

Minutes of the 243rd meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12 February at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Stainton

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

1/19. Apologies and Declarations of Interest – None

2/19. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – None

3/19. The Minutes of the 242nd meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2018 were approved by the Parish Council and duly signed as a true record by the Chair.

4/19. Matters arising from the above Minutes

- a) Neighbourhood Plan** – The Chair gave an update on the positive progress made so far by the Neighbourhood Plan Action Group. The plan was almost ready for printing and the draft report would be ready in early April. Local public consultation at the village coffee mornings was planned and the document would be available to view on the parish council website where comments would be invited. There were sufficient funds left from the original grant to cover room hire charges for meetings and some administrative costs, however there was a requirement for necessary mapping costs to TVWLT in the region of £300. As the Neighbourhood Plan was a parish council remit it was agreed that the mapping costs would be met by the Parish Council.
- b) Middlesbrough Council Local Plan** – The Chair reported that 50 – 55 objections to plan had been lodged with Middlesbrough Council. This would delay submission of the Local Plan until June at the earliest, but it could be October before it is put before the Council for approval.
- c) Fly Tipping Problems** – Peter Chapman from Middlesbrough Council was aware of the problem spots in the village and would be making suggestions for preventative measures that the FSTGS group could undertake. It was noted that the most recent acts of fly-tipping had been on Low Lane at the entrance to Stainton Vale. The person(s) responsible had not been identified although an image was captured by CCTV cameras sited at the Montpellier Care Home on the opposite side of the road.
- d) Dog Fouling Problems** – Despite more public awareness, sporadic instances of dog fouling continues. It was noted that the lack of waste bins on the Rose Cottage development was down to the fact that the area had not as yet been adopted by Middlesbrough Council.
- e) Parking issues** – The Middlesbrough Council Enforcement Team were patrolling the area on a regular basis and issuing parking tickets where necessary. Rob Farnham from Middlesbrough Council would be attending the Community Council meeting next month to discuss this issue with residents.
- f) 106 Monies** – Councillor Alan Conroy reported to the meeting that Taylor Wimpey had eventually signed off the legal deed process allowing Middlesbrough Council to release the 106 monies to the FSTGS group. Middlesbrough Council had to go through a procurement process, but he had today been assured that monies would be released within the next 48 hours. When received, the monies will be used not solely for environment projects but also for village improvements for the benefit of all residents. Cllr. Conroy was again thanked for his persistence in this matter.

- g) Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Councillor David Coupe reported, in response to residents’ concerns, the Durham & Cleveland Road Policing Unit had been in attendance in Stainton and Thornton over recent weeks with the result that some motorists had been reported for driving at excess speed. The police will continue to periodically monitor the area and the dedicated Neighbourhood Police Officer, PCSO Simon French is keen to set up a community speedwatch with local residents. Middlesbrough Council have promised that 2 roadside speed display units will be positioned in the villages in the near future.
- h) Christmas Lights** – Councillor Conroy reported that the village Christmas lights were put up in November for the festive season, taken down last month and are currently stored in the Memorial Hall. There had been a few breakages but at present there were approximately 30 spare bulbs. The full display totals nearly 1000 light bulbs and he requested that another 60 poly-carbonate bulbs be purchased (costing about £100) in case replacements are needed later this year. It was noted that the Christmas Lights ‘switch on’ this year would be on 29 November.
- Resolved:** *Additional 60 lightbulbs be purchased for replacement purposes.*
- i) Parish Council website** – Chair asked if the Parish Council website can be utilised to collect comments, suggestions and ideas from residents in response to what improvements they would like to see on matters such as environment and green spaces as outlined by the FSTGS group and also comment on the Neighbourhood Plan once it was published online. The Clerk reported that anything that required a public response could easily be ‘headlined’ on the Homepage of the website and any response could be actioned on the ‘Contact Us’ page.

5/19. The Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council

1. The following magazines are on circulation to Parish Councillors: Clerk & Councils Direct, The Clerk.
2. NALC circulars and information received from CLCA have been forwarded to all councillors where appropriate.
3. VAT refund claim to HMRC. (1.2.18.-31.1.19.). £167.87 submitted 3.2.19 – not yet received.
4. AGAR returns 2018/19 – Mazars are holding an update session regarding AGAR submissions on 3 April 2019 at County Hall, Durham. I anticipate attending this event.
5. Financial Statement 12.2.19.

Income since last meeting: Nil. Expenditure since last meeting: £1535.77

13.12.18.	Galliford Try	Xmas Lights	355	684.12
13.12.18.	Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	356	96.00
31.12.18.	J.Holmes	Clerks Salary (Dec)	357	293.63
31.12.18.	J.Holmes	Office 365 software	358	79.99
16.1.19.	C.Cutler	Website management	359	50.00
19.1.19.	Baines Jewitt	Professional Services	360	38.40
31.1.19.	J.Holmes	Clerks Salary (Jan)	361	<u>293.63</u>
				1535.77

Balances: Parish Council £8519.65 Neighbourhood Plan £322.50 Total: £8842.15

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved.

