

Minutes of the 279th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

Present: Parish Councillors - A. Liddle, A. Conroy, A. Cooper, B. Neale, M. Russell, J. Holmes (Clerk to the Council).

80/24. Apologies for absence – Cllr. D. Coupe (unwell)

81/24. Minutes of the 278th meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 October 2024. – The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

82/24. Matters arising from the above Minutes:

a) Local Government Boundary Review – No further information to hand. The Local Government Boundary Commission have yet to report following the consultation process which closed on 16 September.

b) Middlesbrough Council – Draft Local Plan. – Still being formulated by MBC and could be delayed following the implementation of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which is expected to increase new housing targets.

c) Parking and speeding problems in Stainton & Thornton. – Correspondence between Cllr. Neale and Steve Rigg (MBC) continues. The Parish Council are requesting a site visit from MBC to discuss the speeding issues in Stainton and Thornton. Cllr. Neale will also contact Julie Pearce (MBC) regarding community use speed cameras.

d) Water supply to field next to Kell Gate Green – The additional pipework from the original trough has now been disconnected. Cllr. Liddle to obtain a water meter reading to ascertain if there has been a drop in usage since the last actual meter reading on 25 July. Latest water bill (2 August – 1 November) £82.65

e) Village pump – No further information to hand. Clerk to write to Bryan Weightman, Thornton Road to ascertain whereabouts of the pump and his thoughts on re-siting.

f) Christmas lights – The lights were installed last month by MBC at a cost of £570.10 (includes dismantling). The switch on event on 29 November was very successful and well attended. The Parish Council also purchased (£100) a large christmas tree which has been sited at the old Board School. Thanks to resident Chris Dean in obtaining the tree.

g) Parish Council – future projects. Suggestions for future projects included public seating near the SUDS pond on Rose Cottage 3, new Christmas Lights to replace current stock, new weatherproof noticeboards. To be progressed at future meetings.

83/24. Report of the Clerk to the Council. – December

1. The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Clerk & Councils Direct, The Clerk.

2. NALC circulars and information received from CLCA have been forwarded to all councillors where appropriate.

3. Financial Statement **10.12.24.**

Balance at 8.10.24. £20425.90

Income since last meeting: **Nil**

Expenditure since last meeting: £1885.32

Balance at 10.12.24. **£18540.58**

14.10.24.	A. Russell	Plants. EC.	BACS	10.50
14.10.24.	C. Wren	Plants. EC.	BACS	30.97
14.10.24.	M. Holmes	Plants. EC	BACS	14.00
25.10.24.	Virtually Branded	Website – November	BACS	30.00
28.10.24.	P. McInnes	Plants. EC	BACS	37.94
31.10.24.	HMRC	PAYE – October	BACS	69.40
31.10.24.	J. Holmes	Salary – October	BACS	277.58
31.10.24.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	5.40
18.11.24.	J. Holmes	Printer (Amazon)	BACS	279.90
19.11.24.	Virtually Branded	Website – December	BACS	30.00
19.11.24.	Anglian Water	Field supply KGG	BACS	82.65
27.11.24.	MBC	Printing - Newsletter	BACS	93.90
29.11.24.	HMRC	PAYE – November	BACS	69.40
29.11.24.	J. Holmes	Salary – November	BACS	277.58
30.11.24.	Unity Trust Bank.	Service charge	Direct	6.00
3.12.24.	MBC	Christmas Lights	BACS	<u>570.10</u>
				1885.32

Resolved: All payments approved.

84/24. Committee Reports

Planning – Cllr. Liddle

24/0383/FUL Micro energy storage plant – Land off Stainton Way adjacent to Police Hub.

– No objections

24/0463/FUL Reserved Matters application (Phase 3b and 4b) for the erection of 225 no. dwellings, landscaping, SUDs basins and associated infrastructure on application ref. M/FP/0082/16/P – Hemlington Grange Phase 3b & 4b. – Application noted.

Environment – Cllr. Coupe not in attendance. Cllr. Cooper requested that a meeting of the Environment Committee be arranged. Cllr. Coupe to be informed.

Crime & Disorder – Cllr. Neale

PCSO Jonathan Severs was in attendance and gave details of November crime stats for Stainton & Thornton. Unfortunately, the 'out of area' reported crimes has been included in

the Stainton & Thornton figures as they had been recorded at the Police HQ which is located in our Parish area. He would arrange for PCSO Jak Fisher to look into the stats and filter out the 'out of area' crimes and get a true picture of recorded crime. In comparison to other wards Stainton & Thornton was a low-level crime area.

Cllr. Neale reported that the Cleveland Independent Advisory Group (IAG), of which he was a member, had been re-vamped and was now operating more efficiently. Cllr. Neale was also the link from the Parish Council to MBC and CLCA in matters of crime.

85/24. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces

Cllr. Liddle reported now the cutting season was over winter maintenance was now the priority. A plinth for the deer sculpture on Thornton Road would be installed this week. A memorial plaque to John Cooper would be added in the new year. Overhanging ivy on the wall of Stainton House, affecting the footpath on Hemlington Road, to be cut back. Area Care will collect the debris.

86/24. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Weekly circulations from CLCA and NALC continue to be forwarded to all Councillors. No further information received regarding the next CLCA meeting.

87/24. Clerk – Annual Salary Review. Chair reported that the Clerk was entitled to a salary review and in accordance with the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2024/25 increased the Clerk's hourly rate to £13.05 effective from 1.9.24. It was noted that the Clerk did not take the 2023/24 award.

Resolved: Clerk's salary to be set according to national pay scales 2024/25, SCP 6, £13.05 per hour effective from 1.9.24.

88/24. Parish Council assets – Clerk reported that the purchase of a new Canon laser printer had been added to the Assets Register.

89/24. Draft Budget Proposal and Precept 2025/2026. – Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) reported that he expected an underspend on this year's budget of £11000 and an end of year balance in the region of £16000. A preliminary budget forecast based on a precept of £9.31 per household had been prepared and will be confirmed at the next meeting in February however Councillors did agree that the precept should remain at £9.31.

Resolved: 2025/2026 precept for Parish of Stainton and Thornton to remain at £9.31 per household.

90/24. Hemlington Grange – Engagement with residents. – The Parish Council continues to try engaging with residents from Hemlington Grange via the Parish Council Newsletter and What's On emails. Cllr. Coupe regularly visits the area to discuss ward issues with residents.

91/24. Public Consultation event – Bellway Homes. A consultation event to provide information about a proposed development at Holme Farm off Stainton Way was held in the Memorial Hall earlier today. It was noted that less than 20 people attended the event.

92/24. Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan. – It was noted that the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan was out for consultation until 20 January 2025. The plan can be viewed at <https://middlesbrough.gov.uk/planning>.

93/24. Local Government Association – Peer Challenge Visit of Middlesbrough Council. - Chair reported that he had been invited to partake in this event along with the Chair of Nunthorpe Parish Council

94/24. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 February 2025. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm

Agreed and signed as a true recordDate

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