

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 26th May 2021

Present J Teasdale (JT) A Dobinson (AD) B Toulson (BT)
*J Rowlandson (JR) *NB Hutchinson (NBH) S Chapman (SC) (Clerk)

* Late arrivals

1. Election of Chairman J Rowlandson, proposed by JT and seconded by AD
Acceptance of Office signed
2. Election of Vice-Chairman A Dobinson , proposed by JT seconded by BT
3. Co-option of Member – J Brown via telephone call
4. Approve current Policy Documents and agree schedule to review/amend – agreed to defer this item until next meeting and for clerk to refer to NALC model documents
5. Approval of Register of Assets and location map – register to be updated and presented at next meeting
6. Approve Insurance renewal cover – agreed payment of £288.50
7. Consider subscriptions and contracts – CDALC membership and R Toward (grass-cutting)
8. Draft accounts 2020 – 2021 – copies given to members prior to internal audit
9. Set budget for 2021 – 2022 -this to include;- grass-cutting; Clerk’s wage; plants for Stainton in Bloom; possible replacement of safety surface under swings in the play area
10. Assignment of Member responsibilities
11. Propose to delay Annual Parish Meeting to allow public access when village hall reopens – to be held prior to next full meeting of the Council
12. Public participation – any issues raised to be minuted and carried forward for action (members of the public may remain after this period but are not eligible to take any further part in the meeting.)
13. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 and to report on progress or changes to items raised at that meeting.
 - 13.1 R Toward approved as grass-cutting contractor for current season
 - 13.2 The application to build 100+ new houses at a site on the Darlington road was passed by the planning dept in spite of a number of objections, including one from this council
 - 13.3 The mossy surface under the swings has been power washed
 - 13.4 The work being carried out in the Memorial Park has not yet been completed but at this time there are doubts as to it’s final appearance.
14. Financial Report – payments to be approved
15. Finance – Precept received in April and held at same amount as previous year. . Current bank balance as at 29th April is £22,831.54
16. Correspondence - details of training available to new (or old) councillors
17. Approve future meeting dates for 2021/2022

June 24th

July 22nd

September 23rd

November 25th

January 27th

March 24th

May 20th

18. Any arising issues – at the discretion of the Chair and to be carried forward and actioned at next meeting

18.1 Request from member of public regarding refurbishment of two milestones in the area because Marwood has done one on the Darlington road.

18.2 The village hall planters to be replanted to coincide with reopening of the hall and the bill sent to PC.

18.3 The trough and planters need to be relocated from the former community centre at Stainton Grove

18.4 R Toward to be asked for a price to include the cutting of the area from 15' before the Stainton trough up to Taylors Cottage

18.5 The footpath below Hesley Rise is becoming narrowed due to grass overgrowing it. This to be reported to HAL to see if it can be actioned. As events are starting to be arranged again a request was made to ask HAL about the overgrown footpath that leads to Streatlam Farm as there are generally substantial numbers of people who walk to events held there

18.6 A report was received from a resident who suspected that a herbicide had been applied to grass verges on the road past the village green but this was not something authorised or approved by the council. It did appear that other grassed areas looked in similar condition but it was generally held that this was simply due to a lack of rainfall at that time and the grass has since recovered.

18.7 Travellers passing through Teesdale broke into and camped in the Broomilaw picnic area but they have since moved on and the area been re-secured. As Appleby Horse Fair has been rescheduled for August we expect Broomielaw and Shaw Bank TSO sites to be opened.

18.8 Concern was expressed about whether new lighting would be installed on the A688 where the new Lidl and Home Bargains site is located

18.9 It was suggested that council members have a walkthrough of the village to see if there are issues requiring attention.

18.10 It was suggested that the community pages on Facebook belonging to the Community Association be used to update and spread information about events and activities in the local area.

19. Date and time of next meeting

7.00pm on Thursday 24th June – in the village hall yard if fine. If the weather forecast for that evening is not good, a zoom meeting will be set up to start at the agreed time. Invitation for an online meeting will be issued on Wednesday evening if Thursday evening is not expected to be fine

Chairman

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