

The Minutes of the 226th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 12th April, 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

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

12/16, Apologies – none. **13/16, Declarations of Interest** – none.

14/16, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council
– no public present.

15/16, The Minutes of the 225th meeting held on Tuesday, 9th February, 2016 were formally approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

16/16, Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(i) Cedarwood Glade Care Home – update Cllr. D. Coupe had received verbal assurance that a recent problem at the home was internal.

(ii) The Stainton Inn – proposed re-establishment of a retail outlet in Stainton e.g. village shop/Post Office/newsagents The Chair had spoken to Frankie Buckland, the Landlord, who would be leaving on 25th April. It was unfortunate that the pub window boxes for Northumbria in Bloom were currently empty. The new Landlord might establish a retail outlet but this was not certain.

(iii) Provision of Bus Services through Stainton The existing service would discontinue on Friday, 15th April. The Chair would present to the full council (MBC) a petition drawn up by Mrs. B. Crisp and other Meldyke Lane residents in favour of the re-establishment of bus services through Stainton. Cllr. David Coupe reported that the matter was soon to be discussed by the Deputy Mayor.

(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 not yet progressed the seat plaque as the location of the seat might have to be changed, because of the cessation of the buses. ***The Parish Council resolved*** to write to The Mayor, copy to Paul Clarke, Head of Planning, for written permission to rename the wood before the Maelor-Celebration tea event in the Memorial Hall on 25th June. The press would be notified and invited. The P/Council noted that MBC had already agreed to pay for new signage bearing Maelor's name.

(v) Dog Fouling problems – progress re prevention measures Ken Sherwood, MBC, had arranged for the installation of 2 Dog Litter bins, one on the grassed area opposite Cedar Drive and the other just inside Stainton Wood by the new footpath. A letter had recently been received from Middlesbro' Council by resident dog-owners in High Rifts. It was suggested that: (a) letters be written to the MP and The Mayor, (b) residents take photos of offenders and (c) local schools be invited to design 'scoop the poop' posters.

(vi) Gala Day to be held on Sunday, 31st July, 2016 - the ordering of a portaloos would be progressed.

(vii) Re-location of Cedarwood Glade notice board to Vernon Court Two notice boards had recently been refurbished by Cllr. Alan Conroy, who was thanked by the Chair. One of these would be sited in the central reservation at Meldyke Lane and the other underneath the horse-chestnuts near the Cedarwood Glade entrance off Hemlington Rd. However, care had to be taken not to obscure traffic view. Planning permission might also be required. After 25th April, the Chair would ask the Brewery for permission to move the notice board from the pub outside wall, Hemlington Rd.

(viii) Quality Council Level The Clerk had now received **Profiles** from 6 out of 7 Parish Councillors. Cllr. D. Coupe agreed to 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. **Clerk's CPD:** the Clerk was required to attain 12 CPD points within a 12-month period. The total number of requirements for QPS was 42. **Resolved that** the Chair and Clerk would discuss QPS requirements further before the June Meeting.

(ix) Defibrillator(s) outside the Memorial Hall Photographs of defibrillators in various villages had been circulated by Cllr. Chris Dean. The P/Council agreed that it was absolutely vital to purchase a defibrillator for Stainton in the hope of saving lives. The Chair reported that Taylor Wimpey 106 monies might not be available for this project. **Resolved that** this agenda item would be progressed, suppliers researched and costings obtained by the Chair. The British Heart Foundation and/or St. John's Ambulance would advise.

(x) Report on Parish Assembly held jointly with the Community Council on 8th March – Minutes had been written and circulated by Cllr. Jim Holmes, who reported that a very good, well-attended Parish Assembly had taken place.

17/16, The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

1. The Agenda had been received for the SLCC 2016 Regional Roadshow on 6th July at Sedgfield, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. P/Cllrs. and the Clerk were all invited to attend.
2. On circulation to P/Councillors: the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, the CPRE magazine and the Local Council Review.
3. NALC information, circulars and newsletters received from CLCA had been forwarded to all 7 Parish Councillors.
4. Sector Led Body: re audit procurement. The RFO had sought advice from the Internal Auditor and CLCA as to whether to opt out of External Audit. Following receipt of replies, a decision had been taken **not** to opt out. The deadline for opting-out was 31st March.
5. A letter and "Guide to Taking Part" had been received from the Chairman of NALC about celebrations for HM Queen's 90th birthday on 21st April, 2016.
6. A copy of the Care Homes Brochure for Older People had been received from Susan Lightwing, MBC.
7. The Financial Statement: The Balance in the Bank A/c. at 12th April, 2016 was £11,174.40, After Adding:- CLCA Transparency Fund £100, HMRC VAT repayment £152.29 and Middlesbrough Council Precept £6500 and Grant £466, And Deducting:

Prontaprint re newsletters £108.00, A. Cooper Editor's Exp. £50, HMRC PAYE £2.20 (3 months), Baines Jewitt RTI £96, M. Newbould Clerk's salary (2 months) £300.96, Clerk's Expenses £85.00, Normans re stationery/raffle books £33.19, Colour Laser Printer (Coop) £97.99, M & S Bank re Notice Boards, Northumbria in Bloom & Plants £139.88, Northumbrian Water £20.03, and NiB Spring meeting £10.00. The above payments were fully authorised by the P/Council.

