

**The Minutes of the 229<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** P/Cllrs. J. Holmes (Vice Chair), A. Conroy, A. Cooper, D. Coupe, C. Dean and B. Neale; M. Newbould, Clerk to the Council. Public: 0. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr. Jim Holmes chair the meeting.

**66/16, Apologies** were received from Cllr. Alan Liddle (in Australia). **Declarations of Interest** – none.

**67/16, Public Participation** – no public present.

**68/16, The Minutes of the 228<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016** were accepted and agreed by the P/Council and then signed by the Vice Chair as a true record.

**69/16, Matters arising from the above Minutes**

(i) **P/Councillor profiles for website:** Cllr. D. Coupe would submit his profile.

(ii) **Defibrillator and Cabinet** – the Memorial Hall Committee had agreed to allow the defibrillator to be sited on the front outside wall of the Hall. Cllr. Chris Dean presented final details with quotes. He was thanked by the Vice Chair. A yellow defibrillator costing £1620 + VAT was selected by the Parish Council. **Resolved that** purchase & instalment would be progressed immediately. Apparently, no training for usage was necessary. Peter Byers had volunteered to fit the equipment.

(iii) **Plaque for Maelor's Seat** Stainton Wood having been officially renamed as Maelor's Wood, the Chair would now progress the seat plaque.

(iv) **Dog Fouling problems** – Fresh signs and stronger deterrents had been discussed at the PC meeting in August, e.g. "Pick Up Your Dog Poo or Someone Else Will" with a young child on the display poster. Cllr. D. Coupe reported new measures by Keith Garland, Middlesbrough Council, whereby each local area would be regularly inspected for Environmental problems. Cllr. Coupe would progress this.

(v) **Updating New Residents' sheet** – this had been completed by Cllr. J. Holmes. Cllr. A. Cooper would send the agreed update to Prontaprint for 100-200 copies to be printed in a similar format to the Newsletter. She was thanked by the Vice Chair.

(vi) **Transport – funding for a village bus service** – Cllr. D. Coupe reported MBC future policy plans Part 3 of the new Unitary Authority and the "Mayor's Promise 9", which included some local transport links and a unified bus service for South M'bro. Cllr. A. Conroy suggested putting pressure on where necessary to divert the No.12 bus through Stainton. Cllr. Coupe would progress this item with the Deputy Mayor.

(vii) **Neighbourhood Plan** – **Resolved that** the Parish Council would take the lead. The Clerk would write officially to Paul Clarke that the P/Council and resident volunteers wished to construct a Neighbourhood Plan. John Cooper was added to the list of those interested in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Group when formed.

(viii) **Gap in hedge on Strait Lane** 3 members of the public, Primrose Way residents from the Taylor Wimpey/R C Farm dev. had complained at the Aug. meeting about a large gap in the Strait Lane hedge and public use of their private access road as a cut-through from Strait Lane. A site meeting had been held by the P/Council on 12<sup>th</sup> Aug. for residents to talk to Parish Councillors about these problems. The Parish Council **resolved to** write to Taylor Wimpey requesting that they re-instate the hedge. A TW sign now stated no public access allowed through the gap. **The P/Council resolved** to support that which the residents were trying to achieve.

(ix) **Roads Resurfacing in Stainton & Thornton** Cllr. D. Coupe reported High Rifts, Fawcett Ave. & Quarry Drive had been resurfaced by MBC on a points rating system, (52+). Following many complaints from residents, MBC had agreed that several other roads & pavements would also be resurfaced/repared in 2016 or 2017.

