

The Minutes of the 209th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 11th June 2013 at 7.15 pm

Present: P/Cllrs. M. Williams (Chair), A. Conroy, J. Holmes, and R. Dennison. Mrs. M. Newbould, Clerk to the Council. Public: none.

45/13, Apologies were received from Councillors A. Cooper, A. Liddle (Vice-Chair) (ill), R. Macmillan (in hospital). The reasons for absence were accepted by the P/Council.

And any Declarations of Interest – none.

46/13, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council
No public present.

47/13, The Minutes of the 27th Annual Meeting held on 21st May 2013 were formally approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair as a true record.

48/13, The Minutes of the 208th business meeting held on Tues. 9th April, 2013 were formally approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair as a true record.

49/13, Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) **Assets Register** - The Assets of the Parish Council and their location were still being identified. ***Resolved that*** a letter would be written by Cllr. A. Conroy and sent to Chris Stout, the Internal Auditor. ***Resolved that*** the Chair would assist the Clerk with the Assets figure for the Annual Return this year. Cllr. R. Dennison pointed out that once an asset was put onto Middlesbrough Council land in S & T, MBC would not maintain the asset. It was a case of nominal ownership only.

(ii) **Suggestions for Notice Boards replacement and new residents 'Welcome Pack'**
Following discussion, ***it was resolved*** to further progress these items before the August meeting. ***Agreed in principle*** to purchase a notice board bigger than the one in High Rifts with public access to one side and supporting posts. It was hoped to obtain quotes from a joiner in Church Close and also from two suppliers. Cllr. A. Cooper would be invited to progress the new residents' 'Welcome Pack' (ref. Minute 104/11). Following a suggestion received from Cllr. R. Dennison, it was ***resolved that*** each village organisation should be asked to compose its own welcome sheet for inclusion in the pack. (iii) **LG Boundary** Commission had provided a copy of the letter to the Chief Executive of Middlesbrough Council with a summary of its Draft Recommendations. There was now a consultation period until 6th August. Only the full report available on the Internet referred to the Parish Council size and boundaries. The Boundary Commission had now recommended the transfer of the Dales Park estate into Hemlington Ward in 2015 to allow for new housing in Stainton & Thornton Ward. (iv) **40 mph signs awaited for a section of Low Lane** - still awaited. The hedge covering the sign on Seamer Rd. required cutting-back. Noted.

- (v) Village centre new street lighting now installed by MBC.

50/13, The Report of the Clerk to the Council

1. CLCA had notified a General meeting on 12th June in Saltburn.
2. CLCA had forwarded a request for a donation to Vitalise which subsidised travel, training and living costs for volunteers assisting disabled people on respite care breaks. Noted.
3. Risk Assessments had been received.
4. MBC had advised that their Executive have endorsed a revised masterplan for the Western Gateway. There was a 4-week consultation period for this masterplan available on the Internet. Any comments were required by 2nd July.
5. Only 4 of the 7 Parish Councillors had submitted copies of the Notification of Financial and Other Interests to both MBC and the Parish Clerk.
6. Communications from NALC had been forwarded to Parish Councillors.
7. The Financial Statement:- the Balance in the S & T Parish Council Account at 11th June, 2013 was £7371.32, After Adding:- MBC Precept & Grant £6500.00, Bank Interest 0.82 and Donation £20.00; And Deducting:- MBC re copier £83.41, Pat Burton – Env. Cttee. plants £10.70, A. Liddle, Env. Cttee. primroses £20.00, M. Newbould re Clerk's salary (2 months) £291.58, CLCA membership fee £216.08, CLCA LC Review £16.00, Broker Network: Came Insurance £436.23, R. Dennison – Env. Cttee. £284.85 and Northumbrian Water (DD) £10.04. All the above payments were fully authorised by the Parish Council.
8. The Annual Return: Pages one and two were circulated to P/Councillors, agreed by the Council and signed by the Chair and the RFO (the Clerk), with the Assets figure still to be resolved. Audit date: 22nd July, 2013.

