

The Minutes of the 218th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 9th December, 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: P/Cllrs. M. Williams (Chair), A. Liddle (Vice Chair), A. Conroy, A. Cooper, R. Dennison and J. Holmes; M. Newbould, Clerk to the Council. Public: 2.

74a/14, Apologies – none.

74b/14, Declarations of Interest – none.

75/14, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – Members of the public present, Mr. & Mrs. G. Small, addressed the Council with complaints about parking problems, especially on a Sunday evening, in Meldyke Lane, Stainton. The P/Council **resolved that** the Memorial Hall Bookings' Secretary, Mr. B. Chapman, would be informed. Wording re parking might be added on the bookings' form. The complaints could also be aired at the Community Council meeting on 13 Jan. 2015, when the police would be present.

76/14, The Minutes of the 217th meeting held on Tuesday, 14th October, 2014 were formally approved by the Council and duly signed by the Chair as a true record.

77/14, Matters Arising from the above Minutes:-

(i)Notice Boards: A new board had been ordered for Cedarwood Glade from GM Joinery. Cork tiles for the Fawcett Avenue board were rejected in favour of cork sheeting. **Resolved that** Cllr. A. Conroy would order and also varnish a cork sheet for each of the 2 new boards.

(ii)Response re extra 20 mph repeater signs and/or road markings No response having been received, the P/Council **resolved that** a reminder letter be written to MBC Highways.

(iii)Vernon Court bus stop seat installation **Resolved that**, because of high MBC installation costs (£300), the Thursday volunteer group would install the seat following receipt of an 'Opening the Highway' permit and electrical clearance.

(iv) Local Auditor for the P/Council – Following reservations expressed by some P/Cllrs. over the high fee quoted by Mr. D. Lyness at the October meeting, the P/Council **resolved to** accept a more satisfactory offer from Dianne Rickaby, Exec. Officer/RFO of Billingham Town Council.

(v)Enforcement Letter about Wheelie bins in Fawcett Ave. - complaint Stage 2 ongoing. No formal response had been received to the Chair's attempt to change MBC's policy.

(vi)New Footpath from Rose Cottage Farm to footbridge - A request to consider a kick-rail barrier between the foot-path from Rose Cottage Farm alongside the roadway had been sent to the PROW Officer, Stewart Williams, on the 21st October. No reply having as yet been received, the Council **resolved that** S. Williams would be contacted by telephone.

(vii)Christmas Lights installation & dismantling. Costs and Comments on Switch On evening Elevated costs of installation and dismantling were discussed. Cllrs. commented that the 'Switch On' evening had been a great success and the Memorial Hall Cttee. had made a higher profit. The P/Council **resolved that** the Memorial Hall Committee would be requested to contribute towards the possible purchase of new bulbs.

(viii)Parish Council vacancy to be formally notified in writing to MBC Monitoring Officer On behalf of the Parish Council, the Clerk had written to Bob Macmillan following his resignation to thank him for his work as a Councillor. The MBC Monitoring Officer had requested formal notification in writing of the vacancy on the Parish Council. The vacancy need not be advertised because notification would occur within 6 months of next May's Election.

(ix)Polling Stations outcome: - new Ward to have 2 polling stations following MP's request The Chair commented on the outcome. The 2nd station would be at Hem.Hall Academy

(x)Tree Preservation Orders request for trees at Cobblestone Close

The P/Council had requested on 21 Oct. that consideration should be given to TPO's for 2 large sycamore trees in the back garden of 6, Cobblestone Cl. & a copper beech in the back garden of 9, Cobblestone Cl. to protect the visual impact of the approach to the village along Hemlington Rd. No reply had been received. **Resolved that** Peter Wilson MBC Planning be contacted.

(xi)Information request re police road closures on 2/3 October The PA of the Police & Crime Commissioner had explained that the road closures in the early hours of the 3rd October had been due to serious road traffic delays on High Lane, Maltby. The roads had been closed for public protection and scene preservation.

78/14, The Report of the Clerk to the Council

1. On 3rd Nov, Mrs. M. Edgar had emailed that she had seen many dogs off their leads going in and out of open plan gardens in High Rifts although no fouling had been seen. She requested signs to show that dogs should be on a lead in open plan areas. Agreed that Dog Warden patrols would be requested for High Rifts and Strait Lane and more up-to-date signs for the village. The Community Council was also taking action re this item.
2. MBC had provided a copy to the Parish Council of the Register of Members' Interests.
3. MBC had notified that the Housing Local Plan had been formally adopted on 26th November.
4. The Hambleton District Council Draft Interim Policy Guidance Note – Settlement Hierarchy and Housing Development in the Rural Areas had been passed to Cllr. A. Liddle.
5. Notices of recent Blood Donation sessions in Hemlington had been put on the village notice boards.
6. On circulation to P/Councillors were the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, the CPRE newsletter and the War Memorial Trust's 'Bulletin' magazine.
7. NALC circulars from CLCA had been forwarded to Parish Councillors.

8.The Financial Statement: the Balance in the Account at 9th December, 2014 was: £5243.30, after Adding Nil, and Deducting: GM Joinery re posts £98.00, Prontaprint re newsletters £101.00, M. Newbould, Clerk's salary £294.50, HMRC (PAYE) 0.20, Northumbrian Water £11.50, R. Dennison re plants £66.74, Northumbria in Bloom entry fee £75.00, MBC re Christmas Lights £462.50 and SLCC: annual sub. £65.00. These payments were duly authorised by the Parish Council.

79/14, Committee Reports:- a) Planning Committee: - Cllr. A. Liddle reported: Applications granted by MBC: Upper Farm upgrade of telecommunications mast and dishes; Stainton Vale Farm variation of previous application to use land for livestock accommodation; 69 Cedarwood Glade single storey rear extension; Whitewings, Cedar Drive new bungalow. New applications: (retrospective) to demolish and rebuild Whimsey Nook on Stainton Way; 3 Quarry Drive single storey rear extension; 37 Buttercup Grove single storey side extension (approved on 27 Nov.); 6 Strait Lane crown & thinning of tree. 40, Strait Lane: over-hanging hedge/branches. The Report was accepted by the P/Council.

b) Environment Committee: Cllr. R. Dennison reported that at the mtg. on 17th October, it had been agreed to obtain prices for 2 large planters to be placed either side of the bench opposite the shops on Hemlington Rd, possibly to be funded out of the £500 Taylor Wimpey donation. The sunflower competition would not run in 2015. Alternatives would be discussed at the next Env.Cttee.mtg. on 20th Feb. 2015. A letter thanking Mrs. E. Revett for the hard work associated with the Sunflower Competition for many years had been sent. A list of TPO's had been obtained. The rosebed on Strait Lane would be stripped by MBC and replanted by Stainton W.I. The rosebed would be fed to improve rose-quality. "It's Your Neighbourhood" Awards had been received by 3 groups in the village. Following discussion at the recent "Friends" mtg, trees were to be surveyed and an action plan developed by the Env. Group. This would include replacement planning and funding. Maintenance of seats & barrel bands was ongoing. The Report was accepted by P/Council.

c) Crime & Disorder Report: Cllr. A. Liddle reported the theft of a car from Priory Drive, which had resulted in a fatal road accident in Hemlington. The drug den in the Spinney had been dismantled but commencement of another had begun. Cllr. J. Holmes reported a police warning not to leave car engines running in the mornings.

80/14, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces:

Cllr. A. Liddle gave a summary of the meeting held on 17 Nov, including information re grant applications, an all-weather Quarry path, TVP funding and Management Plan by Dr. Sue Antrobus for Stainton Wood from 1 Jan. 2015, Green Flag Award application success and planting of Yellow Rattle by the Thursday Morning Group to reduce grass vigour nr picnic bench

81/14, Clerk's Salary increase - NALC/SLCC recommendation of 2.2% from 1 Jan. 2015

In November, NALC had recommended new pay scales agreed with the Society of Local Council Clerks. For S & T Parish Council, the Clerk's hourly rate would increase from £8.835 to £9.029 (approx. 2.2%) from 1st January, 2015. In addition, also recommended was a one-off payment in December 2014 of £100.00. The Parish Council **formally ratified** these recommendations.

82/14, Parish Council Precept and Budget for 2015/16 The Parish Council **confirmed** final acceptance of the Precept (£6500) and Budget for the year 2015/16.

83/14, Tree Replacements – should local funding be considered? *Resolved that* this item would be discussed at the next Environment Committee meeting on 20 Feb. 2015.

84/14, Hemlington Grange (hospital) site development – MBC land transfer for the new Police HQ but serious delay for housing planning application due to lack of available electricity source The Chair explained that an electricity sub-station would need to be built by Middlesbrough Council to supply the electricity for the housing development.

85/14, Date for the next Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 10 February, 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

Accepted as a true record and signed

Date

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