

**The Minutes of the 228<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** P/Cllrs. A. Liddle (Chair), J. Holmes (Vice Chair), A. Cooper, D. Coupe, C. Dean and B. Neale; M. Newbould, Clerk to the Council. Public: 3.

**55/16, Apologies** were received from Cllr. A. Conroy (on holiday); and Cllr. B. Neale apologised that he would arrive late because of work.

**56/16, Declarations of Interest** – none.

**57/16, Public Participation**

3 members of the public, Primrose Way residents from the Taylor Wimpey/Rose Cottage Farm development, complained about a large gap in the Strait Lane hedge and public use of their private access road as a cut-through from Strait Lane. A site meeting was arranged by the P/Council for Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 at 5.00 p.m. for residents to talk to Parish Councillors about these problems. The Parish Council **resolved to** write to Taylor Wimpey requesting that they re-instate the hedge.

**58/16, The Minutes of the 227<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2016** were accepted and agreed by the P/Council and then signed by the Chair as a true record.

**59/16, Matters arising from the above Minutes**

- (i) **P/Councillor profiles for website:** Cllr. D. Coupe would submit his profile.
- (ii) **Defibrillator** – written agreement had been received from the Memorial Hall Committee to site the defibrillator on the Memorial Hall wall. Cllr. Chris Dean presented final details with quotes. He was thanked by the Chair. The Parish Council **resolved that** a letter would be written by the Chair to the Memorial Hall Cttee. to report plans and purchase & instalment would be progressed without delay.
- (iii) **Village Memorials to Cllr. Maelor Williams (dec'd.)** Stainton Wood having been officially renamed as Maelor's Wood, the Chair would now progress the seat plaque. Re-location of one of the notice boards to a position next to the seat had been decided. A new sign at the far end was being arranged by Paul Bamber, TVNP, under the (Tesco) Bags of Help grant, and a Family Event towards the end of August. Cllr. J. Holmes's news article for the Gazette and the Love Middlesbrough magazine re the wood, the paintings and the new sign had not yet been acknowledged by MBC.
- (iv) **Dog Fouling problems** – an improvement had been noticed by the Chair and other Parish Councillors. New signs and stronger deterrents were discussed, e.g. "Pick Up Your Dog Poo or Someone Else Will" with a young child on the display poster.
- (v) **Updating New Residents' sheet** – this was being progressed by Cllr. J. Holmes.
- (vi) **Transport – funding for a village bus service** – Cllr. D. Coupe reported MBC future policy plans Part 3 and the "Mayor's Promise 9" which included some local transport links. He had spoken to the Mayor. Coulby Newham Borough Councillor David Branston would be contacted for advice and an approach made to Taylor Wimpey for support. The 106 monies were still not forthcoming.

(vii) **Constructing a Neighbourhood Plan** – ***Resolved that*** the Chair would email Paul Clarke that the P/Council were considering devising a Neighbourhood Plan and would also put a piece in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to form a working party.

(viii)**Hedge trimming** Cllr. D. Coupe reported that Silk Healthcare was responsible for the bottom part of Strait Lane. A Cedarwood Glade resident at No.114 had trimmed his hedges back as requested by the Chair/P/Council but the pavement was still obstructed by parked cars at Cedarwood Glade. The Chair would write to MBC's '13' Group and Cllr. D. Coupe had spoken to Peter Wilson on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. as the PCSO's had not attended the Comm/Cncl. Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr. Coupe would attend the Joint Action Group meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August and would invite Cllr. Barry Coppinger to attend the Community Cncl. Mtg. in September or November. Julie Pierce, Rural Crime Safety Coordinator, would email the Council direct and Erin Graham had sent out an ASB Diary Sheet.

