

Minutes of the 248th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10 December at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle (Chair), D. Coupe, A. Cooper, R. Dennison, B. Neale.

Clerk the Council - J. Holmes.

77/19. Apologies and Declarations of Interest – Cllrs. A. Conroy, C. Dean (Holiday).

78/19. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council.

None

79/19. The **Minutes of the 247th meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2019** were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair – Cllr. A. Liddle

80/19. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was progressing slower than anticipated but should be ready to go out for public consultation in the early part of the new year.
- b) **Fly Tipping Problems** – Cllr. Dennison reported that, once again, there had been recent ‘dumpings’ at the garages in Vernon Court which was speedily removed by Middlesbrough Council. The possibility of installing CCTV at this location was discussed – further enquiries to be made.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – Complaints had reduced but reports on Social Media suggest there are problems along Hemlington Road. This and the previous item would be raised by Cllr. Coupe at the next Joint Area Group (JAGs) meeting at Middlesbrough Council.
- d) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Cllr. Coupe reported the roadside speed display units on Thornton Road has been taken down by Middlesbrough Council for data analysis and were due to be re-sited on Seamer Road. There was a possibility of funding in the new year by MBC to enable the Parish Council to help purchase their own speed display units. It was agreed in principle that if the funding application was successful the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute towards the costs.
- e) **Stagecoach services 13 and 13a** – The recent decision to terminate this bus service at Hemlington instead of the Parkway Centre was of great concern to the Parish Council. Many residents used the GP practices and pharmacy services at the Parkway and there was no longer a direct bus service from Stainton to the Parkway. Cllr. Coupe reported that he had a meeting scheduled for Friday with the MD of Stagecoach and the Parkway Centre Manager to explore what alternatives were available.
- f) **Right of Way footpath – Wynd to Low Lane** – The continued closure of this right of way was brought to the attention of the Parish Council by local residents at the last meeting. Cllr. Dennison reported that he had held a site meeting with the MBC Footpaths Officer earlier this month. Taylor Wimpey were still building at Phase 3; Rose Cottage and another closure notice is to be issued along with 2 deviation notices (on the Rose Cottage area). A new ramp and kissing gate were to be installed on the ROW near Five Acres, behind Broad Close. Overhanging trees needed to be cleared on the ROW behind the Wynd. The building developers were due to have all work completed by the end of March next year and the ROW

would be re-instated shortly afterwards. The Chair thanked Cllr. Dennison for his work on this matter.

- g) Maintenance and Cutting of Hedges** – The hawthorn hedging in Strait Lane, adjacent to the Rose Cottage developments, was still under the ownership of Middlesbrough who would be responsible for maintenance and cutting on both sides of the road. The hedging in Maelor's Wood, also owned by MBC, would be cut back when conditions allowed. Concern was expressed about overhanging hedges from private gardens, obstructing pedestrian use along the footpaths, especially in the area of Thornton T junction. It was agreed that letters would be sent to the offending properties once the legal definition of footpath was established.
- h) Cold calling signage – High Rifts** – A resident had requested more signage for the High Rifts area to deter doorstep traders in what was supposed to be a 'No cold calling area'. Cllr. Neale agreed to look into the history and legality of the signage and the Chair, Cllr. Liddle would enquire with CLCA to try ascertain how other councils deal with such problems.

81/19. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

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 **10.12.19.**

Income since last meeting: Nil

Expenditure since last meeting: **£708.15** Approval required.

28.10.19.	J. Holmes	Salary	409	234.83
28.10.19.	HMRC	PAYE	410	58.80
19.11.19.	MBC	Printing	411	72.88
22.11.19.	WAVE	KGG Water		DD 48.01
26.11.19.	J. Holmes	Salary	412	234.83
26.11.19.	HMRC	PAYE	413	58.80

Less unrepresented cheque (394). 31.7.19. HMRC. £58.80

Balance: Parish Council as per Bank Statement **£10505.01** (£10446.21 actual)

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

82/19. Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning applications received.

19/0712/FUL. 8 Whinstone Drive. Single storey extension to rear and installation of dormer window to side. – No objection by Parish Council.

19/0687/FUL. 19 Maltby Road. Single storey extension to side. – No objection by Parish Council.

19/0710/FUL. Stainton House, Marwood Wynd. Erection of 1 dwelling and detached garage. Application discussed by councillors who raised concerns about access onto Hemlington Road and the non-resintatement of felled trees in the conservation area following previous applications in the grounds of Stainton House.

Resolved: Parish Council to object to planning application 19/0710/FUL. Chair to inform Middlesbrough Council. (objection lodged 12.12.19.)

Environment. – Grey water discharging from grounds of Stainton House into Stainton Beck. Cllr. Liddle had reported the matter to the Environment Agency (Incident Number: 1730749) as well as Middlesbrough Council. No progress to-date. Cllr. Liddle to contact Environment Agency.

Parking issues – Cllr. Coupe reported Middlesbrough Council had visited the area and would be marking out new parking bays outside the Memorial Hall and re-instating double yellow lines around the junction with Strait Lane and in Meldyke Lane. Enforcement Officers from MBC would be patrolling problem areas from February. The eternal parking problems around the Memorial Hall cannot be resolved owing to a lack of land, however there could be some alleviation if drivers used the car park behind the Stainton Inn. The licensee was in agreement.

Crime and Disorder – Parish Councillors unaware of any recent serious incidents. Reports on social media highlight ‘problers’ in the Rose Cottage area during the hours of darkness. Not known if connected with criminal activity.

84/19. Draft Budget Proposal and Precept 2020/2021. – The Clerk reported that in reviewing expenditure so far in this financial year and in anticipation of likely expenditure until 31.3.20. the Council were within the budget set for 2019/2020. Following discussion, it was decided that the Parish Council would not be seeking an increase in the precept for the year 2020/2021 and it would remain at £9.31 per household. It was likely there would be a significant increase in the number of properties within the parish following the developments at Rose Cottage and Hemlington Grange. The Clerk proposed consideration for the 2020/2021 budget to be set at £9500. Confirmation of the figures for the Precept and Budget will be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

85/19 Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces

Cllr. Liddle reported on the meeting held on 18.11.19. The diseased tree stumps had been removed from Fawcett Avenue and replacement trees would be purchased and planted in due course. The group had completed work in the parish churchyard, reinstating a footpath and repairing a wall. The Village Christmas Lights were put up by Galliford Try on 21.11.19. and there was a successful ‘switch on’ the following week.

86/19. Cleveland Local Councils Association – The Chair attended a meeting of the CLCA on 20.11.19. where it was brought to the attention of that meeting that the police were seeking lay members for the Police Independent Advisory Group. Cllr. Neale agreed to follow this up and report back to council members.

87/19. Housing Developments - Elderwood Park and Ashfield Park. – The housing developments at Hemlington Grange by Taylor Wimpey and Persimmon Homes were progressing rapidly. Despite the location being nearer to Coulby Newham ward all the properties are within the Stainton and Thornton Parish Council boundary which was confusing to residents. It was agreed that the Parish Council would

make a concentrated effort to integrate with residents, ascertain the needs and concerns and hold meetings with them, as necessary.

88/19. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 11 February 2020. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm

Agreed and signed as a true record Date

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