- The Internal Audit would be carried out by Dianne Rickaby in May/June.
- The BDO External Audit would take place on 25th July, 2016.

18/16, Committee Reports: a) Planning Committee: The Chair reported New applications: Upper Farm, Thornton – first floor extension to rear; 10, Seamer Rd. – reduction of 1 no. beech tree at front; 11, Thornton Vale – single storey extension at rear. Land to East of Junction of Strait Lane & Low Lane: Erection of 1no 3 storey (85 bed) residential care home with associated access, parking & landscaping; Additional outline permission for 1no supported living accommodation block with associated access: P/Council objections had been submitted and the Chair would verbally object at the adjudication on May 20th. A Silk Healthcare Neighbourhood Consultation meeting had been held on 6th April at the Sporting Lodge Hotel; 3, Rowan Grove – 2 storey ext. at side; 13, Hemlington Rd. 1st floor side extension, single storey rear extension and dormer at rear; 47, Hemlington Rd. demolition of tree at 43, Hemlington Rd; Land at Hemlington Grange – residential development started; 14, Meldyke Lane – app. to have certain trees removed. Problem reported with tree on verge at Thornton Vale; 2 ash trees on Hemlington Rd. – the Chair would send a P/Council objection and guidance would be requested from Peter Wilson and Richard Ward, Middlesbrough Council. It was noted that 2 gaps in the Strait Lane hedge on the RH side descending had been made by Taylor Wimpey as planned for access to the footpath. 23, Pennyman Way – on appeal.

b) Environment Committee: Cllr. David Coupe reported on the meeting held on 19th February at 6.30 p.m; Northumbria in Bloom Spring Judging would take place on 15th April; The Stainton pub was not represented; 2 Litter Picks; the pansies planted by Mrs. Pat Henderson were now missing; Portfolio progress – volunteer requested; barrels refurbishment; and monitoring of trees and hedges. Hedges were not protected by TPO's. The next meeting would be held on Friday, 13th May, from 5.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton. **c) Crime & Disorder:** The Chair reported that there had been no recent incidents in Stainton & Thornton. Problems were being addressed re the disappearance of a girl from the Stainton Way Care Home. Crime figures for the ward were available on the Cleveland Police website.

19/16, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces: Cllrs. A. Liddle & A. Conroy reported work at Kell Gate Green, the Quarry and the Spinney. £20,000 of the Taylor Wimpey 106 monies was to be received by the Friends of S & T Green Spaces but nothing

had so far been finalised. Stainton Wood – excellent work had been done by the Community Pay Back Team and Askham Bryan College students. The TMG were thanked for all their hard work. The TMG were horrified at the state of the footpaths. Horses were not officially allowed access to the field at High Rifts or Stainton Wood but had been getting in and the wet ground was being badly churned-up. A letter would be written to all local horse-riding establishments in the parish. A meeting had been held on Monday, 11th April at 10.00 a.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton; the Clerk had been re-appointed as Friends of S & T Minutes' Secretary; Green Flag was not being re-continued in 2016/2017. Risk Assessments for insurance purposes were ongoing. The Friends had gained £10,000 of Tesco Grant monies, with thanks to Sue Antrobus, which would be used for the brass rubbing nature trail for children in Stainton Wood. An application was to be made for a further grant for extension of the footpaths in the Quarry, improvements to the Cedarwood Glade entrance and in Kell Gate Green, hard-coring of the path from the gate to the deer, a board walk and pond-dipping platform for children. However, children's education sessions would be omitted from the next grant application. The Report was accepted by the Parish Council.

20/16, Parish Council contribution to Friends' Gp. for extra expenses incurred in the preparation of Kell Gate Green for Gala Day *The P/Council resolved* to pay for the hire of a roller for use as needed.

21/16, Risk Assessments at 31st March, 2016 *Resolved that* Parish Councillors would send the annual Risk Assessments to the Clerk before the Annual Meeting. The P/C Came & Co. Insurance would also cover Gala Day.

22/16, Date for the Parish Council Annual meeting, Tues. 17th May, 2016 at 7.15 p.m.
in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

23/16, Date for the Parish Council meeting, Tuesday, 14th June, 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Accepted as a true record and signed Date

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