### **60/16, The Report of the Clerk to the Council**

1. On circulation to P/Councillors: the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, the Local Council Review and the CPRE magazine.
2. NALC information, circulars and newsletters received from CLCA had all been forwarded to the 7 Parish Councillors.
3. A CLCA meeting at Saltburn on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 had been notified. However, the Chair and Vice Chair had been unable to attend because of needing to be present at the Stainton & Thornton Community Council meeting on the same evening.
4. The SLCC Regional Roadshow had been held at Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield on 6<sup>th</sup> July.
5. A North East Council Event, 'Your Council, Your Finances, Your Responsibility', would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 at Shotton Hall, Peterlee. All Parish Councillors and the Clerk were invited to attend this training session @ £27.00 per person. It was agreed by the Parish Council that the Clerk go to this event.
6. Details had been received from SLCC about the 42nd National Conference at Jury's Inn, Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 and a Smaller Councils Open Day on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October from £59 + VAT.
7. Notice of a Gala Day Committee meeting has been received from Trudi Sagar. The meeting would take place on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton. All were welcome!
8. The Financial Statement: the Balance at 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 was £8642.49, After Adding: Friends of S & TGS re Came Insurance £14.27, and Deducting: Paula Hall (Internal Audit) £50, Stainton Memorial Hall re hire of hall £64, Sign Art re Maelor's Wood £540, M. Newbould Clerk's salary £300.96, HMRC re PAYE £1.60, Clerk's Expenses (4 months) £75, Pat Burton re plants £18, and A. Liddle re plants £18.00. All the above payments were fully authorised by the Parish Council. The BDO External Audit had taken place on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

9. New signatory forms had been duly completed by Cllrs. D. Coupe and J. Holmes and returned to Santander. It was **resolved that** P/Cllrs. Cooper, Dean and Neale were not required to become signatories at the present time.

**61/16, Committee Reports: a) Planning Committee:** Cllr. A. Liddle reported applications granted by MBC and any new applications: Silk Health Care Home and associated block of flats were to be constructed in 2016. 43, Hemlington Rd. tree with a TPO – crown lift app. The owner had to cut some of the over-hanging branches of the new growth. Stainton House – 2 trees to be felled. The Chair had emailed Peter Wilson. Cllr. A. Cooper asked whether the soil had been tested by Env. Health. Mr. Woodhall had to replace all trees taken out with new trees, like for like & the lamppost had to be moved further along. The Wellbury development had been discontinued for the present time. Seamer Road road-works & re-surfacing would commence on 10<sup>th</sup> August. The Report was accepted by the P/Cncl.

**b) Environment Committee:** Cllr. D. Coupe reported that he himself, Mrs. E. Revett and Cllr. A. Liddle had accompanied the Northumbria in Bloom Summer Judges on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016. The Judges did not like the astro-turf but loved the lack of litter and absence of dog fouling and the Stainton Inn looked pleasing; the NiB Awards Ceremony would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and the next Cttee. meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 5.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

**c) Crime & Disorder Report** – the Chair gave an update on recent incidents in Stainton & Thornton, namely some anti-social behaviour at the Quarry seat and a fire in the wheat field.

**62/16, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces** The elected Chair, Cllr. A. Liddle, reported that the AGM had been held on Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 10.00 a.m. Risk Assessments were being regularly conducted. The Minutes & Maintenance Schedule had been circulated. Mrs. E. Revett had been elected as Vice Chair, Cllr. A. Conroy as Treasurer, and M. Newbould as Minutes' Secretary. Grant applications were reported. Maelor's Wood: Paul Bamber, Tees Valley NP had plans for a Family Treasure Hunt/Foraging Day during the August Bank Holiday week or the beginning of September. The Wildflower Meadow was flourishing well and the TM Gp. were starting to get volunteers from RC Farm. A tarzi was reported as being back; squeaky gates in KGG would be mended. A tree had been unofficially planted by an unknown, non-resident person in memory of a 20-yr. old girl would had died. E. Revett was contacting the funeral director and Richard Ward (MBC) would be notified. Next meeting: 31 Oct., 2016 in the Memorial Hall at ten a.m.

**63/16, MBC Planning Portal** The Chair reported that the portal was now up and running but planning lists were so far only available on a weekly basis.

**64/16, Response from residents following re-surfacing of various streets** Cllr. D. Coupe reported High Rifts, Fawcett Ave. & Quarry Drive resurfaced by MBC on a grading basis (52+). He was trying to get other areas resurfaced too.

**65/16, Date for the next Parish Council Meeting, Tues, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton** The Chair gave his apologies (on holiday).

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.  
Accepted and agreed as a true record . . . . .  
Dated . . . . .

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