

The Minutes of the 210th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 13th August 2013 at 7.15 pm

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

56/13, Apologies were received from Councillors A. Cooper (mother's illness) and R. Dennison (away). The reasons for absence were accepted by the P/Council.

57/13, Declarations of Interest – none.

58/13, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council
No public present.

59/13, The Minutes of the 209th meeting held on Tuesday, 11th June, 2013 were amended (50/13, 8. 'Pages' became 'Sections'), formally approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair as a true record.

60/13, Matters Arising from the Minutes

- (i) **Assets Register updated. Letters exchanged with the Friends of S & T Green Spaces for transfer of assets** - A formal letter had been written to the Chair of the Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces transferring all the assets currently installed in Kell Gate Green, Stainton Quarry, Stainton Wood and Stainton Spinney to the Friends of S & TGS. A formal letter of acceptance had been received from the Friends organisation. Copies of both letters had been provided to the Local Auditor. Cllr. A. Conroy reported his work on the Assets Register, which he had rationalised and updated. On the advice of the Internal Auditor, he had removed items of £50 or under in value. Cllr. Conroy was thanked by the Chair.
- (ii) **Notice Board replacement – costing of large notice board for Fawcett Avenue**
Costings and specifications from resident joiner, Gary Malkin, 4 Church Close, for a replacement notice board at Fawcett Ave. were reported by Cllr. A. Liddle. ***Resolved to go ahead with G. Malkin.***
- (iii) **'Welcome Pack' for new residents – Parish Church interest and progress of the format**
A letter from the PCC re a 'Welcome Pack', received by the Chair, had been passed to Cllr. Angela Cooper for attention. ***Resolved the PCC letter would be acknowledged and ideas discussed with Cllr. Cooper.***
- (iv) **40 mph signs awaited for a section of Low Lane** - Cllr. Dennison had reported that

there was no 40 mph sign on Low Lane between the A19 bridge and the rise before the junction with Strait Lane. The Chair had contacted Highways, MBC.

(v) **CLCA – Report of meeting in Saltburn on 12th June** Cllr. A. Liddle gave a report of the CLCA meeting in Saltburn on 12th June which he had attended. The next CLCA meeting would take place on 11th September 2013 in Guisborough.

61/13, The Report of the Clerk to the Council

1. Communications from NALC had been forwarded to Parish Councillors.
2. MBC had notified that British Telecom would carry out cabling works involving traffic lights on Hemlington Road and Thornton Road from the 19th August.
3. On Circulation to P/Councillors: the LCR magazine, the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine and the CPRE N.E. newsletter.
4. Butterwick House Children's Hospice had written to request a donation. This was equivalent to Zoe's Place in Normanby. Noted by the Parish Council.
5. A notification of a new Pilates class in the Memorial Hall had been sent to the Editor of the Village Newsletter.
6. When Santander bank had been requested to transfer the Deposit Account balance into the Current Account, they had sent a cheque to the Clerk. This transfer method had incurred a delay which had caused the current account to be overdrawn. Bank charges of £33.53 had therefore been made. ***Resolved that a strong letter of complaint be written to Santander.***
7. The Financial Statement: the Balance in the General Account was £6912.18, After Adding: donations £70.00, and Deducting: CCL office supplies £10.49, TRICS photocopying £10.50, CCL raffle books £19.27, M. Newbould – Clerk's salary (June & July) £291.58, Prontaprint – newsletter £94.80, Pat Burton – Northumbria in Bloom £34.97, E. Revett – Northumbria in Bloom £14.00 and Bank Charges £33.53. Authorisation for these payments was given by the Parish Council.
8. The Annual Return for the year 2012 to 2013 had been advertised on notice boards and duly submitted to the External Auditor.
9. Assets: the Assets Register was fully up-to-date. There were no additions or disposals to be made at this point in time.

62/13, Clerk's salary increase of 1.0% backdated to April 2013

Following notification from the national negotiating team of NALC and SLCC, the Chair had detailed the payment implications for the 1% rise in salary for the Clerk to the Parish Council. ***Ratified by the P/Council.***

63/13, Parish Council Insurance Cover – review following transfer of assets to the Friends Parish Councillor A. Conroy suggested providing the insurance company with a list of any items that would cost more than the £250 excess in the event of

replacement being needed. **Resolved to carry out this suggestion before the financial year-end.** A quote was read out from Paul Clayden, Chief Executive of the Local Councils Advisory Service, "Structures etc. in public places: Akin to contents insurance is insurance for streets, place name and other signs, litter bins and similar street furniture and public structures. All these should be insured for the full replacement value."

64/13, Committee Reports:- (a) Planning Committee MBC Arborist permission granted to fell 2 large diseased beech trees at Stainton House: **Resolved that a letter be written to Dev. Control expressing concern about the significant reduction in tree cover at Stainton House over the preceding few years, requesting replacements and a copy of the MBC Tree Policy;** MBC rejection of the application for 21 Thornton Road (Vicarage) demolition of existing store & garage, relocation of the drive/access and single storey office and garage extension; New Applications:- Rose Cottage Farm Phase 2 for 36 dwellings – the Chair had written on behalf of the Parish Council to object to the Phase 2 development because the semi-rural approach up Strait Lane would be lost for ever; even more houses and population would be difficult to integrate into the community; the traffic problems joining Strait Lane and Low Lane would be greater than for Phase 1. Throstle Nest – 2 storey extension to double garage: no PC objection. 2 Whinstone Drive – single storey extension to side & rear, rear extension to existing garage with pitched roof over, and new driveway with vehicular access: no PC objection from a community point of view. 21, Thornton Rd. (8th August), single storey extensions to provide office and garage (demolition of existing store & garage): No objection this time from the P/Council. In a letter to P/Cllr. A. Liddle, the MBC Development Control manager explained that planning permission had now been given for the new Police HQ at Hemlington Grange. This had been delayed because the developer had needed to sign various legal agreements. Report accepted by the P/Council. **(b) Environment Committee** A 2nd Jubilee tree had apparently died and been removed. A new location and a further possible replacement should be discussed at the Environment Committee meeting on October 18th. Comments were received and Cllr. Liddle reported on Northumbria in Bloom Summer Judging; Awards Ceremony 17th September in Sunderland; Local Sunflower Awards evening – 20th September – sponsorship: agreement given by P/Cncl. in principle, if required ; A formal notification had been received confirming closure of Permissive Paths. Report accepted by the P/Council. © **Crime and Disorder Report** Vandalism had occurred on the new steps & handrails in the Quarry. However, the situation had now been rectified. Matters had also settled down at the Care Home in Cedarwood Glade.

65/13, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces:- progress of spending the lottery grant; success of education events; Stainton Wood – any update on the route of the new footpath to the footbridge Cllr. A. Liddle reported that footpaths & handrails had been installed using the lottery grant (cost so far: £6500); he would be meeting S. Ashton re the interpretation boards; bird boxes and also the round picnic table would be discussed at the next Friends meeting; both of the recent educational nature events had been enjoyable and well-attended; no update as yet on the new footpath to the footbridge. **The Green Flag had been awarded to the Friends of S & T.** Although this had not been included in the Evening Gazette's article, publicity had since been given and a photo was available. Stainton Wood: Cllr. Liddle would be meeting Sue Antrobus (Wildlife Trust), who had money from the Big Lottery Fund to develop Management Plans. No update was yet available on the route of the new footpath to the footbridge but S. Williams and Anne Gladwin had both been contacted. The seat had recently been repaired. A letter of praise for the group had been received from Mr. Brian Davies, a past Chair of the former Quarry Management Group. The Report was accepted by the P/Cncl.

66/13, Date of next meeting of the Council: Tuesday, 8th October, 2013 at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

The Christmas Lights switch-on event would be discussed on 8th October.

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

Accepted as a true record and signed

Date

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