

Minutes of the 250th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held online via a remote platform (Zoom) on Tuesday, 14 April 2020 at 7pm.

Authority to hold meeting: The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

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

14/20. Apologies for absence – Cllr. R. Dennison

15/20. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. None

16/20. The **Minutes of the 249th meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020** were approved by the Parish Council and recorded as a true record. Chair to sign in due course.

17/20. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – No progress as Neighbourhood Plan Group unable to meet during current lockdown regulations.
- b) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – The current units on loan from Middlesbrough council are battery operated and out of date inasmuch that data and statistics cannot be retrieved from the equipment. Whilst they are effective as a deterrent when in situ on Thornton Road the poor battery life results in the units being regularly inoperative. Parish Council to actively source alternatives.
- c) **Stagecoach services 13 and 13a** – To note that Stagecoach are still operating an hourly service, including Sundays, during the current COVID-19 crisis. Passengers numbers are greatly reduced because of the lockdown rules but it is reassuring to residents that a bus service is still available.
- d) **Right of Way footpath – Wynd to Low Lane** – No progress as Taylor Wimpey have stopped working during current lockdown and subsequently the date for completion and being off site is now unknown
- e) **Maintenance and Cutting of Hedges/Footpaths** – Cllr Coupe has received complaints regarding the removal of hedgerows along Stainton Way in preparation of a construction site for the new housing development near to the Community Safety Hub. Middlesbrough Council aware.
- f) **Cold calling signage – High Rifts** – The current lockdown has resulted in no incidents or complaints about cold calling issues. Parish Council still to enquire about signage.
- g) **Housing developments – Elderwood Park and Ashwood Park.** – These new housing developments continue to grow and expand. Residents have complained about a lack of dog waste bins. Cllr. Coupe making enquiries with Middlesbrough Council.
- h) **Parking Issues** – No current issues especially as the Stainton Inn and Memorial Hall are temporarily closed in the current COVID-19 crisis and as a consequence there are no parking problems in Meldyke ‘Square’.
- i) **Water Supply** – Field next to Kell Gate Green. Chair reports that the leak in the water supply to the horse trough has been located and repaired by a local resident. Water bills for this supply should now return to normal.

18/20. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

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.

c. Financial Statement **14.4.20.**

Bank Balance at 11.2.20: **£8955.32** (2020/21 Precept)

Income since last meeting: **£8090.00**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1145.44** Approval required.

Date:	Payee.	Reason .	Cheque No.	Amount.
11.2.20.	J.Holmes	Toner inks	426	55.20
11.2.20.	Baines Jewitt	Professional Services	427	118.80
24.2.20.	WAVE	Water – KGG	DD	66.80
29.2.20.	J. Holmes	Salary (February)	428	235.03
29.2.20.	HMRC	PAYE (February)	429	58.60
3.3.20.	MBC	Printing – Newsletter	430	72.88
10.3.20.	A. Liddle	Printer ink, Paper.	431	24.95
16.3.20.	MBC	Printing	432	20.00
18.3.20.	Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	433	80.00
25.3.20.	J. Holmes	Expenses (yearly)	434	52.14
25.3.20.	M. Holmes	Bedding plants (EC)	435	17.41
25.3.20.	J. Holmes	Salary (March)	436	234.83
25.3.20.	HMRC	PAYE (March)	437	58.80
28.3.20.	C.Cutler	Website	438	50.00

Balance: Parish Council as per Bank Statement: **£15949.88**

Less unrepresented cheques: **£108.80**

31.7.19. HMRC. 394. 58.80*

*Enquiries ongoing with Santander Bank

28.3.20. C.Cutler. 438. 50.00

Balance: Parish Council (actual): **£15841.08**

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

d. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)** - Release date postponed for up to 3 weeks owing to COVID-19 crisis. Appointment of Internal Auditor required.

e. Invoices received

GDPR/Data protection fee renewal - £40 payable by 7.5.20.

Baines Jewitt – Professional services - £39.60

19/20 Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning applications received.

20/0039/FUL. 43 Cedar Drive, Thornton. - Erection of attached garage to front and two-storey extension to side. – Objection by Parish Council (lodged 28.1.20.) on grounds of over development. Amended application submitted. Parish Council objections remain.

19/0710/FUL. Stainton House. Land to the south of 1 Marwood Wynd. Amended application submitted but Parish Council objections remain.

20/0169/FUL. 3 Rose Cottage Gardens – Side extension. No objection by Parish Council.

20/0016/COU. Sporting Lodge – Change of use from offices to day nursery. No objection by Parish Council.

Environment. – Grey water discharging from grounds of Stainton House into Stainton Beck – Still awaiting reply from Environment Agency.

Green waste collection due start in April delayed by COVID-19 crisis. Middlesbrough Council hope to resume collections next month.

Middlesbrough Council continue to cut grass as scheduled.

Annual risk assessments on Parish Council assets are now required. Cllrs. Liddle and Conroy to complete.

Crime and Disorder – To note that there was a recent unsuccessful attempt to break-in to the Stainton Inn and Sporting Lodge. Both incidents occurred on same day within an hour of each other. Police in possession of CCTV images of suspects.

20/20. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces

Routine maintenance has ceased during current lockdown. However, Jay Morrison of 4Nature will be installing a new footpath in Stainton Quarry, near the owl seat, later this week. This will result in restricted access until work is completed. Warning signs are in position.

21/20. Cleveland Local Councils Association – Cllr. Liddle attended the AGM at Egglecliffe on 19.2.20. Subscriptions will be sent out to member councils once the rate has been agreed by NALC. Information and advisory notes on the COVID-19 crisis are regularly circulated by CLCA to all parish councils.

22/20. COVID-19. The Parish Council is actively keeping residents aware by newsletter, email and social media of the help and assistance available to residents during this lockdown period. There is a group of residents more than willing to help the vulnerable with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc and all residents are encouraged to make use of this service.

23/20 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 19 May 2020. 7pm. Venue to be decided.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 8pm

Agreed and signed as a true record Date

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