#### **70/16, The Report of the Clerk to the Council**

1. Assistance had been requested by CLCA to help Loftus Town Council who were in the process of adopting a motion (proposed by Amnesty) relating to **racism, xenophobia and hate crime**. Cllr. Jim Holmes had sent a response to Loftus TC that the wording "support and resources" in the motion could commit the PC to assist for example with legal costs.
2. The BDO External Audit had been completed and the Completion of Audit notice was currently on display on the High Rifts notice board. A fee of £30 + VAT had been charged by BDO.
3. The audited Annual Return received back from BDO External Auditors was approved and accepted by the Parish Council and displayed on the MBC/PC website. There were no issues arising.
4. On circulation: the Clerks and Councils Direct magazine and the LC Review.
5. All NALC correspondence received had been forwarded to Parish Councillors.
6. Cllr. D. Coupe reported ongoing parking problems in Meldyke Lane. Complaints had been received from Val Beadnall, Claire Wren and other residents. Yellow lines would not help.
7. There would be a Transparency Code/Fund Drop-in session on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 11.30 a.m. at CLCA, Hardwick, Stockton. The Clerk hoped to attend.
8. Notification had been received from Brian Chapman and Chris Stout that there will be no charge for hire of the Memorial Hall, Stainton for local village groups during the months of October, November and December 2016.
9. The Financial Statement at 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016: the Balance in the Account was £8085.37, After Deducting: Clerk's salary £300.96, HMRC re PAYE £1.60, Baines Jewitt re RTI £37.20, Prontaprint re newsletters £116.80, PCC re use of Parish room for Northumbria in Bloom judging £28.00, Hire of Memorial Hall £16.00, Northumbrian Water £20.56, BDO LLP re Annual Return £36.00. These payments were fully authorised by the Parish Council.

**71/16, Committee Reports: a) Planning Committee:** Applications granted by MBC and any new applications: 14, Cedar Drive – single storey extensions at front & rear;

conversion of garage to habitable room and widening of vehicle access. Stainton Grange Cleveland Police Hub – work to commence in 2016; Silk Health Care Home, Strait Lane – work to start soon. The Report was accepted by the P/Council.

**b) Environment Committee:** Cllr. D. Coupe reported that Mrs. E. Revett and Mrs. L. Brear had attended the Northumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony at Gateshead on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Results had been circulated: a Silver Gilt Award for the village; a Silver Award for Private Garden 8 Thornton Rd. and a Gold Conservation Award for Stainton Quarry & Kell Gate Green. The next Env. Cttee. meeting would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 5.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. The 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards Ceremony would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Mrs. E. Revett would attend. All members and the TM Group were also invited. **c) Crime & Disorder Report** – the Vice Chair and Cllr. D. Coupe gave an update on recent incidents in Stainton & Thornton; thefts at the Unicorn Riding for the Disabled Centre and children smoking substances. Re DISC: a rented property in Cedarwood Glade was being used for Rehabilitation of Offenders. Cllr. D. Coupe would speak to Julie Pearce. Dumping of Rubbish: MBC had removed a mattress dumped on Strait Lane.

**72/16, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces** - Cllr. A. Conroy reported: Maelor's Wood: a new sign at the far end had been arranged by Paul Bamber, TVNP, under the (Tesco) Bags of Help grant and a Family Treasure Hunt/Foraging Day held at the beginning of Sept. Sculptures: Sue Antrobus would lead the family trail. The 3 new carvings, treated at the outset, would be installed on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Gravel might be provided by Taylor Wimpey. The Quarry LNR and Kell Gate Green: limited success with the Wildflower Meadow but more success was hoped for in 2017; the TM Group was starting to get volunteers from Rose Cottage Farm. A tree had been unofficially planted without permission by a non-resident in memory of a 20-yr. old girl who had died. E. Revett had contacted the funeral director. Julie Pearce & Richard Ward (MBC) had been notified. Further action would be taken. Next meeting: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 in the Memorial Hall at ten a.m.

**73/16, MBC Planning Portal** Planning lists were now being received by Cllr. David Coupe on a weekly basis.

**74/16, 4-Column Draft Budget Proposal & Precept** Further discussion on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**75/16, Christmas Lights Switch-On:** arrangements were made for 2 Dec. 7 p.m. Cllr. A. Conroy would progress the lights and Cllr. D. Coupe the person to switch-on.

**76/16, Gala Day Sun, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2017** The PC would book & pay for the Portaloo.

**77/16, CLCA mtg. at Stillington on 21 Sept. 2016** The Vice Chair gave his report. The next CLCA mtg. would be at Skelton, 1<sup>st</sup> week in December.

**78/16, Date for the next Parish Council Meeting, Tues, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, Stainton** The Vice Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

Accepted and agreed as a true record . . . . . Dated . . . . .

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