

# STAINTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Stainton Gove Community Centre

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

- 1. Apologies;** J Teasdale (JT)
- 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:-** (15<sup>th</sup> November 2018)  
Proposed by JB and seconded by BH.
- 6. Matters arising from last meeting**

**6.1 Parish Council Website:-** This is now almost complete and will be shown to councillors for approval before it actually goes live.

**6.2 Stainton Quarry;** There are reports of a number of trees being felled and removed from the quarry site and incidences of burning rubbish have led to complaints from residents about the unpleasant smell. Claire Teasdale at DCC will be contacted by JR for comment.

**6.3 Parking issue;** together with the issue of numerous cars being parked on the grassed area of the village green there are now also reports of vehicles being parked on the side of the road opposite the Green. As this is on a bend it poses safety issues for traffic passing through the village. This includes tractors and trailers and the large wagons from the quarry. Traffic Management at DCC to be contacted for advice on what the legal position is in regard to this parking.  
Action: SC

**7. Financial Report:-** The balance of account at 28<sup>th</sup> December was £16401.78

**7.1 Cheque signatories:** – The PC is trying to amend the banking mandate to allow JT and NBH to act as cheque signatories and they visited the bank on 14<sup>th</sup> January to do this. At the same time SC and AJC (former councillor Mr Cooke) will be removed from the account.

**7.2 VAT Reclaim :-** JR will apply for a VAT refund on the expenditure of the past year.

**7.3 Payments approved and made at this meeting:-**

HMRC	Tax on clerk's wage		£37.40
S Chapman	Clerk's wage		£149.40
SGCA	Hall hire	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	£20.00

8. **Precept** – It was agreed to set the precept at the same level + 10%. This will ensure the Council can meet its financial obligations for the coming year. These will include seasonal grass-cutting, expenditure relating to the Stainton in Bloom project, capital costs for the refurbishment of the play area and the clerk's wage and HMRC payments.

9. **Play area refurbishment**

One of the companies approached to submit a quotation and plan for the refurbishment of the play area offered to also refurbish the existing swings if the council was prepared to move quickly with the project. Councillors decided that due to the cost of the project it needed to ensure that adequate funding was available and that members were confident that the right scheme for the area was chosen.

The two county councillors for this area will be hopefully be using a portion of their yearly allowance towards implementation of the project through the Teesdale Action Partnership.

10. **Correspondence**

A letter was received from DCC to advise that the route for a combined new and existing footpath and bridleway has been approved by DCC and asking if the council members had any objections or comments to make before finalisation. The new route was approved by members so no comments were received.

11. **Grass-cutting**

We are almost into the 2019 season and as the weather is exceptionally mild, we can probably expect the grass to need cutting sooner rather than later. CA Stamp will be asked to tender for the contract again as the council has been satisfied with his previous work. Other contractors will be invited to submit tenders for the work too.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date and time of next meeting:-

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm**

Stainton Village Hall

**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

Stainton Village Hall

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7.00PM**

**Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm**