

Minutes of the 251st meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held online via a remote platform (Zoom) on Tuesday, 9 June 2020 at 7pm.

Authority to hold meeting: The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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

42/20. Apologies for absence – Cllr. R. Dennison. Cllr. A. Cooper.

43/20. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. None

44/20. The **Minutes of the 250th meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2020** were approved by the Parish Council and recorded as a true record. Chair to sign in due course.

45/20. The **Minutes of the 34th Annual Meeting of the Stainton and Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 May 2020** were approved by the Parish Council and recorded as a true record. Chair to sign in due course.

46/20. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Still no progress as Neighbourhood Plan Group unable to meet during current lockdown regulations.
- b) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Cllr Coupe reported that Middlesbrough Council and the Police were to fund a number of ANPR roadside speed cameras, and he would lobby for one to be sited in this parish. If the Parish Council has to fund its own unit the minimum requirement would be the ability to record, download and retrieve data. Cllrs. Neale, Liddle and Coupe to investigate further.
- c) **Stagecoach services 13 and 13a** – To note that Stagecoach are still operating an hourly service, including Sundays, during the current COVID-19 crisis. Passengers numbers are greatly reduced because of the lockdown rules but it is reassuring to residents that a bus service is still available. Facemasks would be required for bus users from next Monday.
- d) **Right of Way footpath – Wynd to Low Lane** – Taylor Wimpey have resumed construction work on phase 3 at Rose Cottage development however the completion date for being off site is unknown. The ROW footpath can be reinstated once the builders are off site.
- e) **Maintenance and Cutting of Hedges/Footpaths** – The removal of hedging along Stainton Way in preparation for construction was undertaken before the nesting season but subsequently the COVID-19 crisis halted any start to building work. After an appeal on social media residents in Strait Lane had cut back hedging overhanging the footpath, giving better access to pedestrians.
- f) **Cold calling signage – High Rifts** – The current lockdown has resulted in no incidents or complaints about cold calling issues. Parish Council still to enquire about signage. Cllr. Neale will attempt to contact Gerry McBride to progress matters.
- g) **Housing developments – Elderwood Park and Ashwood Park.** – These new housing estates continue to grow and expand. Parish Council to consider a letter drop at both developments explaining the role of both the Parish and Community Councils and welcoming any interest from residents.

h) **Parking Issues** – No current issues. Item removed for agenda.

47/20. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

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 **9.6.20.**

Bank Balance at 14.4.20: **£15949.88**

Income since last meeting: **Nil**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1714.34** Approval required.

Date:	Payee.	Reason .	Cheque No.	Amount.
23.4.20.	Baines Jewitt	Professional Services	439	39.60
23.4.20.	Info.Commissioner	GDPR Renewal	440	40.00
28.4.20.	J.Holmes	Salary (April)	441	235.03
28.4.20.	HMRC	PAYE (April)	442	58.60
15.5.20.	WAVE	Water – KGG	DD	24.25
19.5.20.	C.Whitehead	Internal Audit	443	50.00
20.5.20.	CLCA	Membership 2020	444	298.14
20.5.20.	CLCA	LCR Subscription	445	17.00
20.5.20.	Came & Company	Insurance	446	597.54
30.5.20.	J. Holmes	Salary (May)	447	234.83
30.5.20.	HMRC	PAYE (May)	448	58.80
6.6.20.	M.Holmes	Bedding plants(EC)	449	38.98
6.6.20.	J.Holmes	Printer inks	450	21.57

Balance: **£14235.54**

Less unrepresented cheques:

31.7.19. HMRC. 394. 58.80*

*Enquiries ongoing with HMRC

Balance: Parish Council (actual): **£14176.74**

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

4. **The Annual Return for the Year Ending 31 March 2020** is now on the Parish Council website and also on the relevant webpage of the Middlesbrough Council website and includes the following documents:

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 2.

The Date for Public Rights

Parish Council – Receipts and Payments 2019/20.

Report of the Responsible Financial Officer year ending 31.3.20.

48/20 Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning notifications.

19/0710/FUL. Stainton House. Land to the south of 1 Marwood Wynd. Amended application submitted. Application refused by Middlesbrough Council 12.5.20.

19/0687/FUL. 19 Maltby Road. Appeal against refusal for single storey extension to side.

Environment.

Grey water discharge from grounds of Stainton House into Stainton Beck –

Cllr. Coupe reports that Simon Clarke, MP is writing to Environment Agency requesting information about their findings in this matter. Cllr. Conroy suggested the beck be cordoned off and residents be informed of potential hazard to children and animals. Daytime survey to be undertaken by Friends Group. Cllrs. Liddle and Coupe to visit house occupiers in grounds of Stainton House to ascertain if they are aware of the source of the problem.

Bonfire nuisance – Following a spate of complaints regarding garden bonfires in the recent hot weather, advice to residents has been circulated by email.

Bedding plants – Cllr. Liddle reports that following the easing of lockdown regulations there has been a distinct lack of bedding plants available for purchase from garden nurseries. Village planters, floral displays will be affected in the short term.

Crime and Disorder – Nothing to report.

49/20. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces

Routine maintenance has resumed following the easing of lockdown regulations, currently working in the Spinney. A broken lock on a gate to the entrance of Maelor's Wood has been replaced by Cllr. Conroy. The £200 annual donation to the F.S.T.G.S. (for equipment maintenance and fuel) was approved by the parish council.

Resolved: The annual donation of £200 to the Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces was authorised by the Parish Council.

50/20. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Clerk reported that the annual subscription to CLCA and NALC had been renewed. Information and advisory notes on the COVID-19 crisis are regularly circulated by CLCA to all parish councils. Meetings will resume when lockdown regulations permit.

51/20. COVID-19. The Parish Council is actively keeping residents aware by newsletter, email and social media of the help and assistance available to residents during this lockdown period. There is a group of residents more than willing to help the vulnerable with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc and all residents are encouraged to make use of this service.

52/20. Risk Assessments – Parish Council Assets. – Annual risk assessments on noticeboards, seats, planters and troughs, owned by the parish council have been completed by Cllrs. Conroy and Coupe.

53/20 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 11 August 2020. 7pm. Venue to be decided.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Agreed and signed as a true record Date

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