

The Minutes of the 223rd meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

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

67a/15, Apologies – none. **67b/15, Declarations of Interest** – none.

68/15, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – no public present.

69/15, 115A. Cedarwood Glade/Hemlington Rd. Care Home – update following the all-agency mtg. at Middlehaven on 5th October, 2015 The Parish Council agreed to bring forward discussion of Agenda Item No. 13, because it was such an urgent matter and a very serious problem for Stainton, particularly in the area around the Care Home. Several Fawcett Avenue residents were suffering great distress and exacerbated ill-health through the intimidating, anti-social behaviour of one Care Home resident in particular. Councillors David Coupe, Alan Liddle and Alan Conroy had been attending various recent meetings with MBC children's safety team, agencies, the Police and Care Home staff to try and resolve the problem. The offending resident had been served with a stage 2 notice and, if the ASB continued, would next be served with a stage 3 notice and then a criminal ASBO. The Care Home was reluctant to move the resident teenager. The Stainton Care Home had made 25 police call-outs in the month of August alone. ***The Parish Council resolved that*** a very strong letter expressing grave concerns would be written by the Parish Council Chair to the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police with copies to the Area Co-Ordinator, Coulby Newham Police Inspector, all agencies involved, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the Chief Executive of MBC and the Head of Children's Social Services MBC; Borough Cllr. D. Coupe, and S & T Parish Councillors.

70/15, The Minutes of the 222nd meeting held on Tuesday, 11th August 2015 were formally approved by the Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

71/15, Matters Arising from the above Minutes:-(i)Cedar Drive fence – Ward/Borough Cllr. David Coupe was pursuing this item with Ernie Vickers of Middlesbrough Council. **(ii)Bus Services through Stainton** The Chair reported that various options had been considered at the September Community Council meeting to achieve continuation of a bus service for Stainton. The circular route was looked into but Croft had surprisingly withdrawn interest. An MBC meeting would take place on 28th October. ***Resolved that*** much more 106 money would be requested to be ring-fenced for the S & T Community gps. ***The P/C resolved to*** write to Derek Gittings, Head of Transport, the Chief Executive of Middlesbrough Council, the Mayor & the Deputy Mayor & Keith Garland. A free Community Action bus was available from TVRCC but only for 6 weeks. Cllr. A. Liddle would contact TVRCC **(iii)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 would obtain the seat plaque & contact Tom Punton, MBC about renaming the Wood

(iv)New Dog Fouling signs The P/Council had *resolved that* the village would be 'flooded' with signs and laminated posters displayed on lampposts. Cllr. Chris Dean had researched DF signs online. Following discussion, *it was resolved that* Keith Garland at Middlesbrough Council would be contacted.

(v)Re-location of Cedarwood Glade notice board The new board was now ready and would replace the Thornton Rd. notice board. The Cedarwood Glade notice board would be re-located to Vernon Court behind the new seat. *Resolved that* the Chair would let Gary, the joiner know that the posts were no longer required. **(vi) MBC Policy re the Gambling Act 2005** - covered by an MBC committee.**(vii) 3, Thornton Rd. overhanging hedge – trim requested** Mr. Tony Slack had carried out a trim of the hedge within his curtilage, as requested in writing by the Parish Council. The Chair reported that the Thornton Close private road/Thornton Rd. sight-line was inadequate according to present planning regulations but had been permitted in the 1950/1960's. The Chair would re-inspect the hedge.

72/15, The Report of the Clerk to the Council

1. Transparency Fund Information had been received from NALC including a Funding Application Form with Guidance notes. The fund was mainly for Parish Councils without internet access and a current mechanism to make their documents available via a website. S & T P/Council already had this facility via MBC.
2. Re Quality Council Level: Following the free Foundation Year, the Clerk had re-registered the P/Council with the Local Council Award Scheme and had re-applied for Quality Award level. An invoice had been received from NALC for £30.00 inc. VAT. This registration fee was at half-price because the Parish Council had already gained Quality Status previously. There was no deadline for submission of the required criteria. An accreditation fee was to be paid to CLCA at a later date. Councillor Profiles were required as a first step and would be progressed.
3. A letter had been received from MBC re the Review of Middlesbrough Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) adopted in 2010. The letter & Representation Form had been forwarded to P/Councillors. The closing date for submission of representations was 6th Nov.
4. A letter had also been received from MBC re the Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation on Middlesbrough's Draft Statement of Licensing Policy for 2016-2021. The letter had been sent to P/Councillors on 7th Sep. 2015. Comments were welcomed by 14th October.
5. On circulation to P/Cllrs: Clerks & Councils Direct & LCR magazines.
6. NALC circulars from CLCA had been forwarded to Parish Councillors.
7. The Financial Statement: the Balance in the Account at 13th October, 2015 was £8018.45, after Adding: zero; and Deducting: HMRC re PAYE £1.60, M. Newbould (Clerk's salary) £300.96, Friends of S & T Green Spaces re Gala Day expenses £200, Prontoprint re newsletters £108, M. Newbould re printer inks £39, NALC Quality Council scheme £30, Northumbrian Water £11.90, M. Newbould (Clerk's

expenses) £87.80, Hire of Memorial Hall £20, Dianne Rickaby re Internal Audit £50, E. Revett re NIB prints £8, Baines Jewitt re PAYE £36.00. All these payments were fully authorised by the P/Council.

8. The External Audit for the year ended 31 March 2015 had been completed on 17 August 2015 by BDO and the Conclusion of Audit Notice duly displayed on the village notice board for the required period of time. The Annual Return and BDO audit opinion were presented to the Parish Council, and approved and accepted by the Council. There were no matters which had come to BDO's attention which had required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report & no BDO fee.

9. £50 had been paid to the Internal Auditor, Dianne Rickaby

73/15, Committee Reports: (a) Planning Committee: Cllr. A. Liddle reported applications granted by MBC and any new applications: 21 Meldyke Lane, single storey extensions to side/rear, loft conversion with dormers front & rear & canopy to front elevation. Land north of Hemlington Village Rd. single storey care home – approved with conditions; 12 Maltby Rd. approved with conditions; 23, Pennyman Way, re-submission, amended plans validated, then rejected & permission refused. Listed building & planning for 3no. dwellings within Stainton Grange, validated; 85 Cedarwood Glade: Chair to inspect to see if certain criteria were being met. Land to West of Strait Lane: residential dev. comprising of 172no dwelling houses, associated access and landscaping works: a letter of objection had been received from Mr. Ron Dennison. A letter of serious P/C concern would be written to MBC & £50,000 106 monies would be requested. **(b) Environment Committee** Cllr. D. Coupe, reported re the Northumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony in Berwick on 15th Sept. and competition results: 4 Gold Awards and 2 Silver. A letter of thanks was being sent to Mrs. Pat Burton, who had decided to stand down from compiling the Portfolio. An Env. Cttee. meeting had been held on 2nd Oct. The next meeting was to take place on Fri, 19 Feb. 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Existing barrels would be refurbished. “It’s Your Neighbourhood” Awards Ceremony in Gateshead – 3 or 4 members would attend on 21st Oct. The Chair had requested from Taylor Wimpey a trim of the overgrown Strait Lane hedge. All members were in favour of re-entry into N in Bloom. A local Spring Gardens competition had also been proposed and a plant stall suggested for Gala Day 2016. A tree outside 27, Maltby Rd. would be removed by Middlesbrough Council. The Report was accepted by the P/Council.

© Crime & Disorder Report: Cllr. A. Liddle reported ASB by a Care Home resident; replacement of the stolen Thornton post-box; and a field set on fire at Maltby Rd. Cllr. D. Coupe had notified MBC re the damaged hedge and had photographs of the fire ***Resolved that*** regular information updates would be requested from the PCSO.

74/15, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces Cllr. A. Liddle reported: Stainton Wood: Paul Bamber was starting a thinning/crown lifting programme on 5th Nov. using students from Askham Bryan over an 8-wk. period. 25% of the wood would be felled over 5 yrs. from which logs would be on sale to village residents to

increase Friends' funds. An avenue of trees and a wildflower meadow were being progressed. Controlled burning had been carried out by the TM group in The Spinney where residents were dumping green waste. No financial assistance was needed at present from the Parish Council.

75/15, CLCA meeting held on 16th September, 2015 Cllr. A. Liddle had attended.

76/15, Christmas Lights arrangements and switch-on on 20th Nov. at 7.00 p.m. at the Memorial Hall 120 new LED bulbs would be ordered by Cllr. A. Conroy and arrangements made with MBC for lights installation/dismantling. The P/C **resolved to** invite the Methodist Minister, Rev. Sue Greenwood, and the new Vicar of the Parish Church, Rev. Vivienne Hatton, to perform the switch-on jointly. The PC Chair would progress the invitation.

77/15, Defibrillators outside the Memorial Hall P/Cllrs. J. Holmes and C. Dean had requested this agenda item. **Resolved that** the P/Council would aim to provide a defibrillator for the village within the next two years at a possible cost of between £825 and £1400. Trained operators were not required.

78/15, Provisional Parish Council budget for 2016/2017 copies circulated for further discussion and Precept decision at the 8th Dec. P/Council meeting.

79/15, The Stainton Inn – proposed re-establishment of a retail outlet in the village, e.g. village shop/Post Office/newsagents; grants & funding available

Cllr. D. Coupe had made enquiries at MBC re grants. Monies were available. A business plan would be required and also Planning permission.

80/15, Date for the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday, 8th Dec., 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at approx. 9.45 p.m.

Accepted as a true record and signedDate

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