

Stainton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2017

Present: Cllr J Gray; Cllr J Fisher; Cllr S Brown and Cllr I Watkins.

Apologies: Cllr K Watkins and Clerk Mrs S Youngman.

In Attendance: Cllr Greenhalgh and Cllr Cannings.

Prior to opening the meeting Cllr Gray told the meeting that the Clerk, Mrs Youngman, was unable to attend due to an emergency. It was agreed that Mrs Gray would take minutes of the meeting.

Police Report:

Cllr Gray advised that in the latest report (for September) there was only 1 crime and that was an anti-social behaviour in Little Wood.

Public Forum:

Mrs Gray mentioned the overhanging hedges on Stainton Lane, opposite the pub. Cllr, I Watkins had noticed this but was wary of trimming them due to previous adverse comments. It was agreed that Cllr I Watkins would trim them, in due course, as the Samaritans Act clears responsibility for jobs done in good faith. D & S Barratt asked about the new broadband. Cllr Gray advised that almost everything is in place but the fibre optic cable needs connecting at both ends. Cllr Gray also advised that households should be receiving blue bins in January but they are not to be used until March 2018.

Chairman's opening remarks and Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Fisher declared an Interest in Village Hall Matters.

116/2017 Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2017.

Council reviewed and approved the minutes.

117/2017 Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Gray mentioned that he had spoken to the neighbour of Low Farm regarding the planning application discussed at the last meeting. Whilst they had no objections to the planning for the house they did object to the new access that was planned. The proposed new driveway would be right on the bad bend on Lime Kiln Lane and also where the road is at its narrowest. The Clerk had sent a letter of objection on behalf of the Parish Council.

118/2017 Ward Councillor Report

Cllr Cannings advised that a new Stainton sign is on order and should be replaced soon.

Cllr Greenhalgh had received minutes of the last Airport meeting, as he was unable to attend. He had received an email with a survey which needs completing by Friday 15th December – Cllr J Gray to action. Cllr Gray stated that the Parish Council need help from DMBC Councillors as the Airport does not recognise Stainton as an entity, and the village will have more air traffic and they will be flying lower. Cllr Cannings and Cllr Greenhalgh will address Stainton's issues at the next Airport meeting.

119/2017 Planning Applications

Other than Low Farm there were no further applications.

120/2017 Highways and Footpaths

The hedges on Stainton Lane were to be trimmed by Cllr I Watkins.

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Cllr, I Watkins mentioned that the planter near The Avenue was rotten. Cllr Gray needed to raise this with Darren Bisby as he had previously spoken to Katie Taylor but their roles had changed. Cllrs Greenhalgh and Cannings offered to conduct a walk around the village with Cllr Gray so that they could assess what needed doing. This to take place around the beginning of April 2018. Cllr, I Watkins raised the issue of traffic and noise in the quarry. Cllr Gray had received a reply from Richard Matthewman stating that he had dealt with the traffic issue and we should not have traffic before 6am. All the quarries have 24 hour working licences and the noise is from reversing indicators on trucks. The Parish Council is to write to Breedons and Tarmac to ask for white noise reduction on vehicles. Cllr Gray mentioned that there was a liaison meeting in January, the issues of excessive dust coming from Marshalls crushing plant and the sludge on the roads, from the lorries, would be raised.

121/2017 Defibrillator

Cllr Brown advised that she will chase up Adam regarding training.

122/2017 Bus Service

Cllr Gray advised that there had been a good response to the survey. Buses had been diverted through the village whilst there were road works and closures in Braithwell, so he had written to the SYPTE. Positive replies have been received that SYPTE planning section and Rotherham and Doncaster Bus Partnership are to look into the possibility of diverting a bus through Stainton. DMBC Councillors to find names of representatives who attend the Partnership meetings.

123/2017 Village Hall Matters

Cllr Fisher advised that the exterior and interior of the Hall had been decorated. The Italian night had been a great success as had the Wreath making. They were planning a Sugar craft evening in and a Pan Asian evening.

124/2017 Playing Field

Cllr Gray advised that the gates had been repaired and a keep had been sunk into the ground, thanks to P Watkins. A new lock for the gates needs to be obtained from DMBC.

125/2017 Wilsic

Nothing to report.

126/2017 Village Pond

The Iris in the pond has died off and should be rotting away. It will need further treatment next year.

127/2017 Web Site

Cllr Gray advised that there had been 202 visitors last month many from the USA looking up the history of Stainton.

128/2017 Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk as to attend a course regarding the new regulations and the Parish Council will have to comply with them.

129/2017 Finance

Cllr Gray advised that the finalised accounts for last year were on the website. It was agreed that PKF Littlejohn would be used for the external audits. Mrs Youngman had completed a budget review analysis and advised that the Parish Council will not cover costs next year. She suggested that the precept be revised in line with inflation and perhaps a little bit more. This to be considered at the next meeting.

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Cllr Gray mentioned that the Yorkshire Councillors Association Membership has risen from £45 to £46. They had also held an election of Officers and it was expected that the local Officer would be in touch.

130/2017 Correspondence

YLCA are running a survey to make sure that Councils are diverse enough, in their makeup, to represent their communities

Next Meeting: Monday, 15th January 2018 at 7:30pm