

**Minutes of the 267<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: A. Cooper, A. Conroy, C. Dean, D. Coupe, B. Neale. M. Russell, A. Liddle.  
Clerk the Council - J. Holmes.

Members of the public: PCSO Jak Fisher, Sgt. Des Horton, Insp. Steven Pattison, Ron Baker, Crime Prevention Officer

**81/22. Apologies for absence/Declarations of Interest** - None

**82/22.** The **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held 31.10.22.** were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**83/22. New Councillor.** The Chair welcomed new councillor Mel Russell to the meeting. Cllr. Russell then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office register.

**84/22. Public Participation** – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. PCSO Jak Fisher produced the crime statistics for November which showed an increase in the number of burglary offences committed mainly on the Rose Cottage Estates. These were in the main thefts or attempted thefts from garages attached to properties. Insp. Pattison wanted to assure the councillors of police attention and discussed ways of in which the fear of crime could be reduced. Information to the police, no matter how small, was vital in helping them build a picture of criminal suspects. It was agreed that Cllr. B. Neale would be the SPOC (single point of contact) who would liaise with the police with information from residents and councillors etc. New crime prevention messages from the police would be included in the next issue of the Village newsletter. The Crime Prevention Officer, Ron Baker was making himself available to any resident who required information or assistance. The police were unaware that the new estates at Hemlington Grange were part of the parish area. Cllr. Coupe asked if the police headquarters on Stainton Way could be used to call a meeting of residents from the new estates to reaffirm the crime prevention messages. Insp. Pattison would try progress this matter.

**85/22.** The **Minutes of the 266<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parish Council held on 11.10.22.** were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**86/22. Matters arising from the above Minutes.**

- a) **Parking Issues – Hemlington Road** – Cllr. Coupe reported the MBC would be extending the yellow lines as previously agreed and installing a bollard on the pavement to prevent parking/obstruction on the corner with Church Close. Timescale unknown.
- b) **Footpath – 3 Strait Lane** – MBC has stated that the land in question was not adopted by them. It was suggested the Parish Council should contact Land Registry and declare an interest. The land could then become under the ownership of the Parish Council. Clerk to make enquiries.
- c) **Community Governance Review** – Chair reported that the review into parish councils was now complete. The parish boundary for Stainton and Thornton to remain the same with the number of councillors remaining at 7 despite the influx of new housing at Hemlington Grange.
- d) **Footpaths & Overhanging hedges** – Cllr. Coupe reported that hedges on either side of Strait Lane had been trimmed back, however vision up Strait Lane from the bus stop at Rose Cottage 3 was still obstructed. The recently felled tree at the entrance to Rose Cottage 1 was a

protected tree and Middlesbrough Council will be pursuing this with Taylor Wimpey and/or their maintenance team. The problem outside 32 Seamer Road has been resolved with the offending growth being cut back by a tree surgeon.

A resident had complained about the removal of a hedge, outside the Sporting Lodge hotel, and had been replaced with plastic advertising hoardings. Cllr. Coupe has reported the issue to MBC Planning who are investigating.

**e) Dilapidated building – 1 Hemlington Road.** Middlesbrough Council are of the opinion that the condition of the premises does not warrant their intervention. The property is in private ownership and advertised for sale. To be removed from the agenda.

**f) Christmas Lights / Christmas Tree** – The village christmas lights were put up by Middlesbrough Council on 24 November and following the ‘switch on’ were working efficiently. Replacement bulbs will be required for next year. Cllr. Conroy to arrange purchase.

The Christmas Tree and lights in front of the Old Board School was an extra addition this year instigated by Cllr. Dean who was congratulated for his actions. The Council agreed to reimburse Cllr Dean the cost of the tree and lights. (£96.99)

**87/22. The Report of the Clerk to the Council** including correspondence, financial statement, and authorisations.

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

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

**3. Financial Statement 13.12.22.**

Balance at 11.10.22. **£18706.56**

Income since last meeting: **None**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£4553.95** - Approval required.

