

Minutes of the 242nd meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11 December 2018 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle (Chair), A. Conroy, C. Dean, A. Cooper, B. Neale, D. Fewtrell, J. Holmes (Clerk to the Council).

86/18. Apologies and Declarations of Interest – Cllr. D.Coupe (working)

87/18. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – None

88/18. The Minutes of the 241st meeting held on Tuesday 9 October 2018 were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair.

89/18. Matters arising from the above Minutes

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chair gave a comprehensive update on the positive progress made so far by the Neighbourhood Plan Action Group including the recommendations it was making regarding future development within the parish. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council fully supported the recommendations made by the Action Group and looked forward to when the Neighbourhood Plan would be submitted for approval in the New Year. The next meeting of the NP Action Group is scheduled for 18 December.
- b) **Fly Tipping Problems** – The Spinney and other areas of the parish had been the recent target of fly-tippers. The FSTGS Group had identified measures to prevent vehicle access into The Spinney and would be consulting with Middlesbrough Council on how best to implement such measures.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – Problem areas in Stainton had been the recent subject on Social Media. It was apparent that the dog fouling episodes were occurring late at night or early morning and residents are to be encouraged to report such incidents to Middlesbrough Council in the hope that their enforcement team will re-act. The Parish Council would explore the feasibility of creating a local bye-law to ensure all dogs had to be on a lead on a public highway. It would also look into the possibility of creating a designated dog exercise area.
- d) **106 Monies** – Councillor Alan Conroy reported to the meeting his sincere disappointment at being unable to get a response or progress from Taylor Wimpey regarding the legal deed signing process that would trigger the release of 106 money promised to the FSTGS group from MBC. Having been involved in pursuing this issue since Aug 2018 and later identifying and speaking to the individual responsible early in November (Russell Hall - Land Director), all recent attempts at seeking clarification have failed. Several calls and messages left with TW head office on Teesside have been ignored. Following discussion Council members agreed that the situation was unsatisfactory and unacceptable and if not resolved a formal complaint would be lodged. Cllr. Conroy was thanked for persistence in this matter.
- e) **Parish Council Website** – The Clerk reported that new website was up and running and contained a wide variety of information that the public can freely access. Agendas and Minutes of Council Meetings, Financial Information and Councillor Information relating to the parish council can be easily accessed as can minutes of local groups such as the Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces, Environment Committee, Neighbourhood Plan Action Group and the Community Council. The possibility of using the website to conduct surveys is to be explored as is accessing the website by QR code.

- f) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Following the recent speed survey completed by Middlesbrough Council speed display units are to be installed on a temporary basis once the statutory information to residents has been completed. Other avenues of speed control are to be investigated and Cllr. Neale will liaise with Cllr. Coupe on this matter.
- g) **Asset Register**– It was noted that a new Asset Register had been purchased and Cllr. Conroy has completed a list of parish council assets and the register was now up to date. The Asset Register would be maintained by Cllr. Conroy, who was thanked for his assistance in this matter.
- h) **Christmas Lights** – The lights were put up and installed in early November by Galliford Try. The ‘switch on’ occurred on 30 November and the occasion was marked with the usual celebrations organised by the Management Committee of the Memorial Hall. Although the cost of installation is now £570 + vat it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to fund these costs.
- i) **Defibrillator Maintenance.** - Clerk reported that the pads on the defibrillator, funded by the Parish Council and located outside the Memorial Hall, have had to be replaced. Although unused, the pads have to be replaced every two years. Next replacement, if not used will be in 2020.

90/18. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

- a) The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Clerk & Councils Direct, The Clerk.
- b) NALC circulars and information received from CLCA have been forwarded to all councillors where appropriate.
- c) Computer software – Office 365 expires later this month and will need renewal, current cost £59.99 - £79.99. Purchase approved.
- d) Financial Statement 11.12.18.
Income since last meeting: Nil. Expenditure since last meeting: £1243.77

12.10.18.	Shaw & Sons (Asset Register)	25.74
12.10.18.	L. Brear (Winter plants)	49.88
31.10.18.	J. Holmes (Clerk’s salary Oct 2018)	293.63
31.10.18.	H. Heaviside (Winter plants)	50.00
1.11.18.	Defib Store (Defibrillator pads)	46.74
3.11.18.	Baines Jewitt (Professional services)	38.40
11.11.18.	M. Holmes (Winter plants)	91.94
11.11.18.	CPC-Computing (Website)	215.50
22.11.18.	WAVE (Water rates KGG)	12.91
30.11.18.	J. Holmes (Clerk’s salary Nov 2018)	293.63
10.12.18.	Prontaprint (Newsletters)	125.40

Balances: Parish Council £9991.42 Neighbourhood Plan £386.50. Total: 10377.92

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

91/18 Committee Reports:

Planning. The appeal by Angela Swift Developments for the construction of 60 assisted living apartments behind the new care home was held on 5.12.18. in the Mandela Room at MBC and attended by Cllrs. Liddle and Coupe as well as local residents. The Chair reported that all

sides put forward good arguments however the final decision by the Planning Inspector would not be known until March/April 2019.

Two other planning applications have been received: 11 Church Close, Stainton. – 2 storey extension to side and bay window to front. Ref.No. 18/0745/FUL. – No objection by Parish Council. 49 Buttercup Grove, Stainton. – Single storey extension to rear. Ref.No. 18/0735/PNH – No objection by Parish Council.

Environment Committee (aka Green Finger Gang) - Following a donation of £250 from the Community Council the Green Finger Gang had completed the winter planting programme. It was noted, however, the centre plant in the teardrop bed on Hemlington Road had been removed by persons unknown. As this was the second occasion within a few months that plants had been stolen from the same flowerbed the matter was reported to the police

Crime and Disorder - Rose Cottage Farm housing was getting unwanted attention of opportunist thieves. CCTV had caught a person trying car doors during the early hours. One vehicle had property stolen. Another vehicle, a van was broken into in Meldyke Lane and again property was stolen. The police are aware, but it has come the notice of the parish council that not all incidents are being reported to the police.

Parking issues in Meldyke Lane came to a head recently when, after complaints to Middlesbrough Council, the Enforcement Team attended, and 2 vehicles were issued with tickets for obstruction.

92/18. Draft Budget Proposal and Precept – The Clerk had prepared a proposed 2019/2020 budget based on current spending needs which amounted to £9000. However, it was not known how many extra new houses were now within the parish, paying council tax. This number to be determined before setting the Parish Council Precept.

93/18. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces: Tees Valley Wild Life Trust had recently attended Kell Gate Green and lifted Flag Iris from the wet area to be replanted at Portrack Marshes and Preston Park. Peter Chapman from Area Care will be organising a hedge trim in Maelor’s Wood and there would also be a 5 year tree thinning programme started in the same woodland. Cllr. Conroy reported that the Church Council had refused permission to site the ‘Stainton Badgers’ in the grounds of St.Peter and St.Paul. A new site in Strait Lane was now under consideration.

94/18. Date of the 243rd meeting of the Parish Council: Tuesday 12 February 2019. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm

Agreed and signed as a true recordDate

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