

**Minutes of the 272<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10 October 2023 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.**

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

Members of the public - 2

**70/23. Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Conroy (holiday)

**71/23. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council**  
- None

**72/23 Minutes of the 271<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Parish Council held on 8.8.23.** – The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**73/23 Matters arising from the above Minutes:**

- a) **Footpaths, overhanging hedges, grass cutting** – Cllr. Coupe reported that Middlesbrough Council (Richard Ward) were looking to perform better next year as manpower shortages and equipment failure had affected the quality of work in relation to grass cutting in the villages this year. All areas will be cut with the same frequency next year and grassed areas such as The Quarry, High Rifts field etc would be cut on request with particular attention to the village entrances at the bottom of Strait Lane and Hemlington Road.
- b) **Coronation Plaque** – The Coronation Plaque has been mounted on a base and fixed to the wall inside the Memorial Hall and looks a very impressive feature. The Parish Council and Memorial Hall Committee are very grateful to Cllr. Conroy for his assistance and work installing the plaque in its current position.
- c) **Village Newsletter** – The newsletter continues to be delivered to households by the private leaflet distributor, Famous Flyers. It was suggested that the new houses near the Police Headquarters may have missed delivery. Clerk to enquire. It was agreed that with the rapid completion of houses on Hemlington Grange the required number of newsletters needs to be re-assessed.
- d) **Advertisement Boards outside Sporting Lodge** – Chair reported that as agreed at the last meeting a letter of complaint regarding the unsightly advertisement boards had been sent from the Parish Council to the management at the Sporting Lodge. Subsequently, the offending boards had been covered up/removed.
- e) **Parking problems – Hemlington Road** – It was noted that yellow lines have been installed on the road outside Stainton House. Cllr. Coupe stated he was aware of 2 vehicles having received parking tickets and that the Community Enforcement Team should be contacted if the parking problem persists.
- f) **Litter Bin request, outside Stainton Inn** – Cllr. Coupe reported that the request for a litter bin had not been met with approval by Middlesbrough Council.

## 74/23. Report of the Clerk to the Council. – October

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 **10.10.23.**

Balance at 8.8.23. **£17440.28**

Income since last meeting: **£89.60** (Insurance premium FSTGS)

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1914.96** - Approval required.

Balance at 10.10.23. **£15614.92**

Date:	Payee	Reason	Payment	Amount
9.8.23.	FSTGS	Annual donation	BACS	200.00
9.8.23.	FSTGS	Maintenance Plan	BACS	500.00
9.8.23.	WAVE	Water supply KGG	BACS	20.67
9.8.23.	J. Holmes	Printer Toners	BACS	71.97
10.8.23.	Memorial Hall	Hall hire	BACS	72.00
12.8.23.	M. Holmes	Plants. EC.	BACS	22.64
4.9.23.	Virtually Branded	Website - September	BACS	30.00
4.9.23.	MBC	Printing - Newsletter	BACS	93.88
2.9.23.	HMRC	PAYE - August	BACS	69.40
4.9.23.	J. Holmes	Salary - August	BACS	277.01
4.9.23.	Famous Flyers	Newsletter delivery	BACS	80.00
25.9.23.	P. Burton	Plants. EC.	BACS	17.98
29.9.23.	HMRC	PAYE - September	BACS	69.20
29.9.23.	J. Holmes	Salary- September	BACS	277.21
29.9.23.	Virtually Branded	Website - October	BACS	30.00
30.9.23.	Unity Trust	Service charge	Direct	18.00
4.10.23.	SLCC	Membership Fee	BACS	<u>65.00</u>
				1914.96

*Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.*

## 75/23. Committee Reports

### a) Planning

23/0432/FUL – 73 Cedarwood Glade. – Single storey extension to front. To note that this application had been refused by Middlesbrough Council Planning Officers.

23/0502/FUL – 73 Cedarwood Glade – Single storey extension to rear. No objection by Parish Council

23/0390/OUT – Land at Hemlington Grange South – Outline planning application for 130-150 residential dwellings. – No objection by Parish Council provided that access to the development is by the current controlled access on Stokesley Road.

ZB/01421/FUL – Newby Farm, creation of 13 unit Holiday Chalet Park. – Although this proposed development is in Newby Parish Council area the entrance to the development will be on the Stokesley road adjacent to our parish area. It was noted that Newby Parish Council and others objected to the application. It was agreed that this Parish Council will also object – unsuitable road access.

**b) Environment**

**Stainton Beck – Pollution at Kell Gate Green.** – No further progress.

**Village Pump relocation** – Cllr. Coupe reported that the pump to be re-installed near its original position with the approval of the householder at 3 Thornton Road.

**c) Crime and Disorder**

The September crime figures have been distributed to councillors. An increase in crime and anti-social behaviour is expected now that the dark evenings are approaching. The relevant police advice will be published in the weekly ‘What’s On’ email. Suspicious incidents reported via social media to be monitored.

**76/23. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces** – Cllr. Liddle reported that the next Quarterly meeting of the group is scheduled for 30 October. The repairs to the village noticeboards have been completed and the WI commemorative rosebed in High Rifts given attention. The new Deer sculpture will be sited at Thornton T junction soon. The insurance cost (£89.60) for the ride-on mower has been repaid to the Parish Council.

**77/23. Cleveland Local Councils Association** – Weekly circulars from CLCA and NALC continue to be forwarded to all councillors. Chair reported he attended the CLCA meeting at Guisborough on 21.9.23. It would appear all parish councils are experiencing similar problems – enforcement and planning. CLCA membership fees next year are expected to rise to .794p per electorate. No planned increase in administrative fees next year. The next meeting of CLCA will be held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on 23.1.24.

**78/23. Village Christmas Lights/Christmas Tree** – Clerk informed Councillors that in conjunction with the Memorial Hall committee the ‘Switch on’ for the village christmas lights will be on Friday 1 December. Same format as last year – Marske Brass Band playing carols outside the Hall and soft refreshments provided by the hall committee. Cllrs. Liddle and Conroy to make the necessary arrangements with Middlesbrough Council re installation of lights etc.

**79/23. Local Government Boundary Review** – Electoral review of Middlesbrough. Correspondence received from Local Government Boundary Commission regarding proposed electoral review of Middlesbrough starting in December. An online briefing session to take place in the middle of November. It was agreed the LGBC be informed that Parish Councillors would be interested in attending the online briefing session if a suitable date was available.

**80/23. Hemlington Grange – Engagement with residents.** – The Parish Council continues to try engaging with residents who have moved into the new developments at Hemlington Grange. Newsletters are hopefully delivered every quarter to each household and residents can elect to receive a weekly ‘What’s On’ email which contains details of how to contact Ward and Parish Councillors.

**81/23. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 12 December 2023. 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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