

Stainton Parish Council
Annual Meeting of Stainton Parish Council
Monday 9th May 2022
Stainton Village Hall

Chairman's Report 2022

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for their support of me as Chair this year.

Thanks to Kate, my great deputy and Ivor, Nick and David, and thanks also to Di, our Clerk who goes above and beyond to serve Stainton. Also, thanks to Andy Rhodes, who has taken on flagpole and Christmas tree duties. I would also like to thank our Ward Councillors, who have provided excellent support.

This past year has continued to show what a great community Stainton is. The Village Hall Trust has had a very active year providing regular newsletters around the village, regular coffee mornings and supporting weekly yoga sessions. Events have included a gin night, fun day on the playing field, choir in the church and joint events with the church on Mothering Sunday and Easter organising a Easter Egg hunt. The Village Hall Trust has also improved the hall, building the staging at the back. It is actively and successfully promoting the hall to get it used more. The Parish Council is very grateful for receiving free use of the hall for our meetings over the last year.

The past year has also seen the departure of some long-standing residents and welcomed new people to the village as many houses have changed hands. We are particularly pleased to welcome more children to the village.

There have been 9 Parish Council Meetings during this last year with full agendas at each meeting. The meetings have been publicised on the S66 Facebook Group and have attracted some different people to attend which has been positive. At one meeting we welcomed a police representative to answer questions on crime and security.

During the past year:

We organised for the Yorkshire Ambulance service to run a training session for the defibrillator over zoom in the village hall. I check the defibrillator regularly, and we update accessories and maintain it as required

We have been seeking to clarify who has responsibility for all the areas needing maintenance in the village and to create a map with clear ownership information.

We continued to treat the pond with chemicals to reduce the Flag Iris in 2021 but as well as being expensive it seemed to be ineffective so we have cancelled the contract. We approached Wildscapes to establish if the pond was suitable for their support because of wildlife, but unfortunately, this site

doesn't fit the restoration criteria for the District Level Licensing scheme. This is due to the pond being "On Line" this means that the pond is fed from an outside water source (the stream running beside the pond) and flows back into it. They advised that the fact that it is "on line" is the main reason for the pond's decline in quality. The fast water flow of the feeding stream means a steady stream of sediment is entering the pond and with the raised outflow not enough is leaving the water body (or at a fast enough rate) to carry the sediment back into the running stream. The pond will need desilting and also the water quality of the inflow testing as it appears significant nutrient runoff is occurring in the pond also, leading to the algal blooms occurring.

We are actively working to improve relations with key local organisations including Jones Homes, developers of the Grange Lane Development.

As part of this we have met with Breedons have kindly been working with us to identify how they might help us address the silt in the pond and improve its condition, this is ongoing. We will also be attending liaison meetings with all the organisations working in the Quarry Nick is leading this.

We continue to employ a landscape company to tidy the area along the stream and the pond.

The demountable Flagpole on Stainton Lane, has been used for flag flying for important events. This flagpole also creates the centre for the Christmas decorative lighting tree and this was the focus for a carol service organised by the village hall trust. It included the Maltby brass band kindly sponsored by the Village Hall Trust

Doncaster MBC continue to support the village maintaining footpaths, doing grass cutting and cutting back undergrowth. After many years of lobbying by a local resident and repeated requests by the Parish council with support from the ward councillors a light is now in place on the bend of Holme Hall Lane. Also on Holme Hall Lane we have made representations about the danger caused by the reduced visibility on the bend near the phone box. This is being progressed by DMBC.

Kate is leading on plans to update the Playing Field with new equipment and a new layout. She has consulted with suppliers and the design team at DMBC. Over the last year, there have been consultation meetings in the village hall, and 42 adults and 8 children completed an online survey. I am pleased to be able to announce that the first phase of the upgrade has received Lottery funding so to celebrate the Jubilee, we will be installing a larger slide aimed at children aged 3-10 and a nest swing which will fit 3 teenagers in it.

The phone box needs to be repaired and refurbished urgently and we have had support from the local ward councillors to help fund this but we have struggled to get a contractor to undertake the work. Breedons have offered to help with the refurbishment and this is on-going. Discussions are also in place for the management of the box to move formally the Village Hall Trust.

The Parish Council has acted on behalf of residents on a number of planning issues throughout the year, including a major development plan in Maltby which could seriously affect the village.

Super Fast South Yorkshire are still working on fibre installation in the village which we hope will be finally up and running shortly.

An issue which the Parish Council is still working on, after much frustration, is a bus service to the village. We briefly had a public bus service into the village but it was cancelled with no notice. We will continue to canvas for a bus service to be re-instated now that there is a new City region mayor in place.

In Wilsic, after feedback on the poor state of the roads and support from our ward councillors, over a 100 potholes were repaired however, despite representation regarding the speed limit being 60mph we have not been successful in getting it altered.

In Stainton we have regularly reported potholes and other highways issues regarding drainage and these are progressed by DMBC as budgets allow. We also have got a new sign to try and stop quarry lorries driving through the village. Bins around the village have been upgraded to dual purpose bins.

A village plan for 2022 has been prepared and approved.

To save money during the year Di organised the move of the bank account from HSBC to Unity Trust bank which can be managed very effectively on line.

David has been leading on updating and improving the website for the village and a supplier has been identified and appointed. Find us on www.staintonvillage.net

Yours truly,

Sarah Brown
Chair of Stainton Parish Council

Monday 9th May 2022 in the Village Hall, School Lane

Stainton Parish Council Annual Meeting 7:00pm
Followed by:
Stainton Annual Parish Meeting at approximately 7:15pm