

STAINTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 16th November 2017

Present J Rowlandson (JR) B Hutchinson (BH) J Teasdale (JT) J Brown (JB)
S Chapman (SC) (Clerk) T McHale (Stainton Quarry) B Toulson (BT)

1. **Apologies:** None received
2. **Public Participation;** – Mrs B Toulson and Mr T McHale were present for this meeting.

Mr Mc Hale (representing Stainton Quarry) was in attendance in response to an earlier residential query regarding the importation of stone into the quarry. Following that query the site was visited by M Tweddle (DCC). DCC then imposed a restriction on the business, cancelling the quarry's right to process imported workable stone..

This variation of conditions was not discussed with the business and applied by DCC without consultation with representatives of the quarry. If strictly adhered to it would severely limit operation of the business and possibly result in closure and job losses.

The previous conditions allowed for the importation of up to 50% of the workable stone used by the quarry, the amendment to the existing conditions now prohibits the use of quarry equipment to process imported stone. The tonnage of stone being brought in is in direct response to the volume of orders the quarry currently has on its books for building stone so the business obviously needs to continue to bring stock in.

The spoil heaps are now well down and the stone presently being brought in has not had a negative effect on ongoing restoration process. The Quarry management has contacted Helen Goodman, MP for assistance and she is supportive of their continued operation. The Parish Council would welcome an ongoing liaison between themselves, the quarry and the residents of the village and it was suggested that Mr McHale contact Claire Teesdale at DCC for further discussion.

3. **Declarations of Interest:** - (in Agenda items) - None received.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:- (September 2017)**Agreed as a true record.- Proposed by JB & seconded by JT..
5. **Matters Arising from previous minutes;** -

5.1 **Parish Website** JB reported on the information he has regarding getting an outside company to set up and maintain a Parish website for us. The initial start-up fee is £399 and an ongoing fee of £150 each year to keep it up to date and maintain the domain name. The possibility of obtaining some funding towards the start-up cost from the transparency grant will be pursued.

5.2 **Stainton in Bloom** – the stone troughs bought from the quarry are now in place and look very impressive. The next step will be to fill them with compost and get some planting done – a possible suggestion is to decorate them with a Christmas theme. As part of the general improvement to the village image, Mrs D Dobson has cleaned out the well at Hesley Rise. (In the past this task had been done by Mr Sykes.) A 'thank you' letter will be sent in appreciation of her efforts.

5.3 **Stainton Playground** –_The metal framing on some of the play equipment is looking very shabby but it is thought that possibly *Hammerite* spray paint could be used to improve its appearance. The surface of the play area is quite slippery again and Chris Stamp will be asked to powerwash it and also prune the overhanging trees as they were mentioned in the ROSPA report.

5.4 **Speed Signage** – The cost of this has been quoted at £2900 + VAT. Free training on the system and free delivery of it is included in the price. However the system we originally wanted has

now been leased out for several months so it is unclear if we will be purchasing a brand new item (with appropriate guarantee) or second hand equipment. We are also awaiting information on whether we can get a grant towards the capital cost of the item from Teesdale Action Partnership.

5.4 Data Protection rules to be implemented from May 2018 – New rules will be enforced from 2018 regarding the identification of individuals from information held by companies and organisations. This will also apply to parish, local and county councils.

Statutory bodies (councils) holding any personal data on individuals are classified as Data Processors. Anyone who issues minutes of meetings or puts information onto a website is considered a Data Processor. They need to employ the services of a Data Protection Officer to ensure they are not infringing on the new data protection rules.

A Clerk or a councillor cannot be a Data Protection officer – the role **MUST** be filled by a person or company having legal experience in the field of Data Protection and independent of the council.

Further information regarding suggested Data Protection Officer will hopefully be issued by Steve Ragg in the new year when CDALC has obtained more information.

6. Finance

As of 30th October 2017 the balance on the Parish Council’s current account was £18,267.52

6.1 Invoices for payment:-

	To	For	Value
1	Stainton Village Hall	Hall hire (4 meetings)	£80.00
2	S.G.C.A.	Hall hire (1 meeting)	£20.00
3	J Teasdale	Plants (for planters at well)	£8.00
4	C A Stamp	Grasscutting (2 cuts)	£260.00
5	S Chapman	Mileage (attendance at GDPR training)	£15.30
6	Stainton Quarry	Stone trough planters x 3	£1620.00
7	R Bayles	Excavation work (field entry flowerbeds)	£170.00

7. Correspondence :- Letter of thanks received from village hall committee for the PC’s contribution of £900.00 towards the costs of exterior repairs to the building.

8. Any Other business:- No further items were brought to the attention of the council and the meeting was declared closed.

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FUTURE MEETING DATES		
18 th January 2018 Stainton Grove	8 th March 2018 Stainton Village	Annual PC Meeting May 2018 Stainton Village

10 Date & Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 18th January
7.00pm
Stainton Grove Community Centre

Chairman Date