

**Minutes of the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14 May 2019 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton**

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

**27/19. Election of a Chair of the Parish Council for 2019/2020.** The Clerk, as Proper Officer, requested nominations for position of Chair. Alan Liddle was proposed by A. Cooper and seconded by A. Conroy. There were no other nominations. Cllr. Alan Liddle accepted the position and was unanimously re-elected as Chair. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**28/19. Election of Vice Chair of the Council for 2019/2020.** Nominations were invited for the position of Vice Chair. David Coupe was proposed by C. Dean and seconded by A. Liddle. There were no other nominations. Cllr. David Coupe accepted the position and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**29/19. Declarations of Acceptance of Office.** The following made Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Councillors for the Parish of Stainton and Thornton – Angela Cooper, Alan Conroy, Brian Neale and Christopher Dean.

**30/19. Apologies for absence.** – Received from Ronald Dennison (Holiday).

**31/19. Adoption of Standing Orders.** The NALC 2018 Model Standing Orders were reviewed and adopted by the Council without alteration. Copies will be sent to all councillors. **Resolved:** *2018 Model Standing Orders adopted by the Council.*

**32/19. The Annual Report of the Chair of the Council for 2018/2019.** The Annual Report was read out by the Chair and accepted by the Council. **Resolved:** *Annual Report to be displayed on village noticeboards and on Parish Council Website. Hard copies to be made available on request to the Clerk.*

**33/19. The Financial Accounts of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2019 and the Report of the Responsible Financial Officer (the Clerk).** The Parish Council accounts for 2018/2019 and the Report of the Responsible Financial Officer were agreed and accepted and duly signed by the Chair and the RFO. **Resolved:** *The NALC Model Financial Regulations were adopted by the Parish Council and Responsible Financial Officer (Clerk).*

**34/19. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19.** The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer had completed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

a). The Certificate of Exemption was completed and dated 14.5.19.

b). The Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19 was undertaken and signed by an independent internal auditor of 7.5.19.

- c). The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk on 14.5.19.
- d). The Accounting Statements 2018/19 were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer (Clerk) on 14.5.19.

**Resolved:** All relevant documents to be published on the Parish Council website and Middlesbrough Council website, Stainton and Thornton Parish Council webpage by 30.6.19.

**35/19. Assets Register.** The Assets Register updated by the Clerk and Cllr. Conroy was agreed and accepted.

**36/19. To review the Committee arrangements of the Council and elect Committee Chairs.** It was agreed that the existing committee arrangements would continue. Cllr. Coupe was proposed by Cllr. Liddle and seconded by Cllr. Cooper as Chair of the Environment Committee (aka Green Finger Gang) with the Clerk continuing as Secretary. Cllr. Liddle would continue to Chair the Planning Committee and the Crime and Disorder Committee, both of which comprised the full Parish Council. **Resolved:** Existing committee arrangements to continue.

**37/19. To elect Members to the Environment Committee.** Members and volunteers were invited to continue as at present. Cllrs. Coupe, Cooper and Liddle would attend meetings. Residents on the committee would be confirmed at its next meeting. New members and volunteers were very welcome.

**38/19. Parish Council members of the Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces, confirmation of insurance cover for the group and payment of water charges for field alongside Kell Gate Green.** Members attending meetings of FSTGS were Cllrs. Coupe, Liddle and Conroy. Minutes of their meetings would be issued to all parish councillors who were all welcome to join the FSTGS group as were any interested residents. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council insurance also covered the FSTGS group and the Council also paid the water charges relating to the field alongside Kell Gate Green.

**39/19. Membership review of Cleveland Local Council's Association.** The Council's membership was reviewed and Cllr. Liddle proposed, seconded by Cllr. Coupe, continuation of membership. It was agreed that the Chair and any parish councillor would be welcome to attend CLCA meetings. **Resolved:** Membership of CLCA to continue. Payment of CLCA subscription authorised.

**40/19 Review of Insurance Cover of the Council and payment authorisation of next annual premium due on 1 June 2018.** Insurance cover was discussed. Current brokers, Came & Company had provided 4 quotations. Council decided that the recommended Local Council Scheme policy by the insurers Inspire provided the appropriate cover at the most reasonable cost and that the Long Term Agreement Premium represented the best value for money - £581.59. **Resolved:** Renewal of insurance cover via Came & Company authorised on LTA terms.

**41/19. Clerk’s report of any urgent correspondence and to authorise any urgent expenditure.** County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership were offering a Councillor Training Session to be held on 19 June in Yarm. Nominations for attendance have to be submitted by 9 June. Cost will be £27 per candidate. **Resolved:** *Councillors Dean and Neale to attend. Expenditure authorised.*

**42/19. Planning Applications requiring a response before next meeting.** None

**43/19. Review of the Budget of the Council for 2019/20.** Finances were currently in a healthy state allowing for the Parish Council precept to remain the same as the previous year and using reserves, if necessary, to make up any shortfall in budget requirements. It was agreed that if finances allow, a roadside speed display unit be purchased for use in the villages.

**44/19. New agenda items for future Parish Council meetings.** – No additions at this point in time.

**45/19. Date and Time of next business meeting of the Parish Council.** Tuesday, 11 June 2019, 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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

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