

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Remote Meeting held on 17th December 2020

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

1. **Apologies;** None, all councillors present.
2. **Public present;** None on this occasion.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** - (in Agenda items) - None received.
4. **Dispensations - None**
5. **Minutes of last meeting:-** (26th Nov 2020) Prop by JT, seconded by JB.
6. **Matters arising from last meeting**
 - 6.1 Regarding previous complaints about dog fouling on the village footpaths we have now had reports of an unaccompanied dog believed to belong to new residents in Hesley Rise. A letter is to be sent to the owners to remind them it is an offense to allow a dog to stray and can result in a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution if it is not paid and to advise that the Neighbourhood Warden had been made aware of the issue.
 - 6.2 A small gift of chocolates was made to Mr Ian Chorlton for his much appreciated voluntary clean-ups of the village footpaths.
 - 6.3 A letter of objection was sent to DCC Planning Dept regarding the application to build 100 houses on farmland next to the Castle Vale estate on the A67. Council objections included that the development was not part of the current County Durham Plan; the site was in an area of High Landscape Value; there is the potential to disturb or destroy the habitat of native wildlife; additional housing would increase pressure on community services such as schools and medical services and lead to increased traffic flow and congestion within the locality.
7. **Financial Report** - Payments for approval -:

Clerk's wage (November/December)	£229.80
HMRC (November/December)	£57.60
Balance of account on 28 th November	£15,316.98

8. **Correspondence** – none received

Any Other Business

- 9.1 C A Stamp has been asked to power wash the rubber matting under the swings in the play area. This will be done as soon as the weather allows.

- 9.2 Memorial Park 1 There has been some work carried out in the area that has not been pre-approved by the Council. There had been a proposal to add some top soil and re-seed some areas of the park to allow for easier mowing which was generally accepted but work in the process of being carried out seems to have exceeded what had been agreed. A bench has been installed, made of sleepers which does not fit well with the location so the persons responsible will be asked whether this is just a temporary installation and discuss what work the Council will approve at this location.
- 9.3 Memorial Park 2 It was reported at this meeting that some unknown person had wrapped flashing Christmas lights around the War Memorial itself. This was definitely not something that had been approved by the Council and was considered inappropriate considering the memorial is to honour the dead of two wars. Enquiries will be made and the responsible person will be asked to remove them.
- 9.4 The overgrown footpath alongside the junction with the A688 is will be photographed so the images can be sent with the report to HAL with a request for remedial action.
- 9.5 Stainton Grove Community Centre is still vacant and DCC is now looking to either sell or demolish it as they have not had anyone wishing to lease it. If either of these plans proceed, the Council will need to relocate the planters and the stone trough as soon as possible.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7.00pm

Details and Zoom invitation to be published on the Parish Council site.

Chairman

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