

Minutes of the 284th meeting of Stainton and Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

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

Members of the public: 1 Police: PCSO Jak Fisher.

69/25. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. A. Ward, D. Lister

70/25. Declarations of Interest: None

71/25. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 283rd meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 August 2025 were approved by members present, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

72/25. Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) Middlesbrough Council Draft Local Plan – MBC has submitted the plan to central government who will appoint a Planning Inspector to examine the plan and make recommendations before implementation. Time frame 6 – 8 months.
- b) Parking and Speeding problems in Stainton and Thornton – The same problems remain and the request for a site meeting with Steve Rigg (MBC) has not been answered. A Community Speedwatch operation from Neighbourhood Alert has been offered and accepted by the Parish Council.
- c) Parish Council – Future projects – (i) A new section of christmas lights, to complement current stock, has now been purchased. (ii) A joint venture with the FSTGS to provide seats and a notice board on Rose Cottage 3 has been agreed in principle and a funding grant from Tees Millions obtained.
- d) Banking arrangements – Unity Trust Bank. – Cllrs. Ward and Russell are now registered as additional signatories to the parish council bank account.
- e) Christmas Lights – The village Christmas Lights ‘switch on’ will take place on Friday 5 December with the lights being tested and installed in the fortnight beforehand. The parish church is to be contacted to see if they will allow a christmas tree to be displayed in the churchyard.
- f) Communication with Middlesbrough Council – The Chair reported he met with MBC Chief Executive and the Director of Legal Services to discuss the problems associated with communication between MBC and the Parish Council particularly in relation to planning matters.

73/12. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council. October 2025

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 **14.10.25.**

Balance at 19.8.25: **£25983.89**

Income since last meeting: **Nil**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1834.45**

Balance at 14.10.25: **£24149.44**

Date	Payee	Reason	How paid	Amount
22.8.25.	Famous Flyers	Newsletter distribution	BACS	90.00
22.8.25.	Virtually Branded	Website – September	BACS	30.00
22.8.25.	MBC	Printing – Newsletter	BACS	105.23
31.8.25.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	6.00
31.8.25.	HMRC	PAYE – August	BACS	79.20
31.8.25.	J. Holmes	Salary – August	BACS	316.61
8.9.25.	A. Conroy	Christmas Lights	BACS	531.60
22.9.25.	Virtually Branded	Website – October	BACS	30.00
29.9.25.	M. Holmes	Plants – EC	BACS	54.00
29.9.25.	M. Holmes	EC Garden Event	BACS	55.00
30.9.25.	HMRC	PAYE – September	BACS	79.00
30.9.25.	J. Holmes	Salary – September	BACS	316.81
30.9.25.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	6.00
9.10.25.	SLCC	Membership renewal	BACS	75.00
10.10.25.	Baines Jewitt	Professional services	BACS	60.00
				1834.45

Resolved: All payments authorised.

74/25. Committee Reports

Planning – Cllr. Liddle

25/0433/FUL – 1 Pennyman Way, Stainton. Retrospective erection of detached garage to side, single storey extension and dormer to rear. Despite objection by neighbours and residents this application was approved, with conditions.

25/0423/TPO – 15 Thornton Road, Thornton. Removal and replacement of 3 ash trees to front. No objections from Parish Council.

25/0233/MAJ – Land adjacent to Montpellier Manor Care Home. Erection of 15 residential bungalows including landscaping, parking and ancillary site infrastructure. (Revised plans). No objections from Parish Council.

25/0489/TCA – 6 Seamer Road, Thornton. Crown reduction to 2 Mountain Ash and 2 Gleditsia trees. No objections from Parish Council.

24/0251/MAJ – Land at Low Lane, Stainton Vale Farm. Hybrid planning application consisting of full planning for the development of 140 dwellings, site access, landscaping, community woodland and associates SuDS and outline planning (all matters reserved) for up to 447 dwellings. Parish Council to object – outside current limits of development, insufficient road structure, construction of buildings on green wedge.

Environment – Cllr. Russell

- a) Environment Committee Garden Event held in Memorial Hall on 24 September was a success. Very good speaker (Nicky Morgan). Thanks to Maureen Holmes for organising. To be repeated next spring.
- b) Village pump – Local builder Kevin Liddle has agreed to re-install the pump on Thornton Road. Work to be completed late October.

Crime and Disorder – Cllr. Neale

PCSO Jak Fisher was in attendance and gave an overview of the September crime statistics for Stainton & Thornton. Overall reported crime was low compared to other wards. Anti-social behaviour was still a problem mainly from youths on off- road bikes and electric scooters. Cllr. Neale remarked he was surprised to learn that Stainton & Thornton was 5th in a recent ASB table. PCSO Fisher reiterated that all incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour should be reported to the police in order that a true pattern of crime and ASB is obtained. Reporting incidents on social media instead of to the police was merely blurring the figures.

The officer noted a complaint from a resident regarding a young boy regularly causing a nuisance riding an electric bike on the green area on Rose Cottage 1, which was now causing damage to the grass. The officer agreed to investigate this matter.

A racial harassment incident outside the Stainton Inn in September was reported to the Parish Council who in turn informed the police and Middlesbrough Council. The matter was subsequently resolved, and no action taken against the perpetrator. However, a communication problem between the police and parish council is apparent and both sides agreed that improvement was necessary.

75/25. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces. – Cllr. Liddle.

Activity by the Friends group and Sue Antrobus (Tees Wildlife) in Maelor’s Wood this summer has attracted residents who help planting flowers and cutting back trees and bushes. A final session is due to be held on Sunday 2 November at 10am. The group have been successful in obtaining a grant (£2000) from Tees Millions which will be used in a joint venture with the Parish Council to install seats, information boards and a noticeboard on Rose Cottage 3. A resident has requested that bushes be cut back on the Spinney where it meets Stainton Way for better vision onto the main road. The group will try to assist in this matter.

76/25. Cleveland Local Councils Association

A letter has been received from the Chief Executive of NALC stating that there had been some difficulties following the recent departure of staff working for CLCA. An online meeting with all members is planned in due course to provide an update on the situation. Meanwhile the NALC website is available for information and support.

77/25. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 9 December 2025. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm

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