

Minutes of the 253rd meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held online via a remote platform (Zoom) on Tuesday, 13 October 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, A. Cooper, R. Dennison. Clerk the Council - J. Holmes.

Members of the Public: J. Cooper, R. O’Kennedy (local residents)

66/20 Apologies for absence/Declarations of Interest. None

67/20. Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. Mr O’Kennedy wanted to discuss the water pollution in Stainton Beck. See item below – 71/20 Environment.

68/20. The **Minutes of the 252nd meeting held on Tuesday 11 August 2020** were approved by the Parish Council, recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair.

69/20. Matters arising from the above Minutes.

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Chair reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was now at the pre-submission consultation stage and would be made available for public access on the parish council website from the start of the consultation period on 19 October 2020. The consultation period would run until to 30 November 2020 and leaflets informing residents of this procedure were in the process of being distributed to all households within the parish area.
- b) **Roadside Speed Display Unit** – Cllr. Coupe reported that another possible source of funding for roadside speed display units was from the Middlesbrough Town Fund where up to £50k could be made available to each ward. He would complete and submit the application form identifying Strait Lane and Thornton Road as sites for the speed units in the first instance. Cllr. Neale reported he had spoken to PCSO Mark Ballinger in an effort to engage with the Community Speedwatch scheme www.communityspeedwatch.org however the unavailability of equipment was hindering progress.
- c) **Right of Way footpath – Wynd to Low Lane** – No further information has been received however the path through the Rose Cottage 3 development appears complete.
- d) **Maintenance and Cutting of Hedges/Footpaths** – John Cooper (resident) reported that a 30mph speed sign on Seamer Road was partially obstructed by a hedge from a nearby private garden – Middlesbrough Council to be informed.
- e) **Cold calling signage – High Rifts** – Cllr. Neale reported that he was making enquiries with Middlesbrough Trading Standards about the legality of cold calling areas/ signage however their priority at the moment was Covid-19 crisis.
- f) **Housing developments – Elderwood Park and Ashwood Park.** – It was noted that the developments were expanding, especially Ashwood Park, where the builders Persimmon were accessing a new construction site/compound off Stainton Way. It was also noted that both developments were being advertised as being part of Hemlington and new residents were probably not aware that their homes fell into the parish council area of Stainton and

Thornton. Neighbourhood Plan consultation leaflets would be distributed to both developments.

70/20. 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. Financial Statement **13.10.20.**

Bank Balance at 11.10.20: **£11946.51**

Income since last meeting: **Nil**

Expenditure since last meeting: **£1478.92** Approval required.

Date:	Payee.	Reason .	Cheque No.	Amount.
11.8.20.	FSTGS	Maintenance Plan	458	500.00
21.8.20.	WAVE	Water KGG	DD	48.36
27.8.20.	Info. Comm.	GDPR renewal	440	40.00
31.8.20.	J.Holmes	Salary (August)	459	234.83
31.8.20.	HMRC	PAYE (August)	460	58.80
24.9.20.	M.Holmes	Plants (GFG)	461	58.50
30.9.20.	J.Holmes	Salary (September)	462	235.03
30.9.20.	HMRC	PAYE (September)	463	58.60
3.10.20.	C.Cutler	Website	464	100.00
3.10.20.	Baines Jewitt	Pro. Services.	465	40.80
Unpresented cheques.				
3.10.20.	SLCC	Subscription	466	43.00
6.10.20.	B.Chapman	Plants (GFG)	467	34.00
7.10.20.	MBC	Printing (NHP)	468	27.00

Resolved: All payments aforementioned approved

4. **Defibrillator** – Clerk reminded councillors that in 2016 the Parish Council provided a defibrillator for community use, which was located on the outside wall of the Memorial Hall. The internal battery that powered the defibrillator had an expiry date of November 2020. A replacement battery for the unit can be obtained from the manufacturers at a cost of £288 (inc. VAT). – Approval given for purchase at the relevant time.

71/20 Committee Reports:

Planning. Recent planning notifications.

19/0710/FUL. Stainton House. Erection of 1 dwelling and detached garage on land to the south of 1 Marwood Wynd. To note that this application, refused by Middlesbrough Council had gone to Appeal.

20/0510/OUT. Land at Low Lane Middlesbrough TS5 8EH. Outline planning application for commercial development (Use Class E), including access, parking, and associated infrastructure and development. – Whilst not within this parish council area, Councillors felt

that the nearness of the proposed development would cause traffic and litter problems which would impact into our area. Parish Council to object to application.

Environment.

Grey water discharge from grounds of Stainton House into Stainton Beck – Cllr. Coupe reported that Middlesbrough Council along with the Environment Agency had conducted a full investigation which revealed there had been a problem with a package treatment plant in one of the properties in the grounds of Stainton House. The problem in the property has now been addressed and hopefully rectified. Water samples have been taken from the beck and tests show unacceptable levels of pollution. Further sampling, testing and monitoring of the waterflow will continue over the coming months and the beck remains unsafe for people and animals to use. Local residents to be warned accordingly.

Crime and Disorder – Nothing to report.

72/20. Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces – Chair reported that the final cut of the season in the Quarry and Kell Gate Green would occur this week after which the group would concentrate on the maintenance of street furniture. Cllr. Conroy reported that white plastic strips and non-slip tape had been positioned on the lower steps in the Quarry as an added safety measure. Cllr. Dennison suggested that a tree management plan in Kell Gate Green would improve and enhance the area.

73/20. Cleveland Local Councils Association – No meetings programmed yet but weekly circulations by email to all Councillors continues. NALC are hosting a Planning for the Future presentation via Zoom. Interested councillors are welcome to join the presentation.

74/20. Parish Precept – Middlesbrough Council should now have the figures for the number of Band D equivalent properties that would be used to establish the 2021/22 parish precept. Cllrs. Liddle and Coupe to ascertain these figures in order that precept and budget discussions can be progressed at the next parish council meeting in December.

75/20. Christmas Lights – Cllr. Conroy reported that village christmas lights would be installed in the ‘Square’ and in use from Friday 27 November until 6 January however due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, which has closed the Memorial Hall, it is unlikely there will be any ‘Switch on’ celebrations in the hall as in previous years.

76/20. 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 any lockdown or self-isolating period. Due notice will be taken from HM Government and Local Authorities regarding local lockdowns should they be needed to be implemented in our area. It was noted that Middlesbrough and surrounding areas were now at Tier 2 – High Risk level.

77/20. Community Fibre Partnership – Councillors are aware that faster broadband speeds are required in both villages as some broadband providers do not supply sufficient speeds for digital needs. It was agreed to encourage residents to register online an interest in a community fibre partnership at <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/community-fibre-partnerships>

78/20. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8 December 2020. 7pm. Venue to be decided.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9pm

Agreed and signed as a true record Date

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