

Minutes of the 282nd meeting of Stainton and Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 June 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle, D. Coupe, A. Ward, M. Russell. J. Holmes (Clerk to the Council).

44/25. Apologies for absence: Cllr. A. Cooper (Holiday), Cllr. B. Neale (unwell). Absent: Cllr. D. Lister.

45/25. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. A. Liddle – item 54/25

46/25. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 281st meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 April 2025 were approved by members present, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

47/25. Annual Meeting: The minutes of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6 May 2025 were approved by members present, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

48/25. Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) **Local Government Boundary Review** – THE LGBR are expected to publish its recommendations by mid-July.
- b) **Middlesbrough Council – Draft Local Plan.** – MBC have yet to respond to comments submitted by the public, including Parish Councils, following the submission date 25.4.25.
- c) **Parking and Speeding problems in Stainton and Thornton** – Cllr. Coupe will be writing to Steve Rigg (MBC) requesting a site meeting with him and Cllr. Neale to discuss the speeding problems in both Stainton and Thornton and the various funding opportunities available to help address the problem. Cllr. Ward requested that the Community Speedwatch equipment be deployed on Hemlington Grange Way – Cllr. Coupe to try arrange. A speed survey is to be undertaken on Maltby Road. Similar surveys on Strait Lane and Thornton Road revealed no significant increases in vehicle speeds.
- d) **Water supply to the field next to Kell Gate Green** – Clerk reported that this matter is now resolved. Mr & Mrs Sullivan had made a payment (£195) to the Parish Council for the excess water use.
- e) **Village pump – Thornton Road** – Cllr. Russell and members of the Friends Group will attempt to re-install the pump in the designated site outside 3 Thornton Road.
- f) **Parish Council – Future projects** (i) New christmas lights and replacement LED bulbs to complement current stock are to be ordered. Approximate cost £600. (ii) New village seat to be sited at the SUDS pond, Rose Cottage 3. Cllr. Russell to canvas opinion. (iii) Litter and Dog Waste bins required for Hemlington Grange – hopefully before site is adopted by MBC. Cllrs. Coupe and Ward to progress.
- g) **Banking arrangements – Unity Trust Bank.** The paperwork to include Cllrs. Russell and Ward as additional signatories on the parish council bank account with Unity Trust Bank was duly completed.

49/25. Clerk's Report to the Council including correspondence, financial statement and approval of payment and receipts.

- a. The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Clerk & Councils Direct, The Clerk.
- b. Financial Statement 17.6.25.
Balance at 31.3.25. **£16138.40**
Income since last meeting: **£14670.68.** Precept: £14475.68. IPA Sullivan £195.
Expenditure since last meeting: **£2139.41**
Balance at 17.6.25. **£28669.67**

Date	Payee	Reason	How paid	Amount
7.4.25.	Virtually Branded	Website – April	BACS	30.00
7.4.25.	ICO	GDPR renewal	BACS	52.00
7.4.25.	Baines Jewitt	Pro. Services	BACS	54.00
7.4.25.	Defib Store	Defibrillator pads	BACS	82.80
25.4.25.	J. Holmes	Printer cartridge	BACS	31.99
25.4.25.	Virtually Branded	Website – May	BACS	30.00
30.4.25.	HMRC	PAYE – April	BACS	79.00
30.4.25.	J. Holmes	Salary – April	BACS	316.81
30.4.25.	RCTW	Internal Audit	BACS	40.00
30.4.25.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	6.00
6.5.25.	C. Wren	Plants. EC.	BACS	23.04
20.5.25.	Anglian Water	Water KGG	BACS	6.20
20.5.25.	M. Holmes	Plants. EC.	BACS	13.50
20.5.25.	Virtually Branded	Website – June	BACS	30.00
20.5.25.	Gallagher Insurance	PC Insurance	BACS	739.94
23.5.25.	L. Brear	Plants. EC.	BACS	28.44
29.5.25.	Famous Flyers	Newsletter delivery	BACS	80.00
30.5.25.	J. Holmes	Salary – May	BACS	316.61
30.5.25.	HMRC	PAYE – May	BACS	79.20
31.5.25.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	6.00
16.6.25.	MBC	Newsletter printing	BACS	93.88
				2139.41

Resolved: All payments and receipts authorised.

c. Famous Flyers indicate that they estimate that they are now 200 newsletters short on the new builds at Hemlington Grange. The cost for delivering 1800 on a shared delivery will be £90.

Resolved: Newsletter production to be increased to 1800 copies.

50/25. Committee Reports

Planning – Cllr. Liddle

25/0315/FUL. Retrospective application for erection of garage – 1 Pennyman Way. – Parish Council to object on grounds of over development and encroachment to neighbouring houses.

Environment – Cllr. Russell.

Cllr. Russell reported that he had met with some of the residents who help with the village floral displays and an Environment Committee meeting is to be arranged soon.

Crime & Disorder – Cllr. Neale (unable to attend).

The police were not in attendance but had supplied the crime statistics for May. Crime figures were very low however there had been several instances of nuisance caused by teenagers on motorbikes and e-bikes – some of which had been impounded. Police will be visiting the Quarry and the like to deter teenagers lighting fires etc.

51/25. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024/25 - Whilst the paperwork for the AGAR 2024/25 had been filed the dates for the exercise of Public Rights would run from 18 June until 31 July 2025. Anyone wishing to examine the accounts of the parish council should do so by contacting the Clerk in the first instance. Full details are available on the Parish Council website. www.staintonandthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk

52/25. Communication with Middlesbrough Council – Cllr. Liddle, Chair reported that he was frequently frustrated in the way Middlesbrough Council officers regularly ignored the Parish Council (and its Councillors) in matters such as planning, environment and problems affecting residents such as spending of vehicles and parking issues. A conversation with Nunthorpe Parish Council revealed they were experiencing similar problems with MBC and it was agreed that the Chairs of both Parish Councils request a joint meeting with the Chief Executive at Middlesbrough Council to ascertain why the first tier of local government were overlooked by the principal authority. A request for such a meeting had been made however a reply had not been forthcoming.

53/25. Risk Assessments – Clerk reported that the annual risk assessments on parish council assets – seats, noticeboards, planters, troughs and sculptures were due. Cllrs. Russell and Liddle to complete.

54/25. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces – A paper had been submitted by the Friends Group requesting consideration of a rise in the annual donation (to assist with running costs) made by the Parish Council together with an increase in the maintenance agreement where the group look after and maintain parish council assets. Despite rising costs there had been no increase in either the annual donation or maintenance agreement for several years.
It was agreed that the annual donation be increased to £400. The maintenance agreement would be increased to £1000 (to cover the cost of a contractor to cut the hedge in Kell Gate Green and insurance for the ride-on mower). Councillors present considered the increases appropriate and justified.
Resolved: Annual donation to FSTGS be increased to £400. Annual maintenance agreement be increased to £1000.

55/25. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Weekly circulations from CLCA and NALC continue to be forwarded to all Councillors. No further information received regarding future CLCA meetings.

56/25. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 19 August 2025. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Agreed and signed as a true record..... Date: