

Minutes of the 276th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11 June 2024 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

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

Members of the public – 1

44/24. Apologies for absence: Cllr. M. Russell (Working)

45/24. Public Participation – Eileen Boynes, Low Farm Close, Thornton complained about a roadside hedge on Seamer Road next to her property. She had contacted MBC to try ascertain ownership of the hedge however MBC were unable to help. The hedge needs cutting back as it will soon be blocking the footpath. Cllr. Coupe to make enquires re ownership and report back to Mrs. Boynes.

46/24. Minutes of the 275th meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 April 2024. – The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

47/24. Minutes of the 38th Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 May 2004. – The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

48/24. Matters arising from the above Minutes:

a) Local Government Boundary Review – No further information. Still to report back, possibly in September.

b) Middlesbrough Council – Draft Local Plan. – Still being formulated by MBC with a response possibly in the autumn.

c) Village Christmas Lights/Christmas Tree – To note that an appreciation fee of £20 was paid to Tanvir Ellahi in respect of electricity use for christmas tree lights.

d) Parking and speeding problems in Stainton & Thornton. – To note that Streetwardens are enforcing inconsiderate and illegal parking with increased patrols likely. Cllr. Neale again requested a site meeting with MBC (Steve Rigg) to discuss speed problems in the village. Cllr. Coupe to try arrange meeting and to ascertain if data from speed cameras can be downloaded and viewed.

49/24. Report of the Clerk to the Council. – June.

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 11.6.24.

Balance at 31.3.24. **£12217.99**

Income since last meeting: **£13619.00** (Precept/Council Tax Support Grant)

Expenditure since last meeting: **£2264.40**

Balance at 11.6.24. **£23572.59**

3.4.24.	Virtually Branded	Website – April	BACS	30.00
3.4.24.	I.C.O.	GDPR renewal	BACS	40.00
24.4.24.	Memorial Hall	Hall hire	BACS	16.00
23.4.24.	Virtually Branded	Website – May	BACS	30.00
29.4.24.	RCTW	Internal Audit fee	BACS	40.00
30.4.24.	HMRC	PAYE – April	BACS	69.20
30.4.24.	J. Holmes	Salary – April	BACS	277.78
7.5.24.	J. Holmes	Printer toner	BACS	21.24
15.5.24.	L. Brear	Plants – EC	BACS	79.98
20.5.24.	Virtually Branded	Website - June	BACS	30.00
20.5.24.	Anglian Water	Field supply KGG	BACS	22.82
20.5.24.	A.J.Gallagher	PC Insurance	BACS	737.06
23.5.24.	MBC	Newsletter	BACS	93.88
28.5.24.	CLCA	Membership Subs.	BACS	373.96
31.5.24.	HMRC	PAYE – May	BACS	69.40
31.5.24.	J. Holmes	Salary – May	BACS	277.58
7.6.24.	M. Holmes	Plants – EC	BACS	16.50
7.6.24.	A. Russell	Plants – EC	BACS.	<u>39.00</u>
				2264.40

Resolved: All payments approved.

50/24. Committee Reports

- a) **Planning** – No recent applications received. However, concern was expressed that the Parish Council had not been consulted about the proposed junction improvements planned for Hemlington Hall road/Stainton Way. Cllr. Coupe to relay complaint.
- b) **Environment** – Individual residents are now complaining to the Environment Agency regarding the pollution problem in the beck in Kell Gate Green. The Parish Council has again contacted the EA requesting action. Individual residents will be encouraged to contact the EA direct if they have concerns about the pollution problem.
- c) **Crime & Disorder** – Cllr. Neale reported he has had no contact from the police, nor has he received the monthly crime statistics for May. He intends to speak to the Inspector at Coulby Newham to try discover what is causing this communication breakdown. Cllr. Neale also reported that the IAG is being re-formatted and he is hopeful this will be beneficial, resulting in better communication within the group. He

has also been invited to sit on the Professional Standards and Ethnic Scrutiny Panel which has a diverse membership.

51/24. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces – Chair reported that the cutting regime in the Quarry and Kell Gate Green on a Thursday morning is progressing as normal. Some handrails have been damaged in the Quarry and need attention. Sue Antrobus and Chris Dean from the group are starting some Sunday projects in Maelor’s Wood commencing on 23 June and are hopeful local residents will join them. It is evident that MBC are not cutting the paths in Maelor’s Wood and will be requested to do so.

52/24. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Weekly circulars from CLCA and NALC continue to be forwarded to all councillors. The next meeting date of the CLCA s clashes with this parish council meeting and our apologies for non-attendance has been submitted. It was noted that the CLCA subscription for 2024/25 (£373.96) has been paid.

53/24 Risk Assessments – To note that annual risk assessments on Parish Council assets are now due. These will be completed by Cllr. Russell (seats), Cllr. Conroy (noticeboards) and Cllr. Liddle (Planters, troughs and sculptures).

54/25. Unicorn Centre Appeal – To note that the Parish Council is supportive of the financial appeal made by the Unicorn Centre and has publicised details of the JUSTGIVING website where residents can support the centre by donating to the appeal.

55/24. Hemlington Grange – Engagement with residents. – The Parish Council continues to try engage with residents from Hemlington Grange via the Parish Council Newsletter and What’s On emails.

56/24. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13 August 2024. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Agreed and signed as a true recordDate

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