

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 18th January 2018

Present J Rowlandson (JR) J Teasdale (JT) J Brown (JB)
S Chapman (SC) (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** B Hutchinson (BH)
2. Public Participation; – None present
3. **Declarations of Interest:** - (in Agenda items) - None received.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** :- (November 2017) - Agreed as a true record.- Proposed by JR & seconded by JB

5. **Matters Arising from previous minutes;** -

5.1 **Stainton Quarry** Representatives of the Quarry have met with DCC regarding amendment to existing/amended planning permissions. No action was agreed between these parties and the matter is still ongoing. DCC advised the quarry to apply to vary the conditions within 28 days.

Small vehicles and trailers have been seen entering and leaving the quarry but these are not impacted by the current regulations

5.2 **Transparency Funding** – the application for funding has been submitted and will be considered at the February Transparency Funding meeting. If successful we can expect to receive this funding in March.

5.3 **Stainton In Bloom** – plans to fill the stone troughs has been put on hold until better weather conditions allow for putting plants outside.

5.4 **Stainton Playground** CA Stamp has power-washed the playground surface and trimmed back the overhanging trees at the back but there are still branches overhanging access through the side gate. SC will request he attends to this a.s.a.p. to avoid any possible injury to users.

5.5 **Speed Signage** – After applying to DCC for permission to site speed signage at either end of the village (alternating periods) they have responded suggesting that we should pursue the matter through them and quoting a cost exceeding £10,000. This is substantially more than the quotes that the PC has privately obtained and relates to the signage being mains powered and includes charges for installation, cabling, ducting etc.

They also suggest that we need to factor in a sum to cover an expected lifespan of the equipment of eight years to include running costs, maintenance and decommissioning at end of use, totalling a further £3000. Additionally a site for signage is to be agreed between DCC/Police before anything can be installed. Teesdale Action Partnership will not fund speed signage without permission from DCC.

We therefore need to seek further advice from the signage manufacturer as to whether he has dealt with DCC before and under what circumstances.

5.6 **Data Protection rules to be implemented from May 2018** –Still waiting to hear from Steve Ragg at CDALC what measures smaller councils will be required to implement to comply with this new legislation and at what cost.

6 Finance

As of 30th December 2017 the balance on the Parish Council's current account was £16,094.22

6.1 Invoices for payment:-

	To	For	Value
1	S.G.C.A.	Hall hire (1 meeting)	£20.00
2	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	£25.00
3	CDALC	Training course fee	£27.00
4	C A Stamp	Power washing/pruning	£150.00

6.2 **Precept** – It was agreed to set the precept at the same level as last year.

6.3 **General Finance** - From May 2018, wages for the Clerk will have to be factored into financial planning. Although the Clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer he/she is not allowed to be a cheque signatory so it will be necessary to set up BH and JT as signatories to the account as 3 are allowed with any two of the three required to sign cheques.

(Three signatories enabled will cover instances of holiday or sickness.)

7. **Correspondence** :- As listed in invoices.

8. Any Other business:-

8.1 Signs are still required for the playground as recommended in the RoSPA inspection. These are to state that the playground is owned and maintained by the Parish Council and one stating that dogs are not allowed in the playground.

8.2 A suggestion was made that a commemorative plaque be placed on the bench to be sited at Hesley Rise in memory of Clifford Sykes.

8.3 Ideally the council would have a full complement of 8 councillors, CDALC will be approached to see if we can co-opt new councillors if residents expressed an interest in doing so.

8.4 Prior to renewing our insurance a check will be made to see exactly what is covered on the policy and whether the playground equipment is covered.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

29th March 2018 Stainton Village Hall 7.00pm

FUTURE MEETING DATES	
<i>Annual Parish Meeting</i> <i>24 May 2018</i> <i>Stainton Village Hall 7.00pm</i>	<i>Annual Parish Council Meeting</i> <i>24 May 2018</i> <i>Stainton Village Hall 7.30pm</i>