Balance at 13.12.22. **£14152.61**

Date:	Payee.	Reason.	Payment	Amount.
24.10.22.	J. McCabe	Plants. EC	BACS	36.99
24.10.22.	Baines Jewitt	Pro. Services	BACS	44.40
24.10.22.	P. McInnes	Plants. EC	BACS	31.00
31.10.22.	J. Holmes	Salary (October)	BACS	248.41
31.10.22.	HMRC	PAYE (October)	BACS	62.20
15.11.22.	K. Robinson	Plants. EC	BACS	27.95
17.11.22.	Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	BACS	48.00
17.11.22.	MBC	Speed Sign	BACS	3446.00
18.11.22.	Northumbria Water	Water analysis	BACS	210.19
29.11.22.	MBC	Printing	BACS	88.20
29.11.22.	HMRC	PAYE (November)	BACS	62.00
29.11.22.	J. Holmes	Salary (November)	BACS	<u>248.61</u>
				<b>4553.95</b>

*Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved*

4. Latest invoice (2.11.22.) from WAVE for water supply to field next to KGG shows a credit of £11.84.

## **88/22. Committee Reports**

### **Planning – Cllr. Liddle**

All current planning applications are non-contentious. No objections from Parish Council.

8 Hemlington Road. 21/0418/FUL. – Middlesbrough Council require a variation application to be submitted owing to a change in the original size and dimensions. This would then go to Middlesbrough Planning Committee who will decide if the variation was acceptable. This would be heard on Friday 15 December. Cllr. Cooper will be attending and raising objections on behalf of the parish council.

### **Environment – Cllrs. Conroy & Liddle**

**Stainton Beck – Pollution at Kell Gate Green.** – Water samples were taken from the beck in KGG on 16 November and analysed by Northumbria Water. The results show that the pollution in the beck is as bad as ever. The analysis report has been forwarded to the Environment Agency and Middlesbrough Council and both are yet to comment. The warning message about the pollution, keeping animals out of the beck and dogs kept on a lead to be reinforced.

A suggestion from Cllr. Conroy to attach a flexible hose from the outlet, running along the bottom of the beck into the sewer outlet on Thornton Road to be investigated.

**Environment Committee (Green Finger Gang)** – Cllr. Coupe reported that the site identified for the relocation of the pump was owned by Middlesbrough Council who suggest that they be asked to undertake the work and charge the parish council accordingly. Cllr. Coupe to make necessary arrangements.

### **Crime & Disorder – Cllr. Neale**

Following the lengthy discussion with the police representatives earlier in the meeting there was nothing more to add.

**89/22. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces** – Cllr. Liddle reported on the recent AGM of the group held on 5 December. The new badger statues were ready for delivery from Steve Iredale. Work on the deer statue ‘Doe and Fawn’ will start once a suitable section of wood is found.

Sue Antrobus (TVWLT) is hoping to involve residents from Rose Cottage on a trial of work/guided walk in Maelor’s Wood in conjunction with Gloria Robinson and Tammy Andrews.

Cllr. Conroy reported that the Thursday group were of a certain age and it was possible that they may lose 2 members of that group. Vice Chair, John Cooper would be acting as a recruiting agent hoping to attract new members to the group.

**90/22. Cleveland Local Councils Association** – Circulars from CLCA and NALC continue to be emailed to all Councillors on a weekly basis.

**91/22. Middlesbrough Local Plan Scoping Report** – The Local Plan adopted in 2014 is still in force. Middlesbrough Council are to broadcast an appeal for sites for development. More information can be found on the MBC website – Planning policy/Emerging Local Plan/Call for sites.

**92/22. Clerk – Annual Salary Review.** Chair reported that the Clerk was entitled to a salary review and the NJC had published the 2022/23 National Salary Award which increases the Clerk’s hourly rate to £11.42 effective from 1.9.22. It was noted that the Clerk did not take the 2021/22 award.

*Resolved: Clerk’s salary to be set according to national pay scales 2022/23, SCP 6. £11.42 per hour effective from 1.9.22.*

**93/22. Parish Council assets** – Clerk reported that the Chair is currently without a printer for use for parish council business. It was agreed that a printer should be purchased for use by Chair. The printer itself would become an asset of the Parish Council.

*Resolved: An inkjet printer be purchased for use by the Chair.*

**94/22. Draft budget proposal and Precept 2023/24**– Clerk had prepared a preliminary budget forecast based on a precept of £9.31 per household. Full budget details will be agreed at the next meeting in February however councillors did agree that the precept should remain at £9.31. It was noted that provisionally the number of dwellings (Band D equivalent) base is 1319 compared to 1222 last year.

*Resolved: 2023/24 precept for Parish of Stainton and Thornton to remain at £9.31 per household.*

**95/22. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 14 February 2023. 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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

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