

STANTON & STREATLAM PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on 17th February 2022 in Stainton Village Hall

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

1. **Public Participation;** None
2. **Apologies;** J Rowlandson (JR) J Taylor (JMT)
3. **Declarations of Interest;** None
4. **Dispensations;** None
5. **Minutes of September meeting;** Proposed by AD, seconded by JT.
6. **Matters arising from last meeting**
 - i. A request for a new salt bin needs to be assessed by DCC to determine suitability of location – send request for consideration pointing out it is a main route for employees of a major local employer with peak usage at shift pattern start and finish times.
 - ii. Heritage Display Panels – the shrubbery around these panels has been cut back to enhance their visibility, one located next to the former Community Centre requires further attention to reduce the shrubs and display the panel better.
 - iii. DCC (Find & Fix) have responded to the request submitted by the council regarding three areas of footpath requiring attention, as reported by residents. Unfortunately, the two stretches of footpath located on the A688 did not meet their project criteria but they have suggested that DCC's Highways dept be asked if they could make any improvements. The third area of concern, below Hesley Rise, has been passed to the Clean & Green team for action.
 - iv. Speed signage – as we are not allowed to install speed signs on any existing posts, light fittings or signage a location for a new fitting must be established, with the consent of the landowner. Also, the ongoing cost of maintaining it and insuring both the equipment and the person/persons to maintain it must be considered.
 - v. Following complaints that dogs were being taken into the play area at Stainton Grove, signs were requested to deter this. Several signs have been put up on the trees outside the area but it remains to be seen if this will be sufficient. DCC will return if requested and can put up further signage directly onto the surrounding fence if this proves necessary.
 - vi. The request for a dog waste bin at the far end of the village has been denied as it is considered to be 'street furniture' and as such must be located where there is an established and maintained footpath. If moved further back into the village where the footpath is it would a) be very close to the one at Hesley Rise and b) be located outside someones front door which would not be acceptable.
 - vii. Code of Conduct – councillors were given copies of the amended Code of Conduct which has been recommended for local councils to adopt – to be formally adopted at next meeting.

7. Correspondence

- i. A poster for a musical entertainment, Fools Gold, was passed to a member of the village hall for future consideration.
- ii. We have received a notification through CDALC about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons which will be a chain of beacons throughout the UK but after consideration council felt there was not a suitable location to site a beacon.
- iii. To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it has instead been suggested that we plant a tree to commemorate this – it was thought a flowering tree would be appropriate but its location is yet to be confirmed.
- iv. The Pensions Regulator has been notified that the clerk is not eligible to be auto-enrolled into a pension scheme with the parish council.

8. Financial Report

At 28th January the balance of account was £19,548.04

A Precept of £8366.40 for 2022 – 2023 was requested in January – this is a standstill request with 0% increase on the 2021 - 2022 rate, (the precept for 2021 -2022 was also at 0%.)

Expenditure for the coming year will include

1 Grass-cutting contract	2 Clerk's salary
3 Insurance for the playground equipment plus any ongoing maintenance costs	4 Plants to refill the planters in the village and at Stainton Grove
5 New noticeboard and installation	6 Safety inspection of play area

Projects under consideration for the next financial year are

1 Speed-visor signage capital cost plus ongoing maintenance of equipment	2 Insurance to cover Speed-visor equipment and personnel who will maintain it
3 Replacement of old safety surfacing under play area swings	4 Provision of some Christmas lighting/decoration in village
5 Possibly reinstate railings at the memorial park	

Our grasscutter, Mr Toward has quoted £125 per cut for the coming season and this was accepted by the council.

9. Any Other Business

- i. The council would like to put a memorial plaque on the bench in the play area in memory of councillor Brown but prior to this his wife will be asked for approval. The village hall would also like to site something similar in the village hall yard as he was a strong supporter of the hall.
- ii. A letter to be sent to Mr Wood for a quote to take down the diseased cherry tree from the play area and leave the useable cuts of wood for potential sale as a fundraiser for the village hall.

- iii. It was reported that in a recent storm a branch fell from a tree into a neighbour's yard, causing some structural damage. Some residents believe there is a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) on the tree but this is not listed on DCC website. The tree is on private land and is not the responsibility of this council but DCC will be asked if there are any trees in the village subject to a TPO.
- iv. Noticeboard for Stainton Grove – councillors at the meeting were in favour of either an aluminium or recycled plastic frame for the new board and it was felt that one to hold at least 4 x A4 sheets with a glazed cover and installed on the outside of the shelter would be appropriate.
- v. It was suggested that the council put out a basic newsletter 2 – 3 times a year to advise parishioners what the council has already done for the parish and what future plans are. This newsletter would advise of meeting dates and ask residents if they had any improvements in mind that the parish council could potentially action or provide help with. If the village hall had any activities they wanted to promote then they could also be included.
- vi. Dates for future meetings – unless there are not enough councillors available for the meeting to be quorate (minimum of 3 councillors and the clerk) all meetings will be held on the dates below.

March 24 th at 7.00pm	- Council meeting
May 19 th at 7.00 pm	- Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting
July 28 th at 7.00pm	- Council meeting
September 22 nd at 7.00pm	- Council meeting
November 24 th at 7.00pm	- Council meeting
- vii. Several wagons passed through the village after leaving the quarry and a substantial number of stones fell onto the road. It is believed that someone notified the quarry about the issue and the promptly sent out a team in a van to sweep up the debris. This action was appreciated and a letter will be sent with thanks for this but also to ask them to ensure future wagons are covered before leaving their premises.
- viii. In a similar vein we have been asked to request that DCC can let us know when the street sweeper is due in the village so that residents can have the chance to move their vehicles to the other side of the road to enable cleaning of the side where most vehicles are usually parked when the sweeper visits.
- ix. It was reported that the fence around Wm Smiths land had been damaged in recent bad weather.
- x. Following complaints about dog fouling and poo bags in trees the council will ask DCC if it would be possible to site a new dog waste bin on the path connecting The Oval to Gypsy Lane.

Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 24th March at 7.00pm