

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 23 July 2018 in Stainton Village Hall

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

Apologies None

Public present

F Brown	N Felce	T Dent	B Hutchinson
C Brown	JT Hutchinson	J Cook	R Kent
I Charlton	JF Hutchinson	F Cook	B Redfearn
S Charlton	A Pounder	E Marwood	E Redfearn
S Pettitt	D Williams	T Cowan	C Carr
M Goodsmith	S Williams	N Swinbank	R Harle
J Goodsmith	R Willet	K Boal	K Harle
B Toulson	D Raper	P Ackroyd	A Schnabel
F Walker	G Gibson	D Everett	M Hutchinson
SM Coss	JA Lathan	A Gunn	

1 Declarations of Interest: - (in Agenda items) - None received.

2 Public Participation :-

Following a recently submitted planning application to DCC, a number of local residents wished to comment at this meeting. The application is for the erection of an agricultural building, in a field adjoining the quarry. Residents raised the following concerns regarding the current application and a previous pre-planning application.

The pre-planning enquiry to DCC was regarding a proposal to build 27 new homes and a retail unit within the quarry site but due to a number of issues, including that of access to the site the planning department did not support the proposal.

- The siting of the proposed new building is almost next to the quarry boundary – could this become a possible alternative route into the quarry to overcome DCC planning reservations about access to a possible future housing development?
- If an agricultural storage building is required, why is it sited so far from the main farm buildings – a closer site would be more convenient and more secure.
- The application for the new build states it's on land currently used for beef and pig farming but this is not believed to have been the case for a number of years.
- The land the application relates to is neither owned nor rented by the applicant.
- The application contains inaccuracies – the named applicant is a haulage contractor and owner of the quarry and so would not be expected to have need for an agricultural store.
- The dimensions of the proposed building are 90' x 45' x 14' which would make a very large storage unit. As the named applicant is in the haulage business rather than farming, could the building be used for this and thereby increase the volume of traffic passing through Stainton.

- The application states the construction material of the building would fit well with its' location and other structures – this possibly would be true if it was sited next to the farm buildings rather than 2 kilometres distant from them.
- The site of the proposed building would be highly visible from the road and the construction would intrude on the landscape.
- The current access to the field in question is adequate for farm vehicles and machinery but the intent seems to be to upgrade this to either allow for a greater volume of traffic or larger vehicles. The entry is opposite houses and an increase in traffic movements would impact on these residents.
- Roads leading to the proposed site are predominately rural and already subject to the regular movements of heavy vehicles en-route to and from the quarry. Residents are concerned that a further increase in vehicle movements has the potential to cause damage to grass verges and dry-stone walling.
- Very few local residents were notified of this planning application.
- If the application was successful and a new road put in, residents expressed concern that it could then be extended and allow access to the quarry for any future applications for use of that land. Within the quarry is an area containing Asbestos waste and there are fears that building on the site could potentially disturb this waste unless a full decontamination process was carried out.

The overall feeling of those residents present was to oppose the granting of approval for the application. Residents were advised that they could register objections by letter or email to the planning department of DCC. The Parish Council will also forward their comments to DCC. At this time the residents other than A Gunn left and the council meeting continued.

3 Minutes of the last meeting:- (24 May 2018)

Proposed by J Teasdale and seconded by J Brown.

4 Stainton In Bloom

The stone troughs were filled with compost and planted up but some are not looking their best due to a prolonged dry spell. Ideally the council would like support from residents living close to the planters and taking on some responsibility for watering them. This is still in progress.

5 Stainton Quarry

Dealt with under Public Participation.

6 Playground

Councillor Brown brought some example lay-outs of playground designs for the available space in the playground and these start at approximately £11000. A partial refurbishment would be less but some of the equipment although safe to use looks dated and shabby.

7 Parish Council Website

The new website is still a work in progress.

8 Defibrillator

Replacement pads for the defibrillator can be supplied free of charge by the installer therefore the village hall committee have requested a donation from the council in respect of the yearly cost of the electricity supply to the unit. As this was estimated to be approximately £20 per year the council agreed to pay £10 towards that total.

9 Financial Report:- Payments approved and made.

Balance of account at 29 June 2018 was £18786.70

C A Stamp	Grass cutting	2 cuts plus VAT	312.00
S Chapman	Printer	Transparency funding	44.00
C A Stamp	Grass cutting and groundwork	1 cut. Removal of 4 old benches and installation of 4 new ones	396.00
J Brown	Plants	Stainton in bloom	70.00
N B Hutchinson	Plants and shrubs	Stainton in bloom	66.96
J Teasdale	Defibrillator	Donation	10.00

10 Any Other Business

- The family of Clifford Sykes has thanked the council for the dedication of a bench to his memory.
- Mr I Charlton has been carrying out some litter-picking and weedkilling around the village, some residents are appreciative of this but some are concerned about the use of weed-killer.
- The W.I. has raised a concern about a camper van parking outside the village hall and causing access issues for other hall. We would ask that all residents show consideration for others and not block access.
- Rats have been seen in Miss Sharps property. Durham County Council's Environmental Health department should be notified in the first instance by residents but pest control activity will incur a cost.
- As part of the WW1 centenary celebrations it has been suggested that the metal railings around the war memorial wall could be reinstated. This may cost a substantial amount and before the council could consider supporting this, councillors would need to see information on the projected total cost. There will be an afternoon tea held in the village hall on Remembrance Sunday as an initial fundraising event.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

FUTURE MEETING DATES	
<i>Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 26th September 2018</i>	
<i>Stainton Grove Community Centre 7.00pm</i>	
<i>15th November 2018</i>	<i>17th January 2019</i>
<i>Stainton Village Hall</i>	<i>Stainton Grove Community Centre</i>