

# STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Stainton Village Hall

**Present** J Rowlandson (JR) J Teasdale (JT) J Brown (JB)  
B Hutchinson (BH) S Chapman (Clerk) (SC)

1. **Apologies;** None
2. **Public present;** None
3. **Declarations of Interest:** - (in Agenda items) - None received.
4. **Requests for dispensations to Councillors** - None received.
5. **Minutes of the last meeting:-** (26<sup>th</sup> September 2018)  
Proposed by JT and seconded by BH..

## 6. **Matters arising from last meeting**

**6.1 Parish Council Website:-** This is still under construction but good progress is being made and it will hopefully be fully functional by early 2019.

**6.2 Stainton Quarry;** There are reports of a new business being set up and operating from within the Quarry but we do not have any information about this.

**6.3 Parking issue;** There is still an ongoing issue with parking behind Streatlam Close. This is technically on land the Parish Council is responsible for so it will be followed up. The Parish Council does not actually own the land in question but the Land Registry or possibly the Teesdale Mercury should hold information on who does. In the meantime an email will be sent to Danny Harland, Traffic Management, DCC to see what the legal position is in regard to this parking. **Action: SC**

## 7. **Financial Report:-** The balance of account at 31<sup>st</sup> October was £17,430.06

7.1 Payments approved by councillors at this meeting are :-

C A Stamp	Grass cutting	One cut + VAT	£156.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath		£25.00
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wage		£43.00
S Chapman	Clerk's wage		£171.82
SGCA	Hall hire	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2018	£20.00
Stainton Village Hall	Hall Hire	3 meetings	£60.00
Stainton Village Hall	Defibrillator expenses	Donation	£73.00

7.2 JR will complete a claim for VAT paid by the council in the past year. This comes to a total of £1,655.70. **Action: JR**

7.3 Bank Mandate update :- BH and JT have been provided with mandate change forms and the associated paperwork to take to the bank along with proof of identity. This will hopefully ensure that the Parish Council has three active cheque signatories with any two of them required to countersign cheques for payment. **Action: JT & BH**

8 **Playground:-** Further plans and quotes have been received for the refurbishment of the play area. One quote did factor in the cost of removing redundant older equipment and the other company will asked to do likewise. These two companies, Creative Play and Sovereign have both submitted artist representation of what can be done and quoted £14,000 and £17,760 respectively.

JR will look into the possibility of funding from our local county councillors towards the overall cost and NBH will make enquiries at GSK to see if they would make a contribution towards the project. **Action: JR & BH**

9. **Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Parish Newsletter:- this is now under construction and will include information about the proposed costs of the playground refurbishment and a report from the Parish Council chairman about the parish council and it's role.
- 9.2 The grass cutting season is now over and so is our agreed term of service with Mr Stamp. To ensure we are getting best value we will ask for tenders to be submitted for the next season. A map of the relevant areas will be available for issue and tenders requested for a total of 11 cuts on these locations.
- 9.3 The footpath below Hesley Rise has become narrowed due to grass overgrowing onto the path.
- 9.4 Ongoing running costs of the defibrillator installed at the village hall have resulted in the Village Hall having a bill for £146.00 to replace the expired pads and batteries. The Parish Council agreed to support the Village Hall by making a donation to them of 50% of this cost. A cheque for £73.00 was raised at this meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

<b>FUTURE MEETING DATES</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b> Stainton Grove Community Centre <b>Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2019</b> Stainton Grove Community Centre <b>Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019</b> Stainton Village Hall <b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7.00PM</b> <b>Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm</b>

Chairman ..... Date .....