

**The Minutes of the 225<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** P/Cllrs. A. Liddle (Chair), J. Holmes (Vice Chair), A. Conroy, A. Cooper, D. Coupe, C. Deane and B. Neale; Mrs. M. Newbould, Clerk to the Parish Council; Public: 0.

**1/16, Apologies** – none

**2/16, Declarations of Interest** – none.

**3/16, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council**  
– no public present.

**4/16, The Minutes of the 223<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2015** After an amendment (page 2, bottom line, “Middlesbrough Council” changed to “local residents”), the Minutes were formally approved by the Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

**5/16, Matters Arising from the above Minutes**

**(i) Cedarwood Glade Care Home – update** The Chair reported that MBC had informed him that they did not rent the property and the Care Home did not pose a serious problem. Cambrian had leased the property from the owner. However, P/Council monitoring would continue as half of the crime in the ward was related to the Care Home, which was legally responsible ‘in loco parentis’ for the girls living there but would not accept responsibility for crimes committed outside the premises. Cllr. D. Coupe had informed Mark Braithwaite of Middlesbrough Safe Guard about the situation.

**(ii) The Stainton Inn – proposed re-establishment of a retail outlet in the village, e.g. village shop/Post Office/newsagents; grants & funding** The Chair reported Frankie & Debbie Buckland, Stainton Inn landlords, had enquired about P/C progress re an ACV. Planning outlook was favourable for re-establishment of a retail outlet to generate more profit. With Stainton Inn as a Community Asset, the P/C would be notified about the intentions of the Brewery.

**(iii) Bus Services through Stainton commenced on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016** S & T P/C & Nunthorpe PC considered the current bus services a success but James of Croft Coach Travel had made the decision to cease in early April. MBC had agreed to pay the subsidy for the service but only until March 2016. The 106 Taylor Wimpey monies had already been used by MBC to subsidise Stainton Bus Services. The P/C **resolved that** the Chair would get in touch with the Evening Gazette for a feature.

**(iv) Village Memorials to Cllr. Maelor Williams (dec’d.) – progress report re V/Ct. seat plaque and renaming of Stainton Wood as Maelor Wood** The Chair had received permission from Tom Punton MBC for the renaming of the wood and had spoken to Nigel Slater. Cllr. Coupe would re-contact Nigel and the Chair would continue to progress the plaque.

**(v) Dog Fouling problems** – Cllr. Coupe reported that MBC had informed him that the

area was unsuitable for the installation of cameras so residents might be encouraged to take photos of offenders. The Chair had contacted Keith Garland of MBC who had offered 2 DL bins. Locations for siting these bins had been chosen. **Resolved that** the P/Council would purchase an extra bin (£180) if MBC agreed to empty it. Fixed Penalty Notices were also being considered.

**(vi) Re-location of Cedarwood Glade notice board to Vernon Court** would shortly be progressed.

**(vii) Councillor Profiles for Quality Council Level** The Clerk had now received Profiles from 6 out of 7 Parish Councillors. Cllr. Coupe would provide his profile soon. The Parish Council had **resolved** that all 7 Profiles would be included in the Chair's Annual Report in May 2016.

**(viii) Defibrillator(s) outside the Memorial Hall** - The Chair had included this item in the request for 106 monies from Taylor Wimpey. A defibrillator was needed 'sooner rather than later' and the Parish Council resolved to provide or contribute towards the cost in the current financial year. The Memorial Hall Committee had agreed that outside the Hall was the most appropriate site in the village but would not be responsible for the defibrillator. The P/Council had **resolved** that Taylor Wimpey would also be approached to ask if they would consider donating the item with their name included for publicity. The Chair would speak or write to Russell for sponsoring.

#### **6/16, The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council**

1. Transparency Fund Information - The Clerk had liaised with CLCA and applied for funding for a laser printer, as agreed by the P/Council. A cheque for £100 had been received from CLCA and a colour laser printer purchased (£97.99) and installed and was now in use.
2. New Pension regulations: Revised LTN 79 – Staff Pensions. The Clerk, the sole PC employee, had chosen to opt out. The Parish Council had agreed and Baines Jewitt Accountants had been notified accordingly. No further action was required until nearer the Staging date of 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 when Baines Jewitt would be back in touch.
3. On circulation to P/Councillors: the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine and the Local Council Review.
4. NALC information, circulars and newsletters received from CLCA had been forwarded to all 7 Parish Councillors, including Legal Briefing LO5-15 re Public Contracts Regulations 2015, updated Model Financial Regulations.
5. Sector Led Body: re audit procurement. The RFO would seek advice from the Internal Auditor and CLCA as to whether to opt out of External Audit. The deadline has been moved to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016.
6. The Hambleton Local Plan: Public Consultation (11th Jan. to 19<sup>th</sup> Feb.) Issues & Options document had been received and passed to the Chair.

7. A letter had been received from Middlesbrough Council re the Draft Marton West Neighbourhood Plan and forwarded to Parish Councillors.
8. A telephone call had been received from Brian Chapman that the Memorial Hall Cttee. would not charge village groups for hire of the hall in the months of February and March, 2016.
9. Funding Central: the Chair had advised David Thorman of Bishopton re central government funding for the purchase/development of a playing field for children.
10. County Durham & Cleveland County Training Partnership had sent details of a Managing Events course on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Shotton Hall, Peterlee, costing £27 pp.
11. A letter and "Guide to Taking Part" had been received from the Chairman of NALC about celebrations for HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016. Cllr. Coupe mentioned an MBC 'Clean for the Queen' initiative encouraging school children to tidy up local green spaces.
12. Cllr. Jim Holmes had been nominated, but unfortunately not selected by CLCA, to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May 2016 on behalf of Stainton & Thornton Parish Council together with his wife, Maureen, as his guest.
13. The 2016 Good Councillor's Guide pdf to download had been received from CLCA and forwarded to Parish Councillors.
14. Stephen Ragg (cdalc) had notified the P/Council of a CiLCA mentoring course 2016 for both Councillors and Clerks.
15. The Financial Statement: The Balance in the Bank A/c. at 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2016 was £4946.35, After Deducting: Prontaprint re newsletters £108.00, Northumbria in Bloom entry fee £75.00, Asda printer inks £25.00, M. Newbould Clerk's salary (2 months) £300.96, Memorial Hall hire £48.00, HMRC re PAYE 80 pence, Normans re stationery £12.59, M & S Bank re boxes for Xmas Lights £46.99, Northumbrian Water £38.84. The above payments were fully authorised by the P/Council. The Precept demand (£6500) had been submitted to Middlesbrough Council and the VAT reclaim form had been sent to HMRC.

**7/16, Committee Reports: a) Planning Committee:** New Applications: 3, Rowan Grove –2 storey extension at side; 13 Hemlington Rd. 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extension, single storey rear ext. & dormer at rear; Land to east of junction of Strait Lane & Low Lane, Stainton – Erection of 1no 3 storey (85 bed) residential Care Home with associated access, parking & landscaping and Additional outline permission for 1no supported living accommodation block with associated access: following perusal of the plans provided by Cllr. Coupe and lengthy discussion, the P/Council **resolved that**, following further investigation, a strong letter of objection would be sent. The Chair would also speak to Russell at Taylor Wimpey and all residents directly affected; Land at Hemlington Grange – Hybrid application for residential dev. consisting of full planning consent for 124 dwellings with associated works and outline permission for an area of 42.29ha; All Applications from Dec.2015 had been granted or approved with conditions by MBC.

**b) Environment Committee:** Cllr. David Coupe reported that the Northumbria in Bloom entry had been submitted; Spring Judging preparation; Portfolio progress; barrels refurbishment; the Strait Lane hedge trim had been requested and carried out immediately by Taylor Wimpey; Cllr. Coupe had received permission from MBC to remove conifer trees at 14 Maltby Rd; a tree at 1 Fawcett Avenue required removal; the tree outside Mrs. Pat Henderson’s house would be removed in the following few weeks; hedge set on fire on Maltby Rd. now being monitored by DC; many Public Rights of Way, including Stainton Wood, The Spinney, Hemlington Lake & High Rifts field footpaths had been adopted by MBC; next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 p.m.

**c) Crime & Disorder:** The Chair reported that PCSO Andrea had now left S & T. Cllr. Coupe reported a recent crime at the Riding for the Disabled Centre and advised extra vigilance and reporting to the Police (ring 101) of anything which seemed suspicious. Crime figures could be viewed on either the Police or the Middlesbrough Council websites.

**8/16, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces:** Cllrs. A. Liddle and A. Conroy reported recent work, events and finance. The sum of £20,000 of the Taylor Wimpey 106 monies was to be received by the Friends of S & T Green Spaces. Stainton Wood – excellent work was being done by the Community Pay Back Team and Askham Bryan College students. 14 Cedar Birch trees had been planted on the ski slope for the colonnade under the 2015/16 Big Lottery Fund Grant. The end-of-grant report by Cllr. Conroy had now been accepted by the BLF. A trial 50 sq. metres wild flower meadow was being created at the east end of the Quarry. There was a good display of snowdrops at present. A Tesco/Groundwork NE grant application had been made through Sue Antrobus of Tees Valley Nature Partnership to improve the green spaces and to introduce brass-rubbing activities for children. The grant would be £8-12,000 and FSTGN had been shortlisted. The Report was accepted by the Parish Council.

**9/16, Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May 2016 – nomination of Cllr. Jim Holmes** (see Clerk’s Report, No. 12 above).

**10/16, Date for the Parish Assembly Meeting, Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 7.15 p.m.** (joint with the Community Council Meeting) in the Memorial Hall, Stainton. Possible Speakers to be invited were The Mayor: Cllr. David Budd, Barry Coppinger or Tom Blenkinsop and someone from Silk Health Care or from the Fire Brigade.

**11/16, Date for the next Parish Council meeting, Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 7.15 p.m.** in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

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

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