51(a)/13, Planning Committee:- the Chair reported previous applications granted by MBC: 77 houses on land off Low Lane; Rose Cottage Farm (to vary the condition for revising house types & plot positions). Nothing controversial in the change. The Chair would ask Taylor Wimpey to inform their suppliers not to allow their HGV's to drive right through S & T to reach the Rose Cottage Farm site; Rear of 42 Cedar Drive - single storey extension to side & rooms in roof space permission granted by MBC; Stainton Pub - pruning of beech & sycamore. New applications:- 21 Thornton Road (Vicarage) single storey office & garage extension and demolition of store & garage for relocation of the drive/access – a Parish Council objection had been submitted; Larchfield Community 2 storey apartment block – no P/Council objection; 1a Strait Lane rear extension – no objection from a community point of view. The Chair would discuss with resident, Don Ashton; the Chair reported on the consultation for Rose Cottage Farm Phase 2 on 13 May. **Resolved that** a written objection would be submitted by the Parish Council on the grounds that the semi-rural approach to the village up Strait Lane would be lost for ever and the further 31 houses would create a major problem on traffic grounds. Rose Cottage: erection of 2 non-illuminated 'V' shaped fascia signs and 6 6m high flagpoles. Cedarwood Glade House plot:

MBC intended to market by private tenure the small plot of land just beyond Cobblestone Close where the notice board was located at present. Cllr. R. Dennison also reported land for sale at Stainton House. The Report was accepted by the Parish Council.

51(b)/13, Environment Committee Cllr. R. Dennison commented on the Northumbria in Bloom Spring Judging, gave a summary of the meeting on 17 May, reported summer plants distribution & clearing/improvement of the Thornton junction rose-bed. and announced N in Bloom Summer Judging on 18th July. He was trying to find ways to reduce costs. Another lady volunteer had been recruited for Strait Lane. Permissive Paths closure was also discussed: E. Revett had spoken to James Addison regarding the reason for the closure, namely dogs being out of control near horses. Cllr. Dennison had written as a resident to Addison Liveries and upon receipt, a copy of their reply would be given to the P/Council. The Report was accepted by the Parish Council.

51(c)/13, Crime & Disorder Report No incidents to report. PCSO John Blance thought that the single girl would probably return to the Cedarwood Glade care-home.

52/13, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces Cllr. A. Conroy summarised the Friends' meeting held on 16 May and reported: work by Thursday Morning Gang (TMG); spending of the Big Lottery Fund grant of £9900; visit by the Wildlife Trust re steps down the steep part of the Quarry & pathway down by the badgers, from which decision reached to create a gentle slope for access & wheelchairs and a formal pathway through the quarry gate to the left using re-constituted road material - work due to start in July. Stainton Wood access to the sewer and the route of the new footpath to the footbridge. The Ernest Cook Grant of £3000 received in 2012 contained a built-in element for training. However, training of members was not now being pursued. Instead, the funding would be used for educational activities for children. The report for completion of the project had been due in April 2013 but Cllr. A. Liddle had explained the situation. The MBC Arborist had visited re a suspected ash die-back but no evidence was found.

53/13, Reports (if any) from MBC Standards Committee meetings The Chair reported changes to the Standards Committee system and composition. MBC had now set up its own Standards Committee However, Cllr. R. Macmillan would still represent the S & T P/Council if a complaint re a P/Council was being assessed by a sub-committee hearing.

54/13, MBC change of governance – referendum confirmed for 26 September, 2013

The Referendum would decide whether Middlesbrough should continue to have a directly elected Mayor model or return to the Council Leader arrangement after May 2015. (Mr. Ray Mallon had previously announced that he would not seek re-election in 2015.) Voting would be in the Memorial Hall as usual on 26th Sept.

55/13, Date for next business meeting of the Council – Tues, 13th August, 2013 at 7.15 p.m.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at approx.9.00 p.m.

Accepted as a true record and signed Date
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