

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

*TO: ALL MEMBERS OF STANTON AND STREATLAM PARISH
COUNCIL*

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Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of Stainton and Streatlam Parish Council will be held in Stainton Grove Community Centre on Thursday 18th July at 7.00pm.”

Agenda

- 1. Public participation (approx. 15 minutes)**
- 2. To receive any apologies**
- 3. To receive any declaration of interests.**
- 4. To consider any requests for dispensations**
- 5. To accept the minutes of the meeting(s) held on 30th May 2019**
- 6. To report on any progress or changes to items raised at the General Purposes meeting**
- 7. Financial Report**
- 8. Correspondence**
- 9. Any arising issues – at the discretion of the Chair**

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General Purposes Meeting held on 18th July 2019

<u>Present</u>	J Rowlandson (JR)	J Teasdale (JT)	J Brown (JB)
	N B Hutchinson (NBH)	S Chapman (SC) (Clerk)	

- 1. Apologies;** None – all councillors in attendance
- 2. Public present;** None
- 3. Declarations of Interest:** - (in Agenda items) - None received.
- 4. Minutes of last meeting:- (30th May 2019)** Proposed by JB and seconded by JT.
- 5. Matters arising from last meeting**

5.1 Playground refurbishment – The council is still waiting to hear from TAP that the funding application has been approved. Once this is confirmed, Sovereign can be given the go ahead to do the pre-installation survey and then install the new equipment. After completion of the work there will be an official opening event at the playpark with refreshments in the village hall. In order to smarten up the equipment that is being retained, Cllr Hutchinson is going to see if it can be repainted with the aid of a GSK funded 'Orange Day' work party.

6 Financial Report:-

The current balance of the Parish Council Account was £20,542.63 as at the end of June. Invoices and payments approved at this meeting were as follows:-

6.1 Payments approval

Stainton Grove Community Centre -room hire	£20.00
N B Hutchinson plants	£22.50
J Rowlandson plants	£70.91
HMRC – tax on clerk's wage (June)	£28.60
Clerk's wage (June)	£114.90

6.2 It was agreed that payment for the July and August grass cutting be pre-approved as the invoices for these cuts would arrive between meetings. Also agreed was payment of the Clerk's monthly wage and the HMRC payments on same.

6.3 The Clerk will make further enquiries into how the Council can reclaim previous VAT payments.

7 Any Other Business

7.1 The wooden memorial bench on the village green is looking rather shabby as the paint is peeling off it. Councillors would like it to be stripped back and treated with teak oil rather than be repainted. Enquiries will be made to see if there is a local handyman willing to do the work.

7.2 Following this year's Appleby Fair and the early arrival of some of the travellers and their conduct while in this area, the Council will contact DCC as Councillors want to know what action DCC proposes to take in order to prevent a re-occurrence in 2020.

7.3 After the removal of the lighting on the road from the A688 up to Stainton, councillors are concerned that this now poses a safety risk to pedestrians using this route to get to and from Barnard Castle and Stainton Grove. Together with the lack of lighting on the route, the path itself is very overgrown and in some places so narrow as to make it impossible for two people to walk side by side. This also impacts on parents pushing a pram or buggy and having an older child who needs to walk alongside their parent. A letter will be sent to the DCC relevant department to ask what can be done to resolve these issues.

7.4 Cars are still being parked on the grass which is part of the village green and a number of residents are guilty of doing this. Although the Parish Council does not own the land it is responsible for ensuring the area is kept tidy. Having cars parked on it are obstructing the work of the grass-cutting team. It is an offense to drive over, or park, on a registered village green so the Council will see if a request to remove the vehicles is successful and if not then DCC will be asked to start enforcement action to resolve the matter.

8 Future Meetings

<p>Parish Council Meeting 21st November 2019 Stainton Grove Community Centre 7.00pm</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting 16th January 2020 Stainton Village Hall 7.00pm</p>
<p>Parish Council Meeting 19th March 2020 Stainton Village Hall 7.00pm</p>	<p>28th May 2020 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING -7.00PM Stainton Village Hall Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm</p>

Chairman

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