolved. I have spoken to a Senior Manager at O2 and made sure that the work was carried out to bring the service back into commission. This mast also serves Vodafone alongside other services.

BT are currently working in Stainton to provide fibre to most of the village. I hope that they will extend that to Thornton sometime in the new year.

Green bins: tomorrow is the last bin collection until after Easter 2024. The green bin collection is under review by the council – details to follow, when I have them. There have been problems with replacement green bins – both in Stainton and Thornton and in Hemlington Grange. There have also been some issues in Hemlington Grange with the standard, black waste bin, which I have hopefully resolved.

It is noted that the Sporting Lodge has covered its advertising signs.

I always mention the land previously owned by Angela Swift. There is now a planning application for 24 affordable homes in collaboration with the housing association.

Finances for Middlesbrough Council are not good. The proposed budget will be published for public consultation sometime in early December. It should be noted that Middlesbrough Council have a £19.5 million deficit. This will result in many cuts to services.

Children's Services are one of the main contributors to costs for the council and a number of children are housed in external care homes. The council are in the process of acquiring/building a new care home for upwards of five children.

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.

Report from the Treasurer – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

The annual grant of £750 from Middlesbrough Council was finally received on 29 September 2023.

Financial Update

Opening Balance as at 12 September 2023			2033.07
<i>Receipts</i>			
Middlesbrough Council Grant		750.00	
Total Receipts			750.00
Balance			2783.07
<i>Expenditure</i>			
<i>Outstanding Payments</i>			
Total Expenditure			0.00
Closing Balance as at 14 November 2023			2783.07

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.

The Women's Meetup Social Group (initial coordinators: T Lucas and M Holmes): a forum for ladies to meet up socially, plan events, learn and share new skills, requested £150 for a grant funding the startup meeting, refreshments and materials for activities (room hire until established and materials for crafts/art etc) that are social, supportive, development, skills sharing and intergenerational.

The Executive Committee considered the application and recommended funding £150.

The Community Council decided to award the Women's Meetup Social Group £150.

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).

The following are the list of current applications in the village:

23/0499/TPO: 31, Hemlington Road – removal of sycamore tree.

23/0522/FUL: 1, High Rifts – single storey extn. to rear, raising roof pitch, dormer & roof windows to front and rear and new windows to side. Replace existing boundary wall.

23/0527/MAJ: Erection of 24 no. dwellings on land at Strait Lane.

23/0502/FUL: 73, Cedarwood Glade – single storey rear extension – Approved by Middlesbrough Council.

Other planning applications that have been previously notified to the Community Council are still awaiting a decision – Five Acres etc.

Any other business

Please contact the committee about matters in the ward.

Please share points to the Chair at least twentyone days prior to the meeting for consideration in the message from the Chair.

Next meeting

Members present at the meeting agreed: Tuesday, 9 January 2024 at 7pm in Stainton Memorial Hall and each second Tuesday of alternate months thereafter.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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