

Minutes of the 271st Meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 8 August 2023 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

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

Members of the public - 4

56/23. Apologies for absence: Nil

57/23. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council.

a) Mark Robson (local resident) remarked on the untidy state of grass verges and kerbside areas throughout Stainton which should be maintained by Middlesbrough Council. He suggested that local residents should be encouraged to maintain the verges outside their properties in an effort to keep the area attractive. The Chair explained Middlesbrough Council's cutting regime for Stainton and Thornton which had fallen below an acceptable standard this year. Mr Robson agreed to contribute an article, with his suggestion to residents, in the September issue of the Village Newsletter.

b) Mr Robson complained about the unsightly advertising boards outside the Sporting Lodge on Low Lane. He was informed that there had been similar complaints previously and the matter referred to Middlesbrough Council. The required planning permission had not been applied for by the Sporting Lodge, but Middlesbrough Council had not yet taken any enforcement action owing to a backlog of work. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the Sporting Lodge about the unsightly advertising boards with copies of the correspondence forwarded to Middlesbrough Council and the local MP, Sir Simon Clarke.

58/23 New Councillor – David Lister was welcomed to the meeting as the newly co-opted councillor for Stainton & Thornton Parish Council. Councillor Lister read out and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

59/23. Minutes of the 270th meeting of the Parish Council held on 13.6.23. – The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

60/23. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25.7.23. - The Minutes were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

61/23. Matters arising from the above Minutes:

- a) **Footpaths, overhanging hedges, grass cutting** – Cllr. Coupe reported on the hedge cutting regime on both sides of Strait Lane and that Montpellier Manor had attended to the hedge outside their premises. Most identified properties had cut back overhanging hedges with only 1 property on Strait Lane still to conform.
- b) **Coronation Plaque** – Local resident Josie McCabe enquired if the Parish Council had decided where to site the recently purchased Coronation Plaque. Due to the value of

the plaque it was agreed to take up the offer from the Memorial Hall Management Committee and site the plaque inside the Memorial Hall, in a prominent position visible to all. Cllr. Conroy to assist.

c) Village Newsletter – The June edition of the Village Newsletter was delivered by a private leaflet distributor, Famous Flyers, to all households in Stainton, Thornton and Hemlington Grange. It was known that some households did not receive the newsletter however the majority of residents did receive it. It was agreed that future deliveries of the Village Newsletter would follow the same pattern and the private leaflet distributor employed to undertake the task. Cllr. Coupe reported that the delivery of Community Council newsletter would be organised by the Community Council Secretary, who had the matter in hand.

d) Traffic Calming Measures – Thornton Road. – Cllr. Neale reported that he had spoken to Steve Rigg at Middlesbrough Council, and it had been agreed that the Parish Council (and relevant Councillor if necessary) would be copied into all future correspondence involving his department and any works affecting the parish council area.

62/23. 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 **8.8.23.**

Balance at 13.6.23. **£19088.41**

Income since last meeting: **Nil**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1648.13** - Approval required.

Balance at 8.8.23. **£17440.28**

Date:	Payee.	Reason .	Payment	Amount.
14.6.23.	J. McCabe	Plants. EC.	BACS	17.60
14.6.23.	M. Holmes	Coronation Plaque	BACS	480.00
14.6.23.	Famous Flyers	Newsletter delivery	BACS	80.00
24.6.23.	K. Robinson	Plants. EC.	BACS	41.00
24.6.23.	M. Holmes	Plants. EC.	BACS	18.00
30.6.23.	J. Holmes	Salary (June)	BACS	277.01
30.6.23.	HMRC	PAYE (June)	BACS	69.40
30.6.23.	Virtually Branded	Website hosting (June)	BACS	30.00
30.6.73.	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct	18.00
6.7.23.	L. Brear	Plants. EC.	BACS	50.99
6.7.23.	Baines Jewitt	Payroll Services	BACS	49.20
13.7.23.	J. McCabe	Plants. EC.	BACS	33.97
24.7.23.	P. Burton	Plants. EC.	BACS	16.75
24.7.23.	A.J.Gallagher	Insurance (FSTGS)	BACS	89.60
31.7.23.	HMRC	PAYE (July)	BACS	69.40

31.7.23	J. Holmes	Salary (July)	BACS	277.21
31.7.21.	Virtually Branded	Website hosting (July)	BACS	<u>30.00</u>
				1648.13

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.

63/43. Committee Reports

a) Planning

23/0418/FUL – Hawthorne Cottage, Five Acres, Stainton. – Construction of a detached residence. Chair reported that he had spoken to the Planning Department at Middlesbrough Council and the application was based on the medical condition of the applicant. – No objection by the Parish Council.

23/0390/OUT – Land at Hemlington Grange South – Outline planning application for 130-150 residential dwellings. Chair reported that the Parish Council had not been consulted about this application where Middlesbrough Council were seeking approval to sell 3 fields to a developer. Chair to write to Paul Clark (Middlesbrough Council) asking for an explanation.

b) Environment

Stainton Beck – Pollution at Kell Gate Green. – No further progress. Still awaiting a response from the Environment Agency.

Village Pump relocation – No further progress. Cllr. Coupe to remind Middlesbrough Council re meeting with residents.

c) Crime and Disorder

Cllr. Neale reported that the July crime figures were not available owing to the non-attendance of local police at this meeting. The June figures were very low, which is encouraging. He would endeavour to get the latest crime statistics as soon as possible.

64/23. Friends of Stainton and Thornton Green Spaces – Cllr. Liddle reported that the Quarterly Meeting of the group was held in the Church Room on 26 June 2023 and was well attended. The Noticeboard on Hemlington Road, near Vernon Court, has been refurbished by the group. The new Deer sculpture has been delivered and will be sited at Thornton T junction soon. The group have purchased a new ride-on grass mower. The insurance cost £89.60 (for use on a road) will be repaid to the Parish Council.

Resolved: The Annual Maintenance contract between Parish Council/FSTGS (£500) be continued together with the Annual Donation (£200) to the FSTGS to assist with running costs.

65/23. 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 Loftus on 24.7.23. Owing to the size of the CLCA area the viability of remote meetings is to be considered. Margaret Middleton, Secretary, has given notice of retirement. Her last meeting will be the AGM at Guisborough in late September.

66/23. Hemlington Road/Marwood Wynd – Parking problems. - Local residents continue to complain about the inconsiderate parking of motor vehicles on Hemlington Road and near Marwood Wynd making it difficult for buses to pass through safely. Cllr. Coupe reported that bollards are to be sited on the pavement between the shops and Church Close and Middlesbrough Community Enforcement Team will be taking action as necessary.

67/23. Litter Bin – Local resident requested that the litter bin, once situated outside the Stainton Inn, be re-installed. Cllr. Coupe to progress.

68/23. Hemlington Grange – Engagement with residents. – The Parish Council are very conscious about engaging with residents from the new housing developments at Hemlington Grange. It was encouraging to see Mr & Mrs Taylor, from Hemlington Grange, attending the meeting tonight and participate in conversations about the area. Cllr. Coupe regularly visits Hemlington Grange and talks to residents about local concerns.

69/23. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10 October 2023. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Agreed and signed as a true recordDate

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