

**Minutes of the 238th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 10 April 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, A. Cooper. J. Holmes (Clerk to the Council).

**15/18. Apologies and Declarations of Interest - Nil**

**16/18. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – None**

**17/18. The Minutes of the 237th meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2018** were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair.

**18/18. Matters arising from the above Minutes**

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – An update was given by the Chair. The grant to fund the Neighbourhood Plan realised an underspend of £417.28 and this amount has been returned to Groundwork UK. Currently the group are writing policies which is taking slightly longer than expected. However, MBC still have not released their preferred building options and this document needs to be studied before the Neighbourhood Plan can be completed. The next NP meeting is scheduled for 1 May 2018.
- b) **Provision of Bus Services through Stainton** – Cllr. Coupe reported that Stagecoach had successfully launched a half hourly bus service through the village which is proving popular with residents. There is a strong indication that this service may be extended to take in the Parkway shopping centre at Coulby Newham. The free bus service operated by the Parkway Centre on a Monday will also operate on a Friday with immediate effect. This is another service which has been well used by residents.
- c) **Dog Fouling Problems** – There have been fewer complaints of dog fouling of late but this is thought to be because of the bad weather. Situation to be monitored.
- d) **Gala Day 2018** – Following the decision not to use Kell Gate Green this year a revamped Gala Day plan has been drawn up by a small group of residents. This will take place on Sunday 15 July in Meldyke Lane outside the Stainton Inn where an ‘entertainments bus’ will be sited. Stalls and games will be held in the pub car park with teas and crafts in the Memorial Hall. Help on the day is still required and the organising group are meeting again on 17 April 2018 to progress arrangements.
- e) **106 Monies** – Still not released by Middlesbrough Council. The CEO has assured the Chair that the monies are earmarked for this area and will be released soon and suggests that plans for expenditure should be progressed.
- f) **General Data Protection Regulation** – This Act comes into force on 25 May 2018 and affects all councils, big and small. There is still confusion on how the regulations will affect a small parish council. Cleveland Local Council Association are holding a special training course on 24 April 2018 which the Clerk will attend.

**19/18. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council**

a. The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Clerk & Councils Direct and Clerk.

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

c. Financial Statement 31.3.18.

Income: **£484.84** – HMRC. VAT reclaim.

Expenditure since last meeting. Approval required.

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| £150.00 | TVRCC         | A.Liddle (NP)                 |
| £12.48  | WAVE          | Water charges KGG             |
| £118.09 | Prontaprint   | Newsletter                    |
| £34.50  | J.Holmes      | Printer toner                 |
| £36.75  | A.Liddle      | Printer ink and paper (NP)    |
| £50.97  | L.Brear       | Printer ink and paper (NP)    |
| £42.00  | M.Dawson      | Printer ink (NP)              |
| £36.00  | C.Wren        | Printer ink (NP)              |
| £44.00  | F.Riley       | Printer ink (NP)              |
| £16.00  | Stainton PCC  | Hall Hire (NP)                |
| £49.00  | Halifax       | A.Liddle (NP)                 |
| £46.96  | J.Holmes      | Clerk's expenses y/e 31.3.18. |
| £80.00  | Memorial Hall | Hall hire (various dates)     |
| £417.28 | Groundwork UK | NP Grant underspend return    |

**Income and Expenditure 1.4.17. – 31.3.18.**

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| Total income.     | £15041.55 |
| Total expenditure | £7303.24  |
| Unspent NP monies | £550.00   |

**Balances:** Parish Council **£7188.31** Neighbourhood Plan **£550.00** Total: **£7738.31**

**Payments to settle** (recently received) CLCA (affiliation fees) £250.22 J.Holmes (Office supplies) £29.79

**Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.**

d. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2017/18 is ready for completion and the Certification of Exemption needs to be signed and returned to the external auditor as soon as possible after certification.

e. Accounting Statements 2017/18 (AGAR) certified by Responsible Financial Officer and approved by the Parish Council members present, subsequently signed by the Chair.

**20/18 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. This application was rejected by the Chief Planning Officer. Not known at this stage if there will be an appeal.

Taylor Wimpey have made an application to commence Phase 2 of Hemlington Grange now that Phase 1 has been completed.

All other planning applications received were non-contentious and within permitted development.

**(b) Environment Committee:** The committee have renamed itself the 'Green Finger Gang' in the hope that a friendlier name will encourage new volunteers to help tend the planters, beds, tubs and troughs in both villages. On Saturday 14 April helpers past, present and hopefully future are invited to the Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall to meet up and discuss the planting for 2018. As it the centenary of the formation of the RAF it has been decided that a colour theme of red, white and blue would be appropriate for floral displays. The next meeting of the Green Ginger Gang is scheduled for 24 April 2018 in the Memorial Hall.

**(c) Crime and Disorder Report:** Cllr. Coupe reported there had been an unexpected spike in the recent crime figures which generally remain low compared to surrounding wards. Signs have been erected along Seamer Road in an attempt to deter illegal dumping of rubbish. Roadside furniture in Hemlington Road has recently been the subject of graffiti. MBC aware.

**21/18. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces:** Cllr. Liddle reported on their meeting held 9.4.18. Tees Valley Wildlife Trust and Groundwork NE have been asked to advise and assess footpath improvements in Kell Gate Green, The Spinney and Maelor's Wood, work to commence once the 106 money is released. Brambles need removing in the Quarry and hopefully Community Payback can assist. As it is not being used this for this years Gala Day there will be no mole cull in Kell Gate Green. The water trough in the field next to Kell gate Green is in poor condition and may need to be replaced soon. An organised litter pick will take place on the morning of Saturday 5 May. Litter picks and black bags will be made available to volunteers. Notices will be displayed to this effect.

**22/18. Risk Assessments** – Risk assessments have been undertaken and forms completed in respect of Planters and troughs (Cllr.Liddle), Seats (Cllr.Fewtrell) and Noticeboards (Cllr.Conroy).

**23/18. CLCA Meeting at Loftus.** – Chair reported he attended the AGM of Cleveland Local Councils Association at Loftus on 21 February where the main topic of discussion was GDPR.

**24/18. Parish Assembly** – A meeting of the Parish Council and Community Council, known as the Parish Assembly was held on 13 March. It was a well attended meeting with an interesting speaker. The minutes of this meeting have been circulated previously.

**25/18. Potholes** – Deep potholes on Stainton Way near the new Community Hub were considered a danger to all road users, especially cyclists. MBC have been informed but as yet the potholes remain unrepaired. The condition of Strait Lane, due to construction site traffic is another area of immediate concern. Reinstatement of the grassed area in Strait Lane following work by electrical contractors is also required. Ward Councillor Coupe to bring these matters to the attention of MBC.

**26/18. History of Stainton and Thornton** - Cllr. Coupe said there would be an appeal for residents to help compile a village history. Memories of the village were required in written form and old photographs would be very helpful.

**27/18. Date of next meeting:** Parish Council Annual Meeting, Tuesday 15 May 2018. 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

**28/18. Date of the 239<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parish Council:** Tuesday 12 June 2018. 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm

Agreed and signed as a true record .....Date .....

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