6/19. Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning applications received – No decision as yet made by MBC Planning.
19/0085/FUL. 5 Greenacres – Single storey extension to front and rear
18/0797/FUL. 49 Buttercup Grove – Extension to rear.
19/0079/FUL. 2 Roseberry Drive – Construction of new garage
No objections by Parish Council.

To note Planning Refusal by Middlesbrough Council
19/0028/TCA. 21 Maltby Road – Reduction works to silver birch tree in rear garden.

To note that the Planning Inspector dismissed the appeal by Angela Swift Developments to construct 60 assisted living apartments on land behind Montpellier Care Home off Strait Lane.

Environment Committee (aka Green Finger Gang) – To note that Middlesbrough Council were currently removing diseased trees in Fawcett Avenue and Roseberry Drive. The next meeting of the environment committee was provisionally scheduled for 6.30pm Friday 1 March in the Memorial Hall.

Crime and Disorder – PCSO Simon French was making regular day and evening patrols in the area as the new dedicated neighbourhood officer to Stainton and Thornton. There have been no recent incidents of persons acting suspiciously around unattended motor vehicles. It is believed that the person responsible for previous similar incidents has been apprehended.

7/19. Parish Council Precept – The Clerk reminded councillors that the parish council budget for 2019/20 had been agreed and set at £9395. The Parish Council at their last meeting had decided not to increase the precept which would remain at £9.31 per household, as per last year. The number of properties has increased by 55 to 779 so the precept has been set for 2019/20 at £7252. There would also be a Council Tax Support Grant payable to the parish council, but this amount is not yet known. The shortfall between the precept and the budget would be taken from Parish Council reserves

8/19. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces: The Minutes of the FSTGS meeting held 14.1.19. were noted. The ‘Stainton Badgers’ have been re-sited in Strait Lane, much to the approval of local residents. The One Planet Pioneers and the Friends working group would be clearing up/cutting back in the Churchyard, this Thursday (14 February) and Tees Valley WLT will be hosting a ‘Winter Warmers’ day in Maelor’s Wood next week (21 February) hopefully attended by children in the half-term holidays.

9/19. Cleveland Local Councils Association – The Chair reported on the AGM of the CLCA which was held 6.2.19. at the Cleveland Community Safety Hub. Tees Valley Rural Action run a volunteer car scheme which provides a door to door car service for people over the age of 60 or people with mobility problems who cannot access public transport. Volunteer drivers are urgently wanted for the Stockton area. Anyone interested or requiring further details should contact 01642 213852 or info@teesvalleyruralaction.co.uk

10/19. Hemlington Grange Housing Development – This housing development off the Stokesley Road falls with the Stainton & Thornton parish council boundary. Currently there are two housing developers on site. Taylor Wimpey have just completed their Phase 1, 124 properties with 105

occupied. Phase 2 (145 properties) is due to start in April and it is expected 25 of these will be occupied by December. Persimmon Homes are building 149 properties with 36 currently occupied. Eventually there will be over 400 houses on these sites with many more in pipeline. Councillors discussed various ways of delivering parish council services to this area and in the first instance it was decided to include all the occupied properties in the quarterly village newsletter distribution. An invitation to an open meeting possibly at the Community Safety Hub would also be considered if sufficient interest was shown.

11/19. Sporting Lodge – A Corporate Membership invitation to the Parish Council from the Management at the Sporting Lodge Hotel on Low Lane had been received. Such membership would qualify for discounts on certain goods and services. However, Councillors decided such a scheme was inappropriate for the Parish Council to be involved with, but it may appeal to residents who attend the Community Council meetings.

12/19. Clerk to the Council – Hours of work. The Chair wished to clarify the position regarding the current Clerk's hours of work. The previous Clerk's hours of work totalled 208 over a 12 month period. At the Parish Council meeting held 14.8.18. Councillors decided that owing to the increase in the workload of the Clerk the hours of work should equate to 7 hours a week which was a significant increase over the previous clerk's hours, however the salary scale point would remain the same. Subsequently the rise in salary expenditure by the increased hours was reflected in the budget process for 2019/20.

13/19. Parish Council Elections 2019 – The Clerk reminded Councillors that Parish Council elections would take place on Thursday 2 May. Procedural information would be distributed to each Councillor once it was received from Middlesbrough Council.

14/19. Dates for future Meetings – all 7pm in the Memorial Hall.
Tuesday **12 March**. Parish Assembly (Joint meeting of Parish and Community Councils)
Tuesday **9 April**. Parish Council Meeting.
Tuesday **7 May**. Annual General Meeting of Community Council and first day of office for newly elected parish councillors.
Tuesday **15 May**. Parish Council Annual Meeting.
Tuesday **11 June**. Parish Council Meeting.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9. 15pm

Agreed and signed as a true recordDate

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