

Minutes of the 237th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 13 February 2018 at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

Present: Parish Councillors A. Liddle (Chair), D. Coupe, A. Conroy, C. Dean, B. Neale, D. Fewtrell. J. Holmes (Clerk to the Council).

1/18. Apologies and Declarations of Interest - Cllr. A. Cooper (Holiday)

2/18. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council
– None

3/18. The Minutes of the 236th meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2017 were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair.

4/18. Matters arising from the above Minutes

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – An update was given by the Chair. The action plan was progressing smoothly albeit slowly. Presently the group were producing policies which should be ready for submission to Middlesbrough Council by April. Next meeting of the Action Group is on Friday, 16.2.18.
- b) **Provision of Bus Services through Stainton** – Cllr. Coupe reported that Stagecoach were extending their service through Stainton from next Monday (19 February). A half hourly service was to be introduced. New timetables will be available.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – It was noted that reported incidents of dog fouling had reduced of late, possibly owing to recent bad weather. Monitoring will continue.
- d) **Gala Day 2018** – Following the decision to cancel Gala Day in Kell Gate Green this year, a small group had proposed a different sort of event to be held in the car park of the Stainton Inn and in the Memorial Hall. Planning of this event was still in its infancy and the Chair, as Treasurer to the Gala Day group would be attending a meeting next week (19 February) to discuss plans further.
- e) **106 Monies** – Still not released by Middlesbrough Council. It was understood the delay was with Legal Department who had not yet completed the appropriate paperwork. As a consequence, we were unable to engage contractors to complete certain works. Chair to write to MBC explaining how the delay in releasing the funds was impacting on work schedules.
- f) **Maintenance of Seats and Noticeboards** – Cllr. Conroy reported the Noticeboard on the wall near the Stainton Inn had been removed for renovation and would be re-sited next week. Maintenance on seats and noticeboards would continue until the ‘cutting’ season starts.
- g) **Mobile Post Office** – The previous issue of notification of non-attendance of the mobile post office on a Tuesday morning has been resolved. In future, if for some reason the MPO is unable to attend (breakdown/bad weather etc.) the Post Office Services will inform Paula Curry, Licensee, Stainton Inn, who in turn will display a notice to that effect for the benefit of MPO users.

5/18. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

a. The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Local Council Review, Clerk.

b. NALC circulars and information received from CLCA have been forwarded to all councillors where appropriate.

c. Financial Statement

Income: **£509** Transparency Fund grant (towards purchase of laptop and software).

Expenditure since last meeting. Approval required.

£916.00. Purchase of laptop and software.

£34.99. Purchase of cross cut shredder

£200.00 Donation to FSTGS – maintenance costs.

£32.10. Toner inks.

Balances at 13.2.18.

Parish Council: **£7247.50** Neighbourhood Plan: **£1140.00** Total: **£8387.50**

Payments to settle (recently received) TVRCC - £150. Neighbourhood Plan. WAVE - £12.48.

Water rates re Thornton Road field

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.

d. Precept 2018/19 request submitted to Middlesbrough Council – Sum of **£6740.00**

e. I have submitted a VAT reclaim for the period 1.2.17. -31.1.18. amounting to **£484.84** - subject to verification by HMRC.

f. General - I attended a SLCC meeting at Hetton Council Offices on 19.1.18. where the main topic of discussion was the new Data Protection Regulations applicable to all councils (including Parish Councils). I will also be attending an Audit Update organised by Mazars LLP at Billingham Library on 14.3.18.

6/18 Committee Reports:

- a) **Planning:** MBC Planning application 16/5284/OUT – Angela Swift developments. Proposed 60 assisted living apartments behind new Care Home off Strait Lane. Application still not been put before Planning Committee as the Council has yet to receive amended application as requested. The application as it stands does not conform to the Local Plan housing design and could be rejected by the Chief Planning Officer (Officer led decision). The next Planning Committee is scheduled for 16.3.18. All other planning applications received were non-contentious and within permitted development.

Conservation area – Stainton & Thornton. Alterations to buildings and features within the village conservation areas can become permitted development unless the area is made subject to Article 4, Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. This direction can remove all or some of the permitted development rights on a site. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Coupe would make

enquiries with the Chief Planning Office at Middlesbrough Council and to ascertain if it was appropriate to make our conservation area subject to an Article 4 direction.

(b) Environment Committee: To note that it was decided at the last EC meeting not to enter Northumbria in Bloom this year. Two residents had resigned from the EC due to age and failing health. New members were required. The next EC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 March. 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

(c) Crime and Disorder Report: Whilst reported crime had reduced of late there had been two recent incidents. Theft of plants from flower bed on Hemlington Road and theft of lead from roof of the church St. Peter & St. Paul.

Illegal dumping of rubbish had been and was still occurring in Thornton along Seamer Road. MBC is aware.

Neighbourhood Policing now have a change of policy and a police representative will attend – subject to operational demands – all Community Council to address the concerns of residents.

7/18. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces: Cllr. Liddle reported on their meeting held 15.1.18. Projects, which include footpath improvements in the Quarry, field drains in High Rifts field leading to Maelor's Wood, and field drains in Kell Gate Green cannot be started until the 106 monies are released from Middlesbrough Council. To note that 'Walk the Ward' with an Officer from Middlesbrough Council will occur on 21.2.18.

8/18. Draft Budget proposal and Precept discussion – The precept requirement for this parish has been calculated as £6740.00 and this amount has been requested from Middlesbrough Council w.e.f. 1.4.18.

9/18. CLCA Meeting at Loftus. – To note that the AGM of Cleveland Local Council Associations will be held on 21.2.18. at Loftus Town Hall commencing at 7pm. Chair to attend.

10/18. Data Protection Officer – to note that the General Data Protection Regulations come into force in May and this Council must appoint a Data Protection Officer to ensure the council fully complies with this legislation. Following discussion Cllr.Dean, assisted by Cllr.Neale would oversee this position.

Resolved: Cllr. Christopher Dean be appointed Data Protection Officer for Stainton & Thornton Parish Council.

11/18. Nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party - to note that the Clerk, Mr J. Holmes was nominated for selection to attend by this Parish Council. However, in the CLCA ballot representatives from Eaglescliffe and Ingleby Barwick councils were the successful nominations.

12/18. Parking Issues – Strait Lane. Contractor's vehicles were causing a problem parking on the footpath near the site entrance to the new Care Home under construction on Strait Lane. Pedestrians were unable to use the footpath and were forced to walk on the road. The matter had been reported to local police. Clerk visited the area and had spoken to the Site

Foreman who was sympathetic to the concerns and would take steps to address the issues by placing cones on the road to stop the parking obstructions. Police later visited the site and had a similar conversation. Situation to be monitored.

13/18. Date of the Parish Assembly meeting: Tuesday 13 March 2018. 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

14/18. Date of the 238th meeting of the Parish Council: Tuesday 10 April 2018. 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Agreed and signed as a true recordDate

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