

Stainton & Thornton Community Council

Minutes of the general meeting for the Stainton & Thornton Community Council held in Stainton Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 9 January 2024 at 7pm.

Chair: The meeting was chaired by Tia Ellahi.

Present: There were 18 persons present at the meeting.

Apologies for absence: J. Holmes, F and R. Rix, M. Russell and H. Wren

Report from Cleveland Police – PCSO Jak Fisher, 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.

[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 – Mr Whitton, Cleveland Fire Brigade

Our service offerings include Safer Homes visits, provision of risk reduction equipment, delivery of [Stay Safe and Warm](#) equipment and provision of

letterbox locks and smoke alarms. [Firesetter intervention](#) aims to stop involvement with fire by educating children and their parents about the dangers and the consequences of its misuse.

The brigade are promoting their [FireStoppers](#) reporting tool. This service is 100% anonymous by telephone or via email.

firestoppersreport.co.uk

Tell Cleveland Fire Brigade what you know: call FireStoppers on 0800 169 5558 or go to firestoppersreport.co.uk and complete the simple online form. 100 % anonymous. Always.

Minutes of the general meeting held 14 November 2023

The Minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 14 November 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

Steph Carter-Smith has not updated us on a confirmed CityFibre build plan.

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 good that Cleveland Police were able to be with us this evening. The crime rate may have dropped but it always pays to be vigilant. As usual ring 101 if not urgent but 999 if it is more serious.

Tonight, we have had a talk by Brian Whitton, Cleveland Fire Brigade on safety in the home.

A few weeks ago I again walked around Hemlington Grange. One of the topics of conversation was the future of one of the wooded areas close to Elderwood, which I am very hopeful may be in part saved for the residents and wildlife.

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. It is important that people do not park in bus stops or impede the bus in any way.

If you want to report an incident of antisocial behaviour, you can contact the Street Warden team by calling 01642 228500.

The Street Wardens are available seven days a week, from 8am to 8pm.

If you need to call the team outside of these hours, please leave a message and someone will contact you the following day.

Despite road resurfacing taking place on both Hemlington and Maltby Roads there are still potholes appearing as the bad weather sets in. One of the worst is Strait Lane which I have reported.

Parking in Stainton is an ongoing problem with Hemlington Road particularly bad. There have been new yellow lines and older ones renewed. There will be some bollards on part of the footpath at Vernon Court, along with yellow lines to prevent indiscriminate parking. There are issues with people with blue badges parking on yellow lines, which they are entitled to do so as long as they don't park dangerously or cause an obstruction.

The land previously owned by Angela Swift Developments near to Rose Cottage Phase 2 is now proposed to be developed with 24 dwellings by a Housing Association. This planning application is now with the planning department for consideration.

The review of the local plan is to be launched on 1st February but is available to view on the council website under Executive Committee Agenda. This should

come into effect in May 2025, with our existing Local Plan along our Neighbourhood Plan currently helping to protect our area.

As I am sure you will have seen, Bellway Homes have proposed a development of 550 homes in the land to the west of The Sporting Lodge. This will be closer to 700 houses, which will be an allocated site in the new local plan, along with Home Farm near to the Cleveland Police Central Headquarters. The consultation for the local plan will be in Stainton on Friday 16th February at Stainton Memorial Hall between 2.00 and 5.00 pm. Please attend if you are able.

The council budget is a big area of concern with a predicted deficit after proposed cuts of £6.3M. This will have to be plugged by a government backed loan. Children's and adult care accounts for 83 %. The main problems in the last year have been caused not only by adult and children's care but school transport, inflation and wages.

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.

Report from the Treasurer – Caroline Lee, Treasurer

Financial update

Opening Balance as at 14 November 2023			2783.07
<i>Receipts</i>			

Total Receipts			0.00
Balance			2783.07
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Grant – New Women’s Meetup Group (M Holmes)	150.00		
Memorial Hall Hire for Meetings (Sept & Nov)	32.00		
<i>Outstanding Payments</i>			
Total Expenditure			182.00
Closing Balance as at 9 January 2024			2601.07

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.

Stainton Memorial Hall requested £75 for a grant funding the Christmas Lights Switch On Marske Brass Band.

The Executive Committee considered the application and recommended funding £75.

The Community Council decided to award Stainton Memorial Hall £75.

Report on progress from Women's Meetup Social Group – T Lucas

The Women's Meetup Social Group (a forum for ladies to meet up socially, plan events, learn and share new skills) had a startup meeting in Stainton Memorial Hall with refreshments and activities (crafts/art etc) that were social, supportive, development, skills sharing and intergenerational. Thank you

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 planning matters relating to the parish:

24/0003/TPO Crown raise 1 no. Oak tree 40 Strait Lane.

23/0600/FUL Single storey extn to rear and demolition of existing rear offshoot.
5 Glebe Gardens – Approved with conditions.

23/0621/FUL Erection of 1 no dwelling and detached garage, The Orchard, Broad Close. – Pending, likely refusal.

23/0522/FUL Single storey rear extn. + raising roof pitch etc. 1 High Rifts – Approved with conditions.

23/0502/FUL Single storey rear extn. 73, Cedarwood Glade – Approved with conditions.

23/0499/TPO Removal of 1 no Sycamore tree. 31. Hemlington Road. – Pending: temporary TPO put in place.

23/0418/FUL Construction of a detached annexe – Hawthorne Cottage, Five Acres. – Refused.

23/0527/MAJ Construction of 23 Affordable Homes on land at Strait Lane adjacent to Montpelier Manor – Still pending.

Any other business

Please contact the committee about matters in the ward.

The 2024–2025 budget consultation information so everyone has an opportunity to complete the survey. Please see the link below: [Budget 2024-2025 | Middlesbrough Council](#).

Election of the Secretary

Secretary: A. Conroy

Next meeting

Members present at the meeting agreed: Tuesday, 12 March 2024 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 for Stainton & Thornton Community Council: staintonsndthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk.