

The Minutes of the 221st meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 9th June, 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: P/Cllrs. A. Liddle (Chair), A. Conroy, and Chris Dean; M. Newbould, Clerk to the Parish Council. Public: 0.

43/15, Co-option of Two Parish Councillors: Vacancy for co-option had been advertised at recent meetings and in the newsletter. Cllr. Angela Cooper, co-opted at the Annual Meeting on 19th May, 2015, was on holiday and therefore unable to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Mr. Brian Neale was unanimously co-opted as the 7th Parish Councillor. He would be notified and invited to attend the meeting on 11th August. Middlesbrough Council would also be notified regarding the 2 co-options.

44a/15, Apologies were received from P/Cllrs. A. Cooper (on holiday), J. Holmes (on holiday) and D. Coupe (in London).

44b/15, Declarations of Interest – none.

45/15, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – no public present.

46/15, The Minutes of the 220th meeting held on Tuesday, 14th April, 2015 were formally approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair as a true record.

47/15, The Minutes of the 29th Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th May, 2015 were formally approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair as a true record.

48/15, Matters Arising from the above Minutes:- (i) Cedar Drive fence An email had recently been received by the P/Council from residents Bill & Liz McDougall expressing concerns over the damaged fence. A disclaimer had been issued that the Parish Council could not be held responsible for the fence. However, the Community Council had agreed at the Parish Assembly in March 2015 to pay one third of the cost of re-instating the fence, subject to the necessary receipt of a written quote for the work and on submission of the receipted invoice. The Chair had contacted the Pennyman Estate, the owners of the lane and MBC who were responsible for Cedar Drive. If the broken fence posed a danger to the public, MBC would remove the fence completely free-of-charge but would not replace it. The residents should decide if they required the removal. Mr. Chris Stout had withdrawn his offer to contribute £200 towards the cost of re-instatement.

(ii) Vernon Court bus stop seat installation The seat had now been installed by Cllr. A. Conroy and the TMG (Thursday Morning Group of workers), who were thanked by the Chair for all their effort. On behalf of the Community, Nancy & Ron Taylor thought the seat absolutely wonderful! The Chair would purchase a brass plaque and have it engraved at Peel's Engravers in memory of Cllr. Maelor Williams. Appropriate wording was agreed. The TMG would be asked to kindly drill and fix on the plaque.

(iii) New Footpath from Rose Cottage Farm to footbridge completion –an update was given. Cllrs. reported that there was no sign of quad bikes but monitoring would continue.

(iv)Parish Council Risk Assessments dated 31/03/2015 had been duly received and reported to Council.

(v)Croft Coach Travel: Service 18 The Chair reported that usage had improved but regrettably only to a very slight degree. It was possible that the service might be lost. Cllr. David Coupe was looking into the Stage Coach contract with MBC and would report back to the Chair.

(vi)Village Memorials to Maelor Williams (dec'd.) – progress report re V/Ct. seat plaque and renaming of Stainton Wood as Maelor Wood The seat plaque had already been covered above in item 48/15(ii). Renaming of Stainton Wood as Maelor Wood – no progress on this at present following the election.

(vii)New Dog Fouling signs purchase – examples of some available signs were displayed. ***Resolved that*** this agenda item be further discussed in greater detail at the 11th August meeting.

49/15, The Report of the Clerk to the Council

1. A donation had been requested by a lady from the Middlesbrough Roller Hockey Club. The request was passed on to the Community Council by the Chair.
2. A letter had been received from the Executive Director of The Pensions Regulator. It was ***resolved that*** the necessary 'named contact' would be Gail Harbron of Baines Jewitt Chartered Accountants. The S & T P/Council 'staging date' would be 1st May, 2017. The Parish Council now had new automatic enrolment legal duties.
3. On circulation to Parish Councillors: the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine and the Local Council Review.
4. NALC circulars & correspondence from CLCA had been forwarded to Parish Councillors.
5. The Financial Statement: The Balance in the Bank Account at 9th June, 2015 was £9706.73, After Adding: Precept £6500.00 and Council Tax Grant £446.00; and Deducting: HMRC re PAYE £1.40, M. Newbould (Clerk's salary – 2 months) £300.96, CLCA subscription £221.47, LCR sub. £17.00, Normans of Billingham re office supplies £17.48, Broker Network Came Insurance £469.13, B. Chapman re troughs £10.00, A. Little re plants £28.00, Prontaprint re newsletter £101.00 and A. Conroy re seat installation £87.26. These payments were given full authorisation by the Parish Council. The Executive Officer/RFO of Billingham Town Council, Dianne Rickaby, the S & T P/Council's Internal Auditor, had carried out the Internal Audit on 28th May, 2015. The External Audit by BDO would be on 27th July, 2015. BDO's Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 would be duly displayed on a village notice board for the legally required length of time.

50/15, Annual Return: Parish Council Approval of Sections One and Two The Parish Council duly approved Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return for the year ended 31/03/15 which were then signed and dated by the Chair and the RFO.**51/15, Internal Audit Report and any comments from the Internal Auditor, Dianne Rickaby** Copies of the report for the year ended 31/03/15 were given out to Parish Councillors present and the Report was then duly accepted by the Parish Council.

52/15, Committee Reports: (a) Planning Committee: Cllr. A. Liddle reported applications granted by MBC and any new applications: 2 Whinstone Drive amendment, new window in rear elevation; 2 Thornton Road – removal of conifer tree; Land at Hemlington Grange – new safety hub & telecoms mast; 137 Cedarwood Glade, erection of 1no dwelling with associated access. The Chair would make sure Cobblestone Close residents, and Brian Davies & Peter Brunton in Cedarwood Glade had been notified. The P/Council notice board might have to be relocated, possibly to a position opposite Vernon Ct. Permission would be required. The Report was accepted by the P/ Council.**(b)The Environment Committee Report** by Cllr. A. Liddle: Northumbria in Bloom 2015: Summer Judging would be on 13th July. A Committee meeting had been held on Friday, 15th May, at 6.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Summer planting was currently in progress. AL would plant up the “tear-drop” bed this year. A suggestion was made to invite the Stainton Way Care Home to sponsor the “tear-drop”. MBC had offered to plant 3 trees on Strait Lane and Ron Dennison had contacted Richard Ward, the Middlesbrough Council arborist for advice re trees in Fawcett Ave. As RD had expressed his wish to step down, the P/Council had elected a new Env. Cttee. Chair, Councillor David Coupe, on May 19th. A letter of thanks would be sent from the Parish Council to the retiring Chair, Mr. Ron Dennison. The next meeting would take place on Friday, 16th October, 2015 at 6.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton. The Report was accepted by the P/Council. **© Crime & Disorder Report:** Cllr. A. Liddle reported a recent incident in which an air rifle had been fired into the Parish Church room during a meeting, shattering a glass. He also reported another incident where police had chased a stolen car through the village. He would keep a watchful eye on Stainton Wood & the Spinney.

53/15, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces Cllr. A. Liddle reported: completion of improvements to footpaths. He was very pleased with the standard of work. Sue Antrobus (TV Nature Partnership) had visited to advise re a wildflower meadow and was amazed at how well the group was managing the site; a Green Spaces Forum, run by Sue, had been held on 6th May; a flagpole, although not essential for community groups, was being obtained to display the Green Flag. Planning permission was required. A Green Flag inspection had recently taken place and the judge was suitably impressed. Permission had been granted by the Pennyman Estate to install a board-walk & pond-dipping platform in Kell Gate Green. The Friends’ AGM would take place on Monday, June 29th at 10.00 a.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton. The new Friends’ Secretary would be Val Beadnall and the retiring Secretary, Mrs. M. Newbould, was thanked by the Chair. A new rough terrain grass cutter had been purchased and Came insurance cover for Mowers & Machinery had now been increased to £3000. Risk Assessments for Kell Gate Green and the Quarry would be discussed at the AGM.**54/15, Update on Gala Day arrangements for Sunday, 19th July, 2015, Kell Gate Green** An article, written by Trudi Sagar, had been published in the most recent edition of the Village Newsletter. Leaflets giving fuller details would be sent out in July. Donations of wine and unwanted gift items for the tombola were needed. The next Gala Day meeting would be held on Tuesday, 23rd June at 7.15 p.m. in the Hall.**55/15,Date for the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday,11th August, 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Accepted as a true record and signed Date

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