

Minutes of the 290th meeting of Stainton and Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 October 2026 at 7pm in Memorial Hall, Stainton.

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle (Chair), D. Coupe, B. Neale, A. Cooper.
J. Holmes (Clerk to the Council).
Members of the Public: 3
Police: PCSO Peter Johnson

69/26. Apologies for absence: Cllr. A. Ward (unwell), Cllr. D. Lister, Cllr. M. Russell

70/26. Declarations of Interest – Cllr. Liddle. Item 79/26

71/26. Approval of Minutes – The Minutes of the 289th meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 August 2026 were approved by members present, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

72/26. Public Participation – Lisa Larkin and Claire Spencer from Grey Towers Village Residents Association (Nunthorpe) addressed councillors on a petition they have raised asking Middlesbrough Council to end the unfair open-ended burden of unfinished infrastructure, stalled adoption and private estate charges in relation to new build housing estates across the whole of Middlesbrough. They expressed in detail all the reasons why the petition is being raised and how it affects residents of the new builds in Rose Cottage and Hemlington Grange, both within our parish area. Councillors present listened, gave advice and wished them well in their endeavours.

73/26. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- a. Middlesbrough Council Draft Local Plan** – The Chair reported that the revised plan was now out for consultation until 5 November. Having read the document, he had doubts about the viability of the infrastructure delivery plan. However, despite concerns it is expected the Local Plan will be adopted.
- b. Parking and Speeding problems in Stainton and Thornton** – No further progress in getting an officer from Middlesbrough Council to liaise/consult with Cllr. Neale. PCSO Johnson and Cllr. Coupe will try to arrange a Community Speedwatch in the near future.
- c. Communication with Middlesbrough Council** – Cllr. Lister had prepared a letter to the Middlesbrough Mayor which would put before a full meeting of Middlesbrough Council via the online link www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/public-questions-in-meetings/

74/26 The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council. – October 2026

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 **6.10.26.**
Balance at 11.8.26: **£29754.81**
Income since last meeting: **Nil**
Expenditure since last meeting: **£3196.84**
Balance at 6.10.26: **£26557.97**

Date	Payee	Reason	How paid	Amount
17.8.26.	WAVE	Water supply KGG	BACS	29.31
17.8.26.	Virtually Branded	Website – September	BACS	30.00
21.8.26.	Memorial Hall	Hall hire	BACS	100.00
21.8.26.	FSTGS	Annual donation	BACS	500.00
21.8.26.	FSTGS	PC Maintenance plan	BACS	1500.00

21.8.26.	MBC	Newsletter printing	BACS	105.23
31.8.26.	HMRC	PAYE – August	BACS	79.20
31.8.26.	J. Holmes	Salary – August	BACS	316.61
31.8.26.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	7.00
30.9.26.	J. Holmes	Salary – September	BACS	316.81
30.9.26.	HMRC	PAYE – September	BACS	79.00
30.9.26.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	7.00
2.10.26.	Virtually Branded	Website – October	BACS	30.00
5.10.26.	Baines Jewitt	Professional services	BACS	63.00
5.10.26.	M. Holmes	Plants – EC	BACS	17.22
5.10.26.	C. Wren	Plants – EC	BACS	16.46
				3196.84

Resolved: All payments authorised.

4. The Parish Council newsletter (September issue) was delivered late by Famous Flyers and subsequently they waived the delivery charge – normally £90.

75/26. Stainton and Thornton Community Council – The September meeting of the Community Council was poorly attended and at the end of the meeting the Chair, Tia Elliah resigned. Subsequently the Community Council has no Secretary and no Chairperson. Cllr. David Coupe will chair the November meeting which will be an Extraordinary General Meeting. It is proposed that a letter, explaining the current situation, will be delivered to all residents in the hope that attendance will improve and that a Chair and Secretary will be nominated.

76/26. Dilapidated building – 1 Hemlington Road. – This property has been unoccupied for several years and is in a poor state of repair. Cllr. Coupe reported that Middlesbrough Council has served an Enforcement Notice on the owner requiring work to be completed within 3 months from mid-October. If the work is not undertaken, prosecution will be considered.

77/26 Engagement with residents from Hemlington Grange – A resident from Hemlington Grange queried how the Parish Council engaged with residents from Hemlington Grange. There are no noticeboards or meeting rooms in that area. A Parish Council quarterly newsletter is delivered to all houses in Hemlington Grange but there are no noticeboards because the estates have yet to be adopted by Middlesbrough Council. The Parish Council does have its own website and there is a weekly ‘What’s On’ email for those who have registered on a database. It was agreed that the parish council newsletter be retitled ‘Stainton & Thornton & Hemlington Grange Residents Newsletter.’

78/26 Committee Reports

a) Planning – Cllr. Liddle.

Recent applications

26/0347/FUL – 4 Stainton House, Marwood Wynd – Reconfiguration of rear garden landscaping to form three tiered levels.

26/0376/FUL – 19 Strait Lane – Erection of veranda and solar panels to rear.

26/0375/FUL – 6 Maltby Road – Single storey extension to side (Demolition of existing shed).

No objections from the Parish Council in all matters.

b) Environment – Cllr. Cooper

It is believed that the pollution risks in Stainton Beck still exists, and the current warning remains in force. At present there is a lack of water in the beck and there are no plans in the short term to take water samples for analysis.

c) Crime and Disorder – Cllr. Neale

PCSO Johnson attended the meeting, and the September crime figures were discussed. Fortunately, reported crime and incidents of anti-social behaviour remain low. Now the dark evenings are upon us it will be necessary to reinforce the crime prevention message to residents.

79/26. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces - The Thursday group have been very active completing maintenance work on parish council assets – seats and noticeboards.

Sunday morning sessions in Maelor's Wood conjunction with TWLT have proved popular, next one being held on 18 October

Retrospective planning permission will be submitted in respect of the noticeboard on RC3 and also for a seat near the SUDS pond, also on RC3.

The village christmas lights will be put up, with the help of MBC, on Thursday, 19 November.

80/26. Computer Classes for the Elderly.

A resident had enquired if there were any courses locally for computer classes for elderly people. There are computers for use in Hemlington Library and a new one stop council facility opening soon at Hemlington shops however none for a training purpose.

81/26. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Cllr. Liddle and the Clerk attended a CLCA meeting at Billingham on 30 September where a new 2026/27 fee structure was discussed. A secretariat was now in place for CLCA and an AGM will be held on 25 November. Councillors present suggested that a rebate or reduction on the next CLCA subscription be sought as this service was not available last year despite the subscription being paid.

82/26. Any other business

- a) Dementia Action Teesside – Invited the Parish Council join Dementia Friendly Communities and host a local event or dementia information session. It was thought this would be an ideal subject for the Community Council to progress.
- b) Despite the Middlesbrough Mayor wanting a supervised youth club in every ward there are no plans to include Stainton owing to a lack of suitable premises

83/26. Date & Time of next meeting: Tuesday 8 December 2026. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Agreed and signed as a true record. Date.