

**Minutes of the 268<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 7pm.**

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

Members of the public: PCSO Jak Fisher, Ruaridh Ellison, Mr & Mrs R. Southern, Mr & Mrs N. Dodds, Pat Robinson, Anne Brown, Barbara Palmer.

**01/23. Apologies for absence/Declarations of Interest - None**

**02/23. Public participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council.**

a) Residents from Cedar Drive, Mr & Mrs Southern, Mr & Mrs Dodds, Ms Robinson, Brown & Palmer expressed concerns about a recent planning application to MBC, 22/0669/COU at 42 Cedar Drive, Thornton. – Change of use from residential use (C3) to respite support. The residents expressed their concerns about vehicle access to the property. Rights of residential access in this part of the road were under the control of the residents of 40 and 41 Cedar Drive. Vehicles wanting access to no. 42 would breach those controls. They wondered if the developers were aware of this covenant.

Cllr. Coupe stated he had asked the head of planning (MBC) to look at the application. Furthermore, he agreed to meet the residents next week to formulate a plan of action and clarify the rights of access situation.

b) PCSO Jak Fisher reported on the January crime statistics for Stainton & Thornton. It was pleasing to note burglary and theft offences remained at a low level. Cllr. Neale reminded the meeting that the police crime prevention advice should be re-iterated to residents in village newsletters and on parish council website. He reminded the officer that he was the specific point of contact should the police want to bring anything to the attention of residents. Similarly, he would be contacting the police on local issues.

**03/23 Minutes of the 267<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parish Council held on 13.12.22.** – The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**04/23 Matters arising from the above Minutes**

a) **Parking issues – Hemlington Road** – Pavement bollard has yet to be installed by MBC. Yellow lines to be painted on church side of road opposite the shops. These will be monitored by Middlesbrough Council. Police do not enforce violators unless vehicle obstruction is involved. This will be brought to the attention of Geoff Field, Director of Environment and Community Services at the Community Council meeting to be held next month.

b) **Footpath 3 Strait Lane** – Clerk reported that information from Land Registry indicated that a boundary between the entrance to 3 Strait Lane and the footpath outside 5 Strait Lane should be agreed between the parties involved. Cllr. Coupe to bring this to the attention of Geoff Field on the next ‘Walk the Ward’.

c) **Community Governance Review** – Chair reported the CGR into parish councils was complete. There would be no change to the number of councillors (7) on this parish council. The review into community councils was ongoing but there was no information to hand.

d) **Footpaths and Overhanging hedges** – Cllr. Coupe reported that the hedgerow on the left side going down Strait Lane was the responsibility of Middlesbrough Council whilst the hedgerow on the right side was the responsibility of Taylor-Wimpey.

e) **Parish Council assets** – Clerk reported that an inkjet printer had been purchased for use by the Chair. The printer will be listed in the Parish Council Asset Register.

- f) **Draft budget and Precept 2023/24** – Following discussion it was agreed that the parish council budget for 2023/24 would be set at £10,500.00. It was noted that the parish council precept, £9.31 per household, would determine a precept demand of £12279. (9.31 x 1319). £2000 would be held in reserve for possible elections costs.

### 05/23 Report of the Clerk to the 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.

- c) Financial Statement **14.2.23**.

Balance at 13.12.22. **£14152.61**

Income since last meeting: **None**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£2192.23** - Approval required.

Balance at 14.2.23. **£11960.38**

Date:	Payee.	Reason .	Payment	Amount.
19.12.22.	J. McCabe	Plants. EC	BACS	9.98
19.12.22.	Cllr. Dean	Xmas Tree/Lights	BACS	96.99
19.12.22.	MBC	Xmas Lights	BACS	570.10
28.12.22.	J. Holmes	McAfee VP	BACS	59.99
29.12.22.	HMRC	PAYE (December)	BACS	90.80
29.12.22.	J. Holmes	Salary (December)	BACS	363.01
31.12.22.	Unity Trust	Service charge	Fee	18.00
17.1.23.	Cllr. Liddle	Printer	BACS	249.99
17.1.23.	Baines Jewitt	Pro. Services	BACS	44.40
27.1.23.	J. Holmes	Microsoft 365	BACS	79.99
30.1.23.	HMRC	PAYE (January)	BACS	69.40
30.1.23.	J. Holmes	Salary (January)	BACS	277.01
5.2.23.	WAVE	Water meter KGG	BACS	5.77
6.2.23.	Defib Store	Defib Pads	BACS	76.80
8.2.23.	C. Cutler	Website Oct-Mar	BACS	<u>180.00</u>
				<b>2192.23</b>

*Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.*

- d). Defibrillator – On Christmas Eve the defibrillator was checked and found to be faulty. The battery (purchased 2 years ago) was found to be defective. Fortunately, the battery was under warranty and replaced free of charge. The expiry date on the defibrillator pads was February 2023 and replacement pads have been purchased.

### 06/23. Committee Reports

**Planning** – Cllr. Liddle

8 Hemlington Road. 21/0418/FUL. – Cllr Cooper attended the variation application on behalf of the Parish Council. The variation was granted by MBC.

42 Cedar Drive (see 02/23a above). Parish Council to support residents access complaint.

10-12 Maltby Road. – Unauthorised tree works. Replacement tree instruction from MBC noted.

Land at Low Lane. 20/0510/OUT – Planning application for commercial development. – To note that the application was originally refused however an appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate.

Middlesbrough Council Scoping Report – Chair reported that 12 prospective sites within Stainton & Thornton have been identified. However, housing numbers for MBC are currently 257% above the required number.

National Planning Policy Framework – Chair reported that there were proposed reforms to the NPPF however this would not affect our Neighbourhood Plan that was passed last year.

**Environment** – Cllrs. Conroy & Liddle

**Stainton Beck – Pollution at Kell Gate Green.** – Cllr. Liddle reported that all avenues have been explored to no avail. Water at outlet clear at the moment. Parish Council to again write to Environment Agency informing them of latest water test results with a request of acknowledgment.

**Village Pump relocation** – Cllr. Coupe has this in hand. Completion expected soon.

**Crime & Disorder** – Cllr. Neale

See 02/23b above – Nothing to add.

**07/23. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces** – Replacement ‘badgers’ delivered and would be sited in a new area on Strait Lane. Old badger remains cleared by MBC and site prepared for deer statue. 3 dead trees in Quarry to be removed by MBC. Appeal for new members to be made in June issue of Village Newsletter.

**08/23. Cleveland Local Councils Association** – Circulars from CLCA and NALC continue to be emailed to all Councillors on a weekly basis. Minutes of meeting 25.10.22. had been previously circulated. Chair to attend next meeting 21.2.23. at Marske.

**09/23. Coronation of King Charles III** - Following discussion on how the Parish Council would mark the event it was decided in the first instance that the Parish Council would try support any locally organised event. In addition, the Parish Council would purchase some commemorative mugs and distribute them to the Memorial Hall, Parish Church, Methodist Chapel, Larchfield Community and RDA Unicorn Centre.

**10/23. Gala Day** – Cllr. Russell reported that there has been requests from residents for the annual village Gala Day to be re-introduced. He agreed to investigate the feasibility of running the event and was willing to progress the matter with the Community Council.

**11/23. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 12 April 2023. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Agreed and signed as a true record ..... Date .....

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