

Minutes of the 265th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday 9 August 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle, A. Cooper, A. Conroy, C. Dean, D. Coupe, B. Neale
Clerk the Council - J. Holmes.

61/22. Apologies for absence/Declarations of Interest - None

62/22. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – None

63/22. The **Minutes of the 264th meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2022** were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record, and signed by the Chair.

64/22. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Information from the manufacturers in June advised there was an 8-10 week delay in delivery. Steve Rigg (MBC) to follow up and ascertain an installation date. Members expressed disappointment in relation to the delay in delivery by the manufacturers. Following advice from the police additional speed activated signs would be located on Hemlington Road (near Cedarwood Glade junction) and Seamer Road, Thornton (near Cedar Drive junction). Cllr. Neale to inform MBC accordingly.
Thornton Road – Public consultation re traffic calming measures has been completed. Installation will take place when road is resurfaced in October.
- b) **Parking Issues – Hemlington Road** – Cllr. Liddle reported that vehicles were still parking around the Church Close junction despite the laying of yellow lines. MBC aware and have suggested bollards be installed on the footpath as an additional measure to prevent inconsiderate parking. Cllr. Coupe stated the yellow lines should be extended to the agreed length in the first instance. Cllr. Liddle will contact MBC requesting the yellow lines be extended, bollards to be installed on footpath and enforcement signage to be clearly visible.
- c) **Footpath – 3 Strait Lane** – Cllr. Coupe reported he had spoken to Chris Bates at MBC who will attend to the issue. Cllr. Coupe to identify location via photograph.
- d) **Community Governance Review** – Chair reported that one of the outcomes of the CGR was the likely change in parish council electorate. Nunthorpe had a 4500 electorate served by 11 councillors. Stainton & Thornton had a 2500 electorate served by 7 councillors. Owing to the rapid expansion of housing at Hemlington Grange the parish council electorate in this area would soon rise to 4500. In the interests of equity, it was suggested that Nunthorpe reduce it councillor numbers to 9 and Stainton & Thornton increase theirs to 9, effective from the next elections in 2023.
- e) **Footpaths & Overhanging hedges** – Cllr. Coupe stated he had established that the maintenance of hedgerow on the left, going down Strait Lane was the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey. On the right-hand side, Montpellier Manor were responsible for the hedgerow outside their property and then Taylor Wimpey for hedge aligning Rose Cottage 1.
The problem outside 32 Seamer Road had still not been resolved and the footpath was now even more restricted. Cllr. Coupe to report matter to MBC.
- f) **Dilapidated building – 1 Hemlington Road** – The property had recently been up for auction but remains unsold. MBC to contact owner as they need to inspect property to establish if it has retained its Grade II status.

65/22. The Report of the Clerk to the Council including correspondence, financial statement, and authorisations.

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. Financial Statement **9.8.22.**

Balance at 10.6.22. **£21358.19**

Income since last meeting: **None**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£901.48** - Approval required.

Balance at 9.8.22. **£20456.71**

Date:	Payee.	Reason .	Payment	Amount.
30.6.22.	Utility Bank	Service charge	Direct	18.00
8.7.22.	Baines Jewitt	Pro. Services	BACS	44.40
8.7.22.	Memorial Hall	Hall hire	BACS	48.00
8.7.22.	HMRC	PAYE (June)	BACS	62.00
8.7.22.	J. Holmes	Salary (June)	BACS	248.61
18.7.22.	C. Cutler	Website	BACS	120.00
18.7.22.	M. Holmes	Plants	BACS	49.86
1.8.22.	HMRC	PAYE (July)	BACS	62.20
1.8.22.	J. Holmes	Salary (July)	BACS	<u>248.41</u>
				901.48

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

d. Banking arrangements – New internet banking arrangements with Utility Bank working well.

e. Water charges – Field supply off Thornton Road. Not having paid anything for over 12 months I checked the meter and supplied the readings to WAVE. Latest bill is a credit of £26.94.

f. External Auditor Appointment arrangements – Information from SAAA reveals that all authorities have the option to opt out of the current scheme and appoint their own external auditor. For smaller authorities, like Stainton & Thornton PC it would be a more onerous process and the recommendation is that we remain opted-in for the next 5 year period beginning 1.4.2022. and ending 31.3.2027.

