

**Minutes of the 277<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 13 August 2024 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.**

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

Members of the public – 2

**57/24. Apologies for absence** and any Declarations of Interest - None

**58/24. Public Participation**

a) Vince Robinson of Thornton Road, Thornton wanted to know what was happening about the speed of vehicles on Thornton Road. He had written to the police on this matter on two occasions and has yet to have a reply. Cllr. Coupe reported that the Parish Council agreed with Mr Robinson and despite frequent requests the police apparently do not see it as a high priority. The Parish Council agreed that enforcement was needed. Cllr. Coupe will again press the police for action.

b) Andrea Sweeney of Chapel Garth, Stainton enquired why there was a lack of litter/dog waste bins especially on Rose Cottage 3 development near the SUDS pond area. She was informed that the development was still awaiting adoption by Middlesbrough Council. The Parish Council was aware of her concerns and would request that bins to be supplied by Middlesbrough Council.

Mrs Sweeney also complained about the indiscriminate parking of vehicles that sometimes obstructed the access to her property in Chapel Garth. She was informed that if vehicles were causing unnecessary obstruction, she should contact the Council Street Wardens (01642 228500) who would attend to the matter if possible.

**59/24. Minutes of the 276<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 June 2024.** – The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**60/24. Matters arising from the above Minutes:**

**a) Local Government Boundary Review** – The Chair had submitted a response to the boundary commission several months ago suggesting that the parish boundary becomes the WARD boundary, and we have two WARD councillors. The boundary commission following consultation with MBC and in response to residents' replies are now suggesting that the Ward boundary be the whole of the parish PLUS the area/development of Stainsby Hall Farm and become a TWO councillor ward. The parish council object to this proposal as Stainsby is too remote to Stainton, because of the A174 and would not feel "part" of the community. The chair will respond to the boundary commission and re-iterate that Stainton and Thornton Parish boundary should become the new Ward boundary and we should have two councillors because of all the new development within the parish. The closing date for this next stage of the consultation is mid-September.

**b) Middlesbrough Council – Draft Local Plan.** – Still being formulated by MBC and could be delayed when new government housing figures are taken into account.

**c) Parking and speeding problems in Stainton & Thornton.** – Cllr. Liddle reported that the Street Wardens had been issuing tickets to vehicles causing obstruction on Hemlington Road. Cllr. Neale again requested a site meeting with MBC (Steve Rigg) to discuss speed problems in the village. Can data be downloaded from the speed cameras to ascertain when and where this occurs. Cllr. Coupe to try arrange a site meeting with Steve Rigg and also speak to Julie Pearce regarding ‘speed guns’.

**d) Risk Assessments** – Parish Council assets. Clerk reminded Councillors that annual risk assessments were required on all parish council assets.

### **61/24. Report of the Clerk to the Council. – August**

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 **13.8.24.**

Balance at 11.6.24. **£23572.59**

Income since last meeting: **Nil**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1328.06**

Balance at 13.8.24. **£22244.53**

14.6.24.	C. Wren	Plants – EC	BACS	24.86
14.6.24.	M. Holmes	Plants – EC	BACS	15.00
14.6.24.	Famous Flyers	Newsletter distribution	BACS	80.00
24.6.24.	Virtually Branded	Website – July	BACS	30.00
28.6.24.	HMRC	PAYE – June	BACS	69.40
28.6.24.	J. Holmes	Salary – June	BACS	277.58
30.6.24.	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	Direct	18.00
2.7.24.	Baines Jewitt	Pro Services	BACS	152.40
10.7.24.	A. Russell	Plants – EC	BACS	9.50
10.7.24.	A.J.Gallagher	Mower insurance	BACS	89.60
26.7.24.	Virtually Branded	Website – August	BACS	30.00
31.7.24.	HMRC	PAYE – July	BACS	69.40
31.7.24.	J. Holmes	Salary – July	BACS	277.58
9.8.24.	Anglian Water	Field supply KGG	BACS	<u>184.74</u>
				<b>1328.06</b>

*Resolved: All payments approved.*

### **62/24. Committee Reports**

**a) Planning – Cllr. Liddle**

**27 Maltby Road** - Erection of detached garage to rear. 24/0270/FUL - Objection by Parish Council re size.

**30 Carlile Hill** – Single storey extension to rear. 24/0238/FUL – No objection by Parish Council.

**6 Meldyke Lane** – Change of use from office(E) to dwelling (C3), single storey extension at rear, roof lights to side and rear and detached double garage to rear. – No objection by Parish Council.

**Land at Low Lane** – Residential development comprising of 587 dwellings, new vehicular access on Low Lane (B1380) and associated infrastructure. 24/0251/MAJ. Chair reported he had objected on behalf of the Parish Council citing many reasons ie, Outside the limits of development, Site not designated, building more houses than agreed in 2014 Local Plan, Pedestrian access, vehicle access/egress on Low Lane. Councillors also cited other reasons for objection and the Chair will submit an addendum to the original objection.

**b) Environment – Cllr. Coupe.** Individual residents have complained to the Environment Agency regarding the pollution in Stainton Beck in Kell Gare Green to no avail. Despite many years of complaint by the Parish Council the problem remains unresolved.

Cllr. Cooper asked about the whereabouts of the village pump and when was it going to be installed. Cllr. Coupe stated it was still in the garage of Mr Weightman on Thornton Road.

**c) Crime & Disorder – Cllr. Neale** reported that the latest crime statistics for the area remain at a low level however and area of concern is the number of incidents reported at the Sporting Lodge. The Councillor reported that he attended an emergency AIG meeting regarding the recent racist demonstrations in Middlesbrough where it was agreed that the police tactics had been effective.

**63/24. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces**

**a)** Councillors agreed to continue with the annual grant to the Friends Group for the maintenance of parish council assets. - £500. They also agreed that the annual donation from the parish council to the Friends Group, to assist with the running costs be continued. - £200.

**b)** The annual Christmas Lights ‘switch on’ will take place on Friday 29 November. Cllr. Conroy to liaise with Middlesbrough Council re installation of lights on the ‘Square’.

**c)** Water supply to field next to Kell Gate Green – Following a larger than normal water bill Councillors Liddle and Conroy checked the trough in the field next to KGG. They found the water supply was working correctly and there was no leakage. However, they did find another outlet from the trough - a pipe which ran up the field to another trough at the top of the field. Furthermore, there was another pipe leading from this second trough to a field owned by Addison’s Livery. It was not known where this pipe ended owing it to be on private land. The reasons for these additional pipes are

unknown and the Parish Council intend to sever the pipe from the initial trough but before doing so Cllr Coupe will speak to Addisons asking for an explanation.

**64/24. Cleveland Local Councils Association** – Weekly circulations from CLCA and NALC continue to be forwarded to all Councillors. The minutes of the CLCA meeting held 11.6.24. were noted. The next meeting of the CLCA is scheduled for 20.9.24. at Stockton.

**65/24. Hemlington Grange – Engagement with residents.** – The Parish Council continues to try engaging with residents from Hemlington Grange via the Parish Council Newsletter and What’s On emails.

**66/24. Cllr. M. Russell** – Cllr. Russell had indicated, for personal reasons, that he was going to resign as a Parish Councillor however he did agree that this would be held in abeyance until the end of the year. The Chair thanked Cllr Russell for change of heart.

**67/24. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8 October 2024. 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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