

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 1st December 2021 in Stainton Village Hall

Present N B Rowlandson (NBR) J Taylor (JMT) B Toulson (BT)
J Rowlandson (JR) J Teasdale (JT) A Dobinson (AD)
S Chapman (SC) (Clerk)

1. **Apologies;** All members present
2. **Declarations of Interest;** None
3. **Dispensations;** None
4. **Minutes of meeting on 23rd September 2021;** Proposed by JMT, seconded by BT.
5. **Matters arising from last meeting**
 - 5.1 Play Park – the wall has been repaired and is no longer considered a safety issue.
 - 5.2 Bus shelter at Stainton Grove – the roof has been re-felted, the roof side trim has been replaced and the brick footing repaired.
 - 5.3 Hesley Rise well – The key fob and Keys passed onto the council are to open the manhole cover behind the well.
 - 5.4 Village green – a letter has been drafted, amended and approved to be sent to the owner of the car causing issues asking that it be removed within the next month.
 - 5.5 Street sign at Stainton Grove – the illegible sign was removed and replaced by a new one but as yet there has not been any action on the other signs reported.
 - 5.7 Trees near entrance to village – these have now been trimmed back and it has improved road visibility.
 - 5.8 LED street lighting in the village - the complaints raised by the council about the new lighting have been addressed by DCC. The issue of the light shining into the Police House has been resolved by the addition of a shield to the light causing the problem. The issue of Hesley Rise losing light was also addressed but DCC will not install new lighting there as their duty is only to light the roadway running through the village. If new lighting was installed there, possibly funded by the parish council or by the DCC councillors using Neighbourhood Budget funding DCC would take over future maintenance.
 - 5.9 Path Clearing – the sections of path identified by residents as requiring clearing and widening have been photographed and map showing location attached for submission to Find and Fix to see if they will action them.

5.10 Stainton Grove noticeboard – Councillor Dobinson volunteered to look into what was available and suitable to put onto the bus shelter.

5.11 Stainton Grove Heritage trail – two very similar quotes have been obtained to prune back the shrubbery around the Heritage panels. It was decided to award this job to Mr Toward and Mr Allinson will install the new notice board when it is purchased in the new year.

6. Correspondence –

- 6.1 Request by a resident to widen the footpath at the foot of the triangle on the A688, covered in the Find and Fix submission.
- 6.2 Query about possible upgrade/refurbishment of the play area at Stainton Grove. This person was advised that the play area in question was owned and maintained by DCC and the parish council was not responsible for it and she could contact DCC online about it.
- 6.3 A question from a concerned resident about what appeared to be archaeological investigation in the fields adjoining the A688. This person was advised that the work was being carried out before installation of a new water main.
- 6.4 An email was sent to Mr Tam Smith to thank him for his refurbishment of the bench on the village green.

7. Financial Report – balance of account as at 29th November 2021 was £20,507.84

7.1 A direct debit payment was taken on November 19th for the annual fee to the ICO.

7.2 Previous payments made but not yet cleared were:-

7.21	Clerk's wage	£229.80
7.22	HMRC tax	£57.60

7.3 Payments authorised at this meeting:-

7.31	Hall hire - Stainton village hall	£20.00
7.32	A R Toward – Grass cutting	£360.00
7.33	G S Allinson – Bus shelter repair	£250.00
7.34	G S Allinson – Wall repair & tree pruning	£250.00
7.35	Clerk's wage (two months)	£229.80
7.36	HMRC tax on wage	£57.60

8. Automatic speed signage

Martin Clark was approached for advice regarding getting this project started. He has recommended a firm called Westcotec that he has worked with in the past to set up this type of speed warning signs elsewhere.

He suggested that initially DCC should be asked to carry out a traffic survey to get evidence of the volume and speed of traffic passing through Stainton as this would give weight to the project.

He explained which type of speed indicator was preferred by DCC and so more likely to be approved. Regarding funding the work he suggested

approaching local county councillors to back the project and potentially financially support it through their Neighbourhood Budget funds.

He also advised that we look into who's land the post mounted equipment would be located on and to ongoing maintenance and insurance costs to ensure it would be viable long-term.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 At the end of September we were saddened to hear that Councillor John Brown had died. He was a member of the parish council for many years and he will be remembered for that long service and the support he has given to the village hall and indeed the village itself. For many years he was the playground officer and a leading player in the planning and purchase of the new playground equipment and it would seem fitting to attach a memorial plaque to the bench in the play area to remember him.

9.2 Cllr Dobinson reported that she had been advised that dogs were being taken into the play area at Stainton Grove – this to be referred to DCC for installation of 'No Dogs Allowed' signs to be installed or replaced.

9.3 Litter is being left around the bus shelter on the estate at Stainton Grove so it was suggested that DCC be asked if they would provide a litter bin. Also we should have some 'No Climbing' signs put onto the shelter to try and deter local children from climbing up to sit on the roof.

9.4 Unfortunately the issue of dog owners failing to clear up after their animals is once again causing problems – this complaint to be put to DCC with a request to site a second dog waste bin at the far end of the village.

9.5 Looking ahead to next Christmas it was proposed that it might be possible to get festive lights on the tree on the village green as a nice location for some seasonal décor.

9.6 There have apparently been some unspecified complaints about the fir tree in the memorial park but without further information about what the issue is nothing will be done. Also that tree is potentially one that was donated by HM The Queen Mother so we will not rush into any action without due cause.

9.7 Cllr Dobinson reported that when the roads were particularly icy, vehicles on the bank outside Glen Lyon sometimes struggled to get traction. It could be worth asking DCC about the possibility of locating a grit bin there for future use in winter.

Date and Time of next meeting

Thursday 20th January at 7.00pm
Stainton Village Hall