Resolved: This Parish Council to remain opted in to the SAAA sector led auditor appointment regime.

66/22. Committee Reports

Planning – Cllr. Liddle

27 Maltby Road. Application 22/0329/FUL. New application for garage with different design. No decision yet by Middlesbrough Council.

8 Hemlington Road. 21/0418/FUL. – Middlesbrough Council require a variation application to be submitted owing to a change in the original size and dimensions. This would then go to Middlesbrough Planning Committee who will decide if the variation was acceptable.

22 Seamer Road. 22/0472/FUL. – Single storey extension to rear. – No objection by Parish Council.

26 Meldyke Lane. 22/0492/TCA. – Tree works in conservation area. – No objection by Parish Council.

16 Bramble Close. 22/0521/FUL. – Single storey extension to rear. Application just submitted. Awaiting details.

Environment – Cllrs. Liddle & Coupe

Stainton Beck – Pollution at Kell Gate Green. – The complaint has been submitted and was received by the Local Government & Social Care OMBUDSMAN on 19.7.22. and given reference 22005305. A reply is expected within the next 4 weeks.

Environment Committee (Green Finger Gang) – Cllr. Coupe and Cllr. Cooper to visit the proposed location at Thornton T junction and identify the exact position where the ‘village pump’ was to be re-sited. This information will be submitted to Chris Bates at MBC for his attention.

Crime & Disorder – Cllr. Neale

Latest crime statistics for Stainton and Thornton for month of July received from the police show a significant rise in the number of thefts from sheds, garages and vehicles. The police are seeking to address this as a matter of urgency. Members agreed that a basic crime prevention message should be reiterated to residents via the village newsletter and weekly ‘What’s On’ email. Suspicious incidents should be reported to the police. Protect property and possessions with simple security measures. The message being ‘Shut it and Lock it’.

Cllr. Neale reported he had recently attended an online Emergency Planning seminar and would be contacting Middlesbrough Council to ensure their planning took into account that Stainton and Thornton had elderly and vulnerable residents who would possibly need assistance in extreme circumstances like Storm Arwen etc.

67/22. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces – Cllrs. Liddle and Conroy.

Children’s outdoor nature events, in association with Sue Antrobus, TVWL were arranged for every Wednesday during August. The first event in Maelor’s Wood was very successful with 40 -60 people in attendance.

The Thursday group had repaired recent damage to the handrails at the steps in the Quarry. The information board near the owl seat had been vandalised and burnt. The group were keeping on top of the maintenance schedule thanks to the lighter grass cutting workload due to the recent good weather.

An alternative storage facility had been found thanks to Merv and Sheila Taylor of Cedarwood Glade. The large grass cutter would now be stored in their garage which was ideal for access to the nearby Quarry entrance.

The annual Maintenance Plan with the Parish Council at a cost of £500 per annum was approved by members.

The annual donation of £200 to the FSTGS in assist in running costs was also approved

Resolved: The maintenance plan be renewed at a cost of £500 and a donation of £200 made towards running costs.

68/22. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Circulars from CLCA and NALC continue to be emailed to all Councillors on a weekly basis. Chair attended the recent AGM at Skelton where Margaret Whitehead (Skelton) was elected as Chair of Cleveland Local Councils Association. Minutes of this meeting will be circulated in due course. The next meeting of the CLCA will be held on 25 October, possibly at Stainton Memorial Hall – to be confirmed.

69/22. Parish Councillor vacancy – Following the resignation of Cllr. Ron Dennison a Notice of Vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor has been published and displayed on village noticeboards, Parish Council and Middlesbrough Council websites. If a request for an election is not received by 24 August

then the Parish Council will co-opt a person to fill the vacancy as soon as practicable in accordance with the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986.

70/22. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 October 2022. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm.

Agreed and signed as a true record Date

Minutes taken by: J. Holmes, Clerk to the Council, 13 Strait Lane, Stainton, TS8 9BB.
clerk@staintonandthorntonparishcouncil.org.uk Tel: 01642 296060. 07980 572115.