

Stainton Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th February 2017

Present: Councillor Gray; Councillor Brown; Councillor I Watkins; Councillor K Watkins & Clerk Mrs Youngman.

Apologies: Councillor's Fisher and Smith.

In Attendance: Mrs Gray.

Police Report

Cllr Gray advised that there had been 3 crimes reported in December; 1 burglary and 2 reports of criminal damage and arson. The criminal damage had occurred on the building site on School Lane. The total crimes reported for 2016 were 30.

PUBLIC FORUM.

Mrs Gray advised that the entrance to the Village Hall smelt damp.

Chairman's opening remarks and Declarations of interest

None.

15/17 Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 24th October 2016 and 16th January 2017.

Council reviewed and approved the minutes for the October meeting. Cllr Gray read through the January minutes and advised the Council of the decisions that were made in their absence. No objections were raised with the planning applications discussed; the Council approved the decision to increase the precept for 2017-2018 by 2%; approval was also given to contribute towards the cost of the Clerk gaining the CILCA qualification. Finally, the Council approved the acceptable use policy for the Wifi within the Village Hall. The minutes for the January meeting were then approved.

16/17 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

17/17 Ward Councillor Report

None in attendance.

18/17 Planning Applications

The Old Cottage Wilsic: Erection of 4 new C2 units to provide student accommodation, with associated access, parking and amenity space, together with a change of use of Old Cottage from C3 to C2, to form ancillary staff facilities to support the new student units including partial demolition of the existing porch and erection of a new extension to form a reception. No objections raised.

Burlewood, Holme Hall Lane: Proposed erection of detached dwelling including new vehicle access.

Council resolved to object on the application for the following reasons:

The new entrance onto Holme Hall Lane is at a 90 degree angle to the lane which would access issues. The neighbouring properties already have issues with flooding; the proposed development will increase the flood risk for these properties.

Councillor Gray advised that a planning consultation had been received from Rotherham Borough Council.

RB2016/1492- Hybrid application for the erection of 100 No. dwelling houses including access road, landscaping & open space (Phase I) and Outline application for the erection of up to 300 No. dwelling houses including landscaping & open space with all matters reserved (Phase II) at land East of Grange Lane Maltby

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Cllr Gray advised that the development could cause traffic issues for the residents with an increase in traffic using Stainton Lane and that the proposed development is on greenbelt land. Cllr I Watkins advised that there would be a 10-metre strip of land between the existing estate and the proposed site. Cllr Gray advised that the water from the development would be pumped into Riddle dyke. Cllr I Watkins advised that the plan referred to soakaways being used; Cllr Gray advised that the new plans stated that the water would be pumped into the dyke. Cllr I Watkins advised that if the plan did go ahead then a dam would be needed to release the water slowly. Cllr Gray advised that Breedon/Hope had already carried out a survey of the dyke to establish the capacity; if the development went ahead then the dyke would be full. Cllr Gray advised that there is an alternative solution to the water issue; Severn Trent Water could install drainage through Maltby. Council resolved to object to the application due to the concerns with excess traffic and drainage issues.

19/17 Highway & Footpaths

Cllr Gray advised that there was an issue with moss growing on the pavement at the corner of Holme Hall Lane and Raw Lane. Cllr K Watkins advised that she had slipped on the moss and hurt her knee; the injury could have been worse if she had not had a pushchair to hold onto and raised concerns that the incident could have been worse if it happened to an elderly resident. Cllr Gray advised that he was having a meeting with Streetscene on the 28th February and would discuss the issue then. Cllr Gray advised that a new layby or lorries had been made by Rotherham MBC at the top of Stainton Lane. Cllr I Watkins reported that the layby at the end of Lime Kiln Lane had lots of pot holes which is causing an issue for passing cars. Cllr K Watkins advised that the several potholes near the pond required refilling.

20/17 Financial Matters

RESOLVED cheques to be signed:

DMBC	£51.96
S Youngman	£69.77

Cllr Gray advised that he read an article in the White Rose Update which advised that the two signatory requirements for payment had been abolished and that it would be possible to set up internet banking. The Clerk advised that it is possible to set up the account to enable two signatories to approve online payments. Council resolved for the Clerk to initiate online access for all members of the Council and provide them with access to view and approve payments.

Cllr Gray advised that he had purchased a plastic storage box at a cost of £9 for the archived paperwork to be stored in as the cardboard boxes in the loft had been damaged. Council agreed for Cllr Gray to purchase enough boxes to store all the archive paperwork which is currently in the loft.

21/17 Correspondence

Cllr Gray advised that the following correspondence had been received:

Survey of sport facilities available within the Parish from A Maddox of DMBC.

YLCA: Branch meeting arranged for 23rd February.

YLCA: Advising that the audit procedure for smaller authorities would be changing for the financial year 2017-2018.

YLCA: Training and seminar programme.

YLCA: Requesting photographs of Parish Council activities and projects; Cllr Gray advised that several photographs had been sent.

YLCA: Advising of an event to pay tribute to the end of WWI.

YLCA: Update to advise that the public service ombudsman bill is being discussed in parliament.

YLCA: Update to advise that the Council Tax referendum for Parish Councils has been cancelled.

YLCA: Requesting details of Yorkshire based companies who may be interested in advertising in the White Rose Update.

YLCA: Update on the dependent carers allowance which is no longer available to Council members.

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YLCA: Requesting advice regarding Parish Councils being successful in having a speed matrix sign installed. The Clerk advised that a Rossington business owner had purchased a matrix speed warning sign and was implementing a hire scheme for Parish Councils.

YLCA: Requesting information from Parish Councils who had adopted a public telephone box; Cllr Gray advised that he had replied to advise of the problems that were experienced when adopting the telephone box within the village.

22/17 Defibrillator

Cllr Brown reported that a defibrillator had been provided free of charge from the first responder team at Maltby along with installation. The team had also advised that they could provide units and materials to assist with training. Cllr Gray advised that he had met with the contact from the defibrillator company and Alan White from the Village Hall Trust and an agreement had been made to install the unit between the window and the notice board. A power supply is required and the only other ongoing cost would be for replacement pads; the insurance could be covered by a charity. Cllr Brown advised that the sign for the defibrillator needed to be discussed. Cllr Gray advised that the box holding the defibrillator does not lock and that he hope that the unit would be installed in mid-March.

23/17 Village Hall Matters

Council resolved to contact the Village Hall Trust to report the damp smell within the entrance to the hall.

24/17 Playing Field

Council resolved to contact DMBC to request installation of rubber stoppers on the gates to the play area.

25/17 Wilsic

No updates.

26/17 Village Pond

Cllr Gray advised that he had been unable to find another company who could provide a quote for the work required on the pond. The work needed to be carried out in April and August. Cllr I Watkins advised that the work should be booked in as soon as possible. Cllr Brown agreed. Cllr GRay advised that he would arrange for the pond to be treated but would also need the to arrange for the area around the pond to be maintained.

27/17 Website

Cllr Gray advised that there had been 155 visits to the website in January.

28/17 Date & Time of Next Meeting

Monday 10th April.

Monday 15